



USA Swimming Safe Sport Committee Minutes January 26, 2026 Virtual Meeting

Present: Maja Palmroos (Chair), Pierre Guzman, Nikki Patton, Drew Gundrum, Leo Gibbons, Audrey Cohen, Steve Frye, April Walkley, Sondra Hunt

Absent: Claire Kemmere, Kaylin Garner, Will Gallagher

Guests: Paul Stauder, Tanja Avant, Staff: Elizabeth Hahn, Cha’Vera Jackson

Call to Order: Maja Palmroos called the January 26, 2026, meeting of the Safe Sport Committee to order at 6:02 pm MST.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: None

Agenda:

Housekeeping
Safe Sport Committee Mission & Purpose
Committee Member Role, Responsibilities & Expectations
2026 Staff & Committee Goals
Subcommittee Assignments
New Business
Group Feedback

Discussion:

Motion to approve the November 17, 2025, meeting minutes. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously with 9 yes votes, 0 no votes.

The Safe Sport Committee Mission & Purpose, member roles, responsibilities, and expectations were reviewed. There were no concerns or questions from the committee.

USA Swimming Staff shared high-level strategic plans for the program for 2026. There was also discussion on how the committee will collaborate and support those strategic plans, specific to training and education efforts, and furthering the implementation of the Safe Sport Club Recognition Program.

The committee will move forward with three subcommittees who will meet on the off months of the full committee:

1. Zones: April, Paul, Tanja, Will to serve.
2. Education & Resources: Leo, Drew, Nikki, Pierre, Claire to serve.
3. SSRP: Sondra, Steve, Audrey, Will, April, Kaylin to serve.

Committee meetings for the year: January 26, March 16, May 18, July 13, September 14, November 16

Adjournment: Maja Palmroos adjourned the January 26, 2026, meeting of the Safe Sport Committee at 8:56pm MT.