

USA Swimming Coach Advisory Council (CAC) Committee Minutes

March 11, 2026 / Virtual meeting

Present: Jamie Bloom, Michael Lawrence, Alexis Keto, Alison Pick, Chrissy Gentry, Jennifer Gibson, Pete Raykovich, Shawn Smith, Terry Stoddard, Breeja Larson, Jennifer LaMont, Jeremy Linn (arrived late), Marco Greico (arrived late)

Absent: Anakin Fischer, Scott Goldblatt, Kristine Quance Julian, Abi Liu, Gregg Troy, Tim Bauer

Guests: Joel Shinofield (USA Swimming Staff), Kim Williams (USA Swimming Staff), Mark Hesse (USA Swimming Staff), Brendan Hansen (USA Swimming Staff), Beth Winkowski (USA Swimming Staff), Adriana Quirke (USA Swimming Staff)

Call to Order

Jamie Bloom called the March 11, 2026 meeting of the Coach Advisory Council (CAC) to order at 10:00 a.m. Mountain Time.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

No new conflicts of interest were disclosed. Members were reminded to maintain required disclosures.

Approval of Agenda

Coach Advisory Council (CAC)
March 11, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. MT

1. Call to Order
2. Conflict of Interest Disclosure / Reminder
3. Approval of Agenda
 - March 11, 2026
4. Approval of Minutes
 - February 11, 2026
5. Reports
 - USA Swimming Staff Liaison Update
 - National Team / National Junior Team Update (as available)

6. Pillar Reports and Action Plans
 - o Clubs
 - o Coaches
 - o Communications
 - o Fast (Elite) Swimming
7. Governance Initiatives
 - o Fifth coach seat on Board of Directors
 - o National events calendar review (lead: Pete Raykovich)
8. New Business
 - o Unattached athlete and coach governance considerations
9. Next Meeting Confirmation
10. Adjournment

The committee approved the agenda as presented.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The February 11, 2026 CAC meeting minutes were reviewed.

Motion: Approve the February 11, 2026 minutes as written

Moved by: Michael Lawrence

Seconded by: Shawn Smith

Vote: Approved unanimously

Reports

USA Swimming Staff Liaison Update

Presenter: Joel Shinofield

- Provided update on LSC Task Force progress and ongoing stakeholder outreach
- Noted upcoming Board of Directors meeting and anticipated recommendations
- Shared update on membership structure review through Age Group Development Committee
- Emphasized increased coach involvement in governance feedback processes

National Team / National Junior Team Update

Presenters: Kim Williams, Brendan Hansen

- Reported upcoming National Team camp with 21 athletes at the Olympic & Paralympic Training Center
- Shared progress on National Team athlete site visits (approximately 79 percent complete)

- Announced addition of nutrition and performance staff resources
- Reviewed National Junior Team camp structure and upcoming April camps
- Provided update on recently published international selection procedures
- Highlighted athlete engagement and relay start integration at Westmont Pro Swim Series

Pillar Reports and Action Plans

Clubs

Presenter: Jennifer Gibson

- Discussed ongoing evaluation of club development challenges
- Identified overlap with existing USA Swimming New Club Success initiatives
- Explored potential mentorship or support models for new teams
- Agreed to meet outside of CAC to further define recommendations

Fast (Elite) Swimming

Presenter: Shawn Smith

- Reviewed alignment with Senior Development Committee initiatives
- Discussed national events calendar structure and competition gaps
- Noted ongoing work related to long course opportunities and athlete pathways
- Identified opportunity for CAC to support governance needs if required

Governance Initiatives

Fifth Coach Seat on Board of Directors

- Jamie Bloom and Tim Bauer continuing to work with USA Swimming staff
- Ongoing review to ensure alignment with governance requirements

National Events Calendar Review

- Pete Raykovich and Shawn Smith continuing coordination with Senior Development Committee
- Noted alignment between CAC feedback and current USA Swimming initiatives

New Business

Unattached Athlete and Coach Governance Considerations

- Discussed variability across LSCs regarding unattached athlete participation

- Identified potential need for education and best practice guidance
- Agreed CAC may support development of guidance rather than formal rule changes

CAC Communication Initiative

- Discussed need to improve visibility of CAC role and initiatives among coaches
- Agreed to provide regular updates through USA Swimming Coach Connection
- Jamie Bloom and Alison Pick to lead development of communication content

Announcements

- Members were reminded of CAC's role as a governance voice supporting coaches and assisting other committees with legislative efforts

Adjournment

Jamie Bloom adjourned the March 11, 2026 meeting of the Coach Advisory Council (CAC) at 10:50 a.m. Mountain Time.

Next Meeting

Date: April 8, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m. Mountain Time

Format: Virtual

These minutes were prepared in accordance with USA Swimming committee governance guidelines.