



Gulf Swimming House of Delegates Meeting April 22nd 2026

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2900 Briarpark Dr
Houston TX 77042

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 8:01pm by General Chair Paige Sikkema. Jennie Shamburger took the BOD and team roll call. Attending the meeting were:

BOD Members

Paige Sikkema

Travis Sandifer
Jennie Shamburger
Jarrod Murphy
Mark Martinez

John Burke

Brandon Trittipo
Courtney Scott

Gulf Staff

Tom Hasz

Loren Fischbach
Natalie Melenric

Gulf Coordinators

Herb Schwab
(Governance)

Clubs Attending

AGS	HYDRA	PACE	TASC
BTA	MEANS	PEAK	
CFSC	LSST	SHRK	
ESA	MAC	SHAC	
FCST	NOCH	SSAN	

MISSION MOMENT: *Gulf Swimming provides opportunities to learn, grow, and strive for excellence, developing leaders through competitive swimming.*

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: *Motion was made and seconded to approve the HOD meeting minutes from January 21st 2026. No changes or edits. Motion to approve minutes passed.*

CONSENT AGENDA: Consent agenda vote on all reports was presented. ***Motion to approve Officials and Safe Sport reports (all others pulled) was made and seconded. Motion to approve these reports passed.*** The Executive Director, Athlete, Open Water, TPC and Finance were all pulled.

REPORTS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Paige Sikkema presented the report and thanked the volunteers who will be working Zone Open Water Meet. The 2026 Coaches Clinic was very successful. It had the largest attendance since beginning of this event. Paige thanked Julie and the Gulf staff for running the clinic.

ATHLETES: Brandon Trittipio presented the report. The Jr Officials guide was presented. Southern Zone/Eastern Zone summit athletes have been chosen: Mary Martinez, Ashley Pohler, Courtney Scott and Sarah Martinez. Jennie Shamburger will be coach/chaperone. Elections towards the end of May to start off the new year of officials. Sarah Martinez will serve as the athlete for Club Development Committee.

OPEN WATER: Paige recapped Seth Huston's report from the Gulf OW qualifier. 208 swimmers were entered- one of largest meets. Seth did a great job on the informational Zoom on 4/21. It was noted that there has been a lack of OW practice opportunities prior to the Zone meet. Mark Martinez spoke to all of the club meets and calendar conflicts and that there would be a team practice on Friday prior to the start of the meet.

TPC: Travis Sandifer presented Davis Peden's report. The April 2026 BOD approved TPC recommendations for the Fall 2026 Championship series as did the coaches on the Coaches meeting call on April 1. The selection Powerpoint was reviewed.

TWST was awarded Southern Sr Zones. AGS was awarded AG Champs. TEST and BTA will host 13 & Over Sr Champs. Each will run two pools. Fall Champs needs 5 sites. Recommendations for LSST/TASC/MAC/KATY/NOCH. There were no questions about the recommendations. ***Motion was made to accept TPC calendar and recommendations for the 2026 Fall Champs series. The motion was seconded. Motion was approved.***

FINANCE: Travis presented reports from Henry Clark. The LSC P&L report, balance sheet, comparative income statement were reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Travis announced that the LSC Club Development committee has been revived and will become active. Athlete representatives have already been chosen. Travis asked that anyone interested contact him or Paige.

The Spring Safe Sport Chair meeting on May 16th at 6pm mountain time was announced. Gulf still needs more clubs to be Safe Sport certified.

The BTA coach brought up the coaching application process for Duel in the Pool. He asked if there could be a first right of refusal for coaches of clubs with "X" amount of athletes. He recommended that it be based on current year. Currently, the LSC team coaches for Duel in the Pool are selected prior to selecting team. Travis suggested going off prior year for coach / right of first refusal. There were additional questions about the current criteria for coaching selection. Travis spoke to time to work on criteria and recommendations for selection prior to next HOD meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:14pm. Minutes recorded by Jennie Shamburger, Gulf Swimming Secretary.