

USA Swimming Coach Advisory Council (CAC) Committee Minutes

June 10, 2026 / Virtual meeting

Present: Jamie Bloom, Alexis Keto, Abi Liu, Tim Bauer, Alison Pick, Pete Raykovich, Scott Goldblatt, Shawn Smith, Jennifer Gibson, Chrissy Gentry, Jeremy Linn, Michael Lawrence, Breeja Larson, Marco Greico

Absent: Kristine Quance Julian, Gregg Troy, Terry Stoddard, Anakin Fischer

Guests: Joel Shinofield (USA Swimming Staff), Adriana Quirke (USA Swimming Staff), Brendan Hansen (USA Swimming Staff), Greg Meehan (USA Swimming Staff), Terry Jones (USA Swimming Staff), Kim Williams (USA Swimming Staff), Yuri Suguiyama (USA Swimming Staff), Mark Hesse (USA Swimming Staff), Jennifer LaMont (ASCA), Thomas Ugast (Guest)

Call to Order

Jamie Bloom called the June 10, 2026 meeting of the Coach Advisory Council (CAC) to order at 10:03 a.m. Mountain Time.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

No new conflicts of interest were disclosed.

Approval of Agenda

Coach Advisory Council (CAC)

June 10, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. MT

1. Call to Order
2. Conflict of Interest Disclosure / Reminder
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
 - May 13, 2026
5. Reports
 - USA Swimming Staff Liaison Update
 - National Team Director Update
6. Governance Initiatives

- Fifth Coach Seat on Board of Directors
 - i. Working Group Update
 - ii. Next Steps
- National Events Calendar Project
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- 7. Pillar Reports and Action Plans
 - Clubs
 - Coaches
 - Communications
 - Fast (Elite) Swimming
- 8. Annual Summit Planning
 - Coach Track Topic Selection
 - Feedback Review
 - Next Steps
- 9. Strategic Alignment Discussion
 - CAC Priorities and USA Swimming Strategic Plan
- 10. New Business
 - Emerging Governance Issues
 - Future Agenda Items
- 11. Announcements
- 12. Next Meeting Confirmation
 - July 8, 2026
- 13. Adjournment

Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes

The committee approved the agenda as presented.

The May 13, 2026 CAC meeting minutes were approved.

Motion: Approve the May 13, 2026 minutes as written.

Moved by: Shawn Smith

Seconded by: Alison Pick

Vote: Approved unanimously

Reports

USA Swimming Staff Liaison Update

Presenter: Joel Shinofield

- Provided updates on Zone Select Camps in Las Vegas and Baltimore.

- Reported positive feedback regarding revisions to coach education curriculum.
- Noted strong participation from local and home coaches.

National Team Director Update

Presenter: Greg Meehan

- Reported on recent performances at the AP London meet and domestic competitions.
- Highlighted athlete development opportunities through international racing.
- Reviewed upcoming competitions, including Indianapolis Pro Swim and Open Water Junior Worlds.

Discussion

LSC Review Task Force

Presenter: Michael Lawrence

- Provided an update on ongoing LSC Review Task Force activities.
- Discussed feedback gathered from LSCs, committees, and stakeholders nationwide.
- Reviewed topics including governance structure, geographic alignment, membership fees, and administrative burden.
- Discussed governance models used by other National Governing Bodies.
- Announced plans for a June 24 committee feedback session with the task force.

Fifth Coach Seat on Board of Directors

Presenter: Jamie Bloom

- A working group met to discuss the process, benefits, and challenges associated with a fifth coach seat.
- No recommendations were finalized and the group will continue evaluating potential next steps.

National Events Calendar Project

Presenter: Shawn Smith

- Continued development of a national events calendar resource.
- Discussion focused on gathering additional information and filling scheduling gaps.
- The project remains in the information-gathering phase.

Clubs Pillar

Presenter: Jennifer Gibson

- Conducted initial pillar meeting.
- Identified club connectivity, support resources, and development opportunities as focus areas.
- Began developing stakeholder outreach and interview questions.
- Plans to gather feedback from coaches and club leaders.

Annual Summit Planning

- Discussed coach track topic development.
- Members are encouraged to submit topic recommendations.
- Reviewed registration timelines and communication plans.
- Emphasized governance education and coach engagement opportunities.

Legislative Review

- Staff confirmed legislative proposals have been posted.
- The committee agreed to review legislation during the July meeting.

Coach Retention

- Discussed coach retention initiatives and industry trends.
- Considered future presentations from Doug Cornish and the ASCA Fellows research group.
- Discussed benefits, healthcare, and professional development as retention factors.

Action Items

- Schedule a special CAC meeting with the LSC Review Task Force to gather coach feedback.
- Fifth Coach Seat Working Group to continue evaluation and prepare recommendations.
- Clubs Pillar members to finalize stakeholder interview questions and begin outreach.
- CAC members to submit coach track topic recommendations for Annual Summit planning.
- Members with House of Delegates voting authority through their LSCs to notify Jamie Bloom.
- Add legislative proposal review to the July CAC agenda.
- Jamie Bloom to invite Doug Cornish to present on coach retention initiatives.
- Explore a future presentation from the ASCA Fellows Program regarding coach retention research.

Announcements

Presenter: Jennifer LaMont

- The 2026 ASCA World Clinic will be held in Orlando and noted expanded education, networking, and registration options.
- Update on the modernization of its certification and technology platforms, with a new certification system scheduled to launch in November 2026.

Adjournment

Jamie Bloom adjourned the June 10, 2026 meeting of the Coach Advisory Council (CAC) at 11:18 a.m. Mountain Time.

Next Meeting

Date: July 8, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m. Mountain Time

Format: Virtual

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