

# U.S. Masters Swimming — 2025 Meeting Minutes

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Legislation Committee	<b>Session #:</b>	3
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Stephanie Gauzens	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Kristof Kertesz
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Stephanie Gauzens	<b>Date/Time:</b>	August 3, 2025 7pm

## Motions Passed:

1. **MSA** (Copeland, Kertesz) motion to approve the minutes of the July meeting
2. **MSA** (Copeland, Kertesz) motion to deem EA-1 an emergency
3. **MSA** (Copeland, Kertesz) motion to approve EA-1
4. **MSA** (Copeland, Kertesz) motion to deem EA-2 an emergency
5. **MSA** (Copeland, Kertesz) motion to approve EA-2

**Number of committee members present: 12                      # Absent: 2                      # Guests: 13**

**Committee members present:** Stephanie Gauzens, Kristof Kertesz, Rob Copeland, Omar de Armas, Ahren Lehnert, Crystie McGrail, Jane Moore, Maddie Sibilia, Meg Smath, Carrie Stolar

**Ex Officio present:** Mollie Grover (Rules), Katie Kenyon (Legal Counsel)

**Absent:** Chris Campbell, Teddy Palmer

**EC present:** Julie Dussliere

**Guests:** Kathy Casey, Ed Coates, Christina Fox, John King, Claire Letendre, Susan Nolte, Jason Weis, Patrick Weiss, Kris Wingenroth, Ben Wyckoff, Rome Yount, Onshalee Promchitmart

## Minutes:

1. **The chair called the meeting to order at 7:02pm**
  - a. Welcome and roll call. A quorum is present.
2. **Agenda for this meeting:**
  - a. Discussion of what led to the initiation of these emergency amendments – USMS Legal Counsel Katie Kenyon and USMS Board President Ed Coates
  - b. Discussion of EA-1
    - i. The emergency amendments process is limited to Part 1, 2, and 3 of the Rule book. There may be instances, due to new regulations or legal actions, when amendments to Part 5 or 6 are necessary in the best interest of the organization.
    - ii. The Committee unanimously deemed EA-1 an emergency that requires immediate action to serve the interests of USMS
    - iii. The Committee unanimously approved EA-1
    - iv. The Chair submitted this emergency amendment to the Board of Directors in accordance with 601.5.4C
  - c. Discussion of EA-2
    - i. If a proposed amendment to the House of Delegates is determined to be detrimental to the best interest of the organization, including presentation and debate before the HOD, the organization needs a mechanism to decline to consider the legislation.
    - ii. The Committee unanimously deemed EA-2 an emergency that requires immediate action to serve the interests of USMS
    - iii. The Committee unanimously approved EA-2
    - iv. The Chair submitted this emergency amendment to the Board of Directors in accordance with 601.5.4C
  - d. Discussion of next steps under 601.5.2

3. **Adjournment:**
  - a. **MSA** (Copeland, Kertesz) motion to adjourn.
  - b. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:41pm.