

# U.S. Masters Swimming — 2024 Meeting Minutes

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Legislation Committee	<b>Session #:</b>	2
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Stephanie Gauzens	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Kristof Kertesz
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Stephanie Gauzens	<b>Date/Time:</b>	June 25, 2024, 7:30pm eastern

## Motions Passed:

1. **MSA** (Copeland, Kertesz) to approve the minutes of the May meeting.
2. **MSA** (Copeland, Palmer) to recommend L-5 for rejection to the HOD.
3. **MSA** (Copeland, LaMar) to recommend L-6 for rejection to the HOD.
4. **MSA** (Copeland, LaMar) to recommend L-7 for rejection to the HOD.

<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 10	<b># Absent:</b> 2	<b># Guests:</b> 1
<b>Committee members present:</b> Diana Dolan LaMar, Stephanie Gauzens, Kristoff Kertesz, Teddy Palmer, Rob Copeland, Meg Smath, Ahren Lehnert, Jane Moore, Maddie Sibia,		
<b>Ex Officio present:</b> Mollie Grover (Rules Chair)		
<b>Absent:</b> Chris Campbell, Omar de Armas		
<b>EC present:</b> Julie Dussliere (VP of Administration), Katie Kenyon (legal counsel)		
<b>Guests:</b> Juliet Cox (NBR Chair)		

## Minutes:

1. **The chair called the meeting to order at 7:30pm eastern.**
  - a. Welcome and roll call. A quorum is present.
2. **Agenda for this meeting:**
  - a. Approve the minutes of our May meeting.
  - b. Discussion of 201.4.1
    - i. Nadine Day and Ed Coates suggested moving the invitation language to policy for event hosts and removing it from the rule book.
      1. The USMS President doesn't write letters of support for visas, the local host would.
  - c. Discussion of L-5, L-6, L-7 from the Ohio and Maryland LMSCs
    - i. Proposals to narrow the scope of the prohibition against the use of the words "Olympic" or "Paralympic" to the swimming portion of events, not the full event.
      1. L-5 deals with sanctioned pool meets
      2. L-6 deals with recognized events
      3. L-7 deals with open water events
    - ii. The Committee recommended these three proposals for rejection to the HOD.
  - d. Discussion of the proposal from the Board on Part 4
    - i. The Committee received background information from Katie Kenyon and Juliet Cox, who were on the subcommittee proposing the changes to Part 4
    - ii. The Committee recommended the proposal be separated into two parts
      1. Code of Conduct
      2. Hearing and Appeals
    - iii. The Chair recommended that the phrase "with the exception of the rules of competition, which the LMSC shall defer to the USMS Rules (part 1) or Long Distance (Part 3) Committees" in the new 403.4.4 to match the language in the new 403.3.5.
3. **Adjournment:**
  - a. **MSA** (Kertesz, Copeland) motion to adjourn.
  - b. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:43 pm eastern.