

USA Swimming Coach Advisory Council (CAC) Committee Minutes

May 13, 2026 / Virtual meeting

Present: Jamie Bloom, Alexis Keto, Jeremy Linn, Abi Liu, Terry Stoddard, Michael Lawrence, Pete Raykovich, Shawn Smith, Jennifer Gibson, Christine Gentry, Tim Bauer, Alison Pick, Marco Greico

Absent: Scott Goldblatt

Guests: Joel Shinofield (USA Swimming Staff), Adriana Quirke (USA Swimming Staff), Kim Williams (USA Swimming Staff), Mark Hesse (USA Swimming Staff), Greg Meehan (USA Swimming Staff), Beth Winkowski (USA Swimming Staff), Terry Jones (USA Swimming Staff), Thomas Ugast (Guest)

Call to Order

Jamie Bloom called the May 13, 2026 meeting of the Coach Advisory Council (CAC) to order at 10:05 a.m. Mountain Time.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

No new conflicts of interest were disclosed.

Approval of Agenda

Coach Advisory Council (CAC)
May 13, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. MT

1. Call to Order
2. Conflict of Interest Disclosure / Reminder
3. Approval of Agenda
 - May 13, 2026
4. Approval of Minutes
 - April 8, 2026
5. Reports
 - USA Swimming Staff Liaison Update
 - National Team / National Junior Team Update (as available)

6. Governance Initiatives
 - Fifth coach seat on Board of Directors
 - Update regarding conversation with USA Swimming Board Chair Brent Lang
 - National events calendar update
7. Safe Sport Committee Coach Appointment
 - Review open coach position on Safe Sport Committee
8. Pillar Reports and Action Plans
 - Clubs
 - Coaches
 - Communications
 - Fast (Elite) Swimming
9. New Business
 - Right to Race with Dignity Project
 - Unattached athlete and coach governance considerations
 - Additional governance or legislative updates
10. Next Meeting Confirmation
 - June 10, 2026 | 10am Mountain
11. Adjournment

The committee approved the agenda as presented.

Motion: Approve the agenda as presented

Moved by: Michael Lawrence

Seconded by: Abi Liu

Vote: Approved unanimously

Approval of Previous Minutes

The April 8, 2026 CAC meeting minutes were reviewed.

Motion: Approve the April 8, 2026 minutes as written

Moved by: Christine Gentry

Seconded by: Jeremy Linn

Vote: Approved unanimously

Reports

USA Swimming Staff Liaison Update

Presenter: Joel Shinofield

- Provided an update on International Water Safety Day outreach, including school visits, community clinics, and water safety education efforts in multiple cities

- Noted that USA Swimming staff were working nationwide to promote water safety and introduce families to competitive swimming

National Team Director Update

Presenter: Greg Meehan

- Reported on recent National Team, National Junior Team, and National Select Diversity Camp activities
- Shared that the National Team and National Junior Team Coaches Seminar was completed with strong coach participation
- Reviewed upcoming competition opportunities and noted that qualifying standards, athlete funding information, and selection procedures will be posted in the coming weeks

Governance Initiatives

Fifth Coach Seat on Board of Directors

Presenter: Jamie Bloom

- Reported on discussions with Board Chair Brent Lang regarding a potential fifth coach seat on the USA Swimming Board of Directors
- Members discussed the need to develop a clear case for change focused on governance value, preparation, and coach representation
- A working group was formed to continue developing the proposal (Jamie Bloom, Shawn Smith, Tim Bauer, and Christine Gentry)

National Events Calendar Project

Presenters: Shawn Smith, Alexis Keto, Jeremy Linn, Abi Liu

- Presented progress on a national events calendar to help coaches plan competition and development opportunities
- Discussion focused on adding regional meets, camps, selection events, and other key planning information
- Members agreed to continue gathering input before broader implementation

Safe Sport Committee Appointment

- The committee reviewed candidates for an open coach representative position on the USA Swimming Safe Sport Committee
- Members discussed the qualifications and backgrounds of the candidates under consideration

- The committee reached consensus on a recommendation and authorized communication of that recommendation to USA Swimming staff

Pillar Reports and Action Plans

Clubs Pillar

Presenter: Jennifer Gibson

- Members discussed refining the pillar's focus and establishing clearer priorities moving forward
- Discussion centered on club development and athlete pathways, particularly at the age-group level
- The pillar plans to continue developing its scope of work and provide a more detailed update at a future meeting

New Business

Annual Summit Coach Track Planning

Presenter: Beth Winkowski

- Several potential educational topics were presented for consideration as part of the 2026 USA Swimming Annual Summit coach track
- Members discussed scheduling, audience needs, and opportunities to provide practical, data-driven content for coaches
- Feedback will be collected prior to finalizing the program

Strategic Alignment with USA Swimming Priorities

Presenter: Michael Lawrence

- Members discussed aligning CAC initiatives with USA Swimming's strategic priorities and organizational objectives
- Discussion focused on creating greater consistency between committee work, governance initiatives, and broader organizational goals

Fort Lauderdale Open Feedback

Presenter: Jennifer Gibson

- Members discussed positive observations from the Fort Lauderdale Open, including athlete experience, coach engagement, and competition environment

- Discussion emphasized the importance of creating athlete-centered competitive opportunities while maintaining operational excellence

Announcements

- USA Swimming staff continue nationwide water safety outreach initiatives
- Members were encouraged to continue work on governance initiatives and pillar projects
- Jamie Bloom will distribute Annual Summit topic options for committee review prior to the next meeting

Adjournment

Jamie Bloom adjourned the May 13, 2026 meeting of the Coach Advisory Council (CAC) at approximately 11:15 a.m. Mountain Time.

Next Meeting

Date: June 3, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m. Mountain Time

Format: Virtual

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