

CAT5 Aquatics Board Meeting Minutes

Date: July 7, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Techspresso, Panama City Beach

Attendance

Present In Person

- Tina Brewer
- Terry Juergens
- Bill Carroll
- Scott Fortier, Head Coach
- Ingo Rademacher
- Megan Cornell

Present Virtually

- Erika Goines
- Brad Stephens
- Jon Deneau

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **6:14 PM**.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Tina Brewer moved to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from **April 30, 2026**.

Second: Bill Carroll.

Result: All members voting were in favor, and the motion passed.

Family Participation and Sponsorship Program

The Board continued reviewing the proposed Family Participation and Sponsorship Program.

Concerns were identified regarding portions of the proposed program, particularly requirements associated with family volunteer participation.

The Board agreed that additional research and review are needed before implementation to ensure that any program adopted by CAT5 Aquatics is structured appropriately.

No final program or policy was approved at this meeting.

Head Coach Report

Summer Splashes

The Summer Splashes program continued to perform well.

Participation at Mosley was particularly strong, and morning registration at that location reached capacity.

Championship Participation

CAT5 Aquatics had approximately **22 swimmers qualified or participating in Southeastern Swimming championship competition.**

An upcoming Pensacola meet would provide swimmers with a final opportunity to achieve additional qualifying times.

The Board also received an update regarding swimmers achieving higher-level qualifying standards.

Southeastern Swimming championship caps and shirts had been ordered.

Team Performance and Culture

The Head Coach reported positive feedback regarding CAT5 swimmers' conduct, competitiveness, and approach to racing at meets.

The Board and coaching staff discussed the importance of continuing to develop a positive team culture and encouraging swimmers to represent CAT5 Aquatics well both in and out of competition.

CAT5-Hosted Meets

The Board and coaching staff discussed the preferred format for CAT5-hosted meets.

The team will continue working toward efficient meet sessions that provide a strong competitive experience while recognizing that many visiting families also spend time in the Panama City Beach community during meet weekends.

Team Membership

Current team membership was approximately **130 swimmers**.

The Board noted that some swimmers had paused participation for the summer and were expected to return.

Treasurer's Report

The Board reviewed the team's current financial position, recent revenue, and organizational expenses.

Recent Revenue

Recent revenue included:

- Donations to the organization
- Approximately **\$138** in proceeds from screen-printed shirt sales associated with the April meet
- Approximately **\$1,400** from merchandise sales associated with the June meet
- More than **\$1,000** collected toward the team banquet
- Summer Splashes revenue that was more than **\$17,000 higher than the previous year**

Budget Update

With two months remaining in the current fiscal year, overall income was reported as slightly below the amount originally budgeted.

Expenses were tracking favorably and remained well controlled.

Outstanding Accounts

The Board reviewed a small number of swimmer accounts with outstanding balances.

The team will continue working directly and confidentially with affected families to bring accounts current.

Scholarship and Sponsorship Assistance

The Board continued discussing the development and administration of financial-assistance and sponsorship opportunities for eligible swimmers and families.

Discussion involving individual families has been omitted from the public version of these minutes to protect family privacy.

Step Up Payment Option

The Board received an update on efforts to establish the **Step Up** payment option for eligible families, with a goal of having the program available by August.

Credit Card Processing Fees

The Board discussed credit card processing costs associated with Captyn.

The team plans to configure the system so that applicable processing fees are passed through to families who choose to pay by credit card.

Coaching and Staffing Update

The Head Coach provided an update on efforts to recruit additional coaching staff for the upcoming season.

The team was continuing discussions with potential coaching candidates, but no final hiring decisions had been made.

The anticipated timeframe for adding staff was **August 2026**.

The Board also received an update regarding changes in current coaching availability as the team prepares for the upcoming season.

Frank Brown Aquatic Center Updates

Scoreboard

The Board received an update regarding Frank Brown's efforts to replace the pool scoreboard.

The possibility of retaining and repurposing the existing scoreboard at another location within the facility was also discussed.

Starting Blocks

Frank Brown was expected to resurface the starting blocks.

The goal was to have the improvements completed in time for the **September hosted meet**.

CAT5 Wavemakers

The Executive Board planned to meet with **Marlaina Freisthler** regarding continued development of the CAT5 Wavemakers Booster Club.

The meeting will focus on the organization's structure, responsibilities, and next steps.

Continued Priorities

The Board identified several areas for continued work:

- Reevaluate the proposed Family Participation and Sponsorship Program
- Continue development of swimmer scholarship and sponsorship assistance
- Continue development of CAT5 Wavemakers
- Work confidentially with families regarding outstanding swimmer accounts
- Continue recruiting additional coaching staff
- Complete setup of the Step Up payment option
- Finalize configuration of credit card processing fees
- Continue monitoring Frank Brown facility improvements

Adjournment

Tina Brewer moved to adjourn the meeting at **7:12 PM**.

Second: Megan Cornell.

The meeting adjourned at **7:12 PM**.