



BoD Meeting Minutes – May 25, 2026 Online

Meeting Called to Order at 2:03 ET by Elise Seignolle, President. She welcomed attendees and emphasized the importance of the meeting, noting significant progress since the previous session.

Roll Call: Chris Cugliari, Secretary General, conducted the roll call. Quorum was established.

- **Board Members Present:** Elise Seignolle, Stephen Jones, Kathy Harper-Hall, Dhany Reyes (joined in progress), Tomas Cianca (joined in progress), Marcos Candido de Brito, Ryan O’Shea, Hebert Conceição (joined in progress)
- **Board Members Absent:** Tamm Thibeault (excused); Amabelis Camano (leave of absence)

Conflicts of Interest: None disclosed.

Approval of Minutes: The meeting minutes from May 4, 2026 were reviewed.

- Kathy noted a minor correction under the President’s Report (wording clarification regarding total National Federations).
- **Motion:** Kathy moved to approve the minutes with correction; seconded by Ryan.
- **Outcome:** Approved unanimously.

Governance Chamber Appointment

Christopher introduced José Santiago Flores (Bolivia) for appointment to the Governance Chamber of the Judicial Committee.

- Background includes legal experience and prior governance work with the Bolivian Federation. He adds regional and gender diversity to the Chamber.
- **Motion:** Elise moved to approve; seconded by Tomas.
- **Outcome:** Approved unanimously.

President’s Report:

- **ACODEPA General Assembly (Mexico)**
 - Participation alongside 42 sport confederations.
 - Discussions centered on governance standards and future collaboration opportunities.
 - **2029 Youth Pan American Games** host remains undecided; decision expected in August (in Lima).
- **Funibert University Collaboration**
 - Potential scholarship partnership for athletes and members.
 - Board to determine which Commission and Board member will lead initiative.
- **Panam Sport Funding Agreement**
 - Conditional financial support (~\$35,000–\$50,000 annually).



- Requirements include:
 - Completion of education programs (R&J, Coaches, administration)
 - Organization of training camps (with youth focus)
 - Strong governance structure
 - Urgent need to finalize education materials and align with Panam Sport Academy.
- **Copa América (Colombia)**
 - 7 National Federations, ~200 athletes participated.
 - Round-robin format; medals awarded based on overall record.
 - Positive impact on athlete development and regional collaboration.

Secretary General Report:

- **LA 2028 Olympic Qualification System**
 - Overview of qualification pathway:
 - World Championships (April 2027, Kazakhstan): ~44 quotas (22 per gender)
 - Pan American Qualifier: 28 quotas (14 per gender)
 - First World Qualification Tournament (2028): 48 quotas (24 per gender)
 - Second World Qualification Tournament (2028): 28-36 athletes (14-18 per gender, depending on USA performance in qualification as host nation)
 - Host Country Places (USA): 0-6, depending on performance in qualification
 - Universality Places: 8 quotas (4 per gender)
- **Key Discussion: Pan American Qualification Strategy**
- Two options were presented:
 - **Option 1: Use 2027 Pan American Games (Lima) as Olympic Qualifier**
 - **Pros:**
 - Existing infrastructure (“bird in the hand”)
 - Reduced travel and operational costs for Members
 - Strong alignment with Panam Sports
 - **Cons:**
 - Athlete cap (as of now, ~200 max; not fully open)
 - Athletes qualifying at World Championships cannot compete at Pan Am Games
 - Negative impact on athlete scholarships and NF funding tied to Pan Am results
 - Impact on incentives to host / participate in Pan Am Qualification system – could impact development opportunities throughout Pan America



- **Option 2: Separate Pan American Olympic Qualifier (Open Event)**
 - **Pros:**
 - Athlete-first mentality - recommendation of Athlete Committee leadership:
 - Open and fair qualification pathway
 - All athletes eligible to compete in Pan Am Games
 - Preserves competitive value of Pan Am Games
 - More competition opportunities in-region
 - **Cons:**
 - Requires host city and significant funding
 - Uncertainty around confirmed bids (though interest exists)
 - Potential impact on relationship with Panam Sport
- **Stakeholder Feedback**
 - **Athletes Committee:** Strong preference for a separate qualifier
 - **Hosting Interest:** USA, Mexico, Brazil expressed preliminary interest and ability to host (financially and operationally)
 - **Key Concerns:**
 - Athlete scholarships / NF funding from NOC's and governments tied to Pan Am performance in addition to Olympic performance
 - Financial limitations for smaller federations
 - Need for more competition opportunities
 - Travel costs to non-regional events
- **Decision**
 - **Outcome:** Unanimous Board recommendation to **pursue a separate Pan American Olympic qualifier** and not use the Pan American Games as the qualifier.
- **Actions & Next Steps**
 - **Chris:**
 - Draft and circulate formal recommendation to World Boxing
 - Organize Town Hall for communication to National Federations once decision is finalized at World Boxing
 - **Board:**
 - Review and consolidate edits before Elise submits to World Boxing
 - Identify lead for Funibert scholarship partnership initiative
 - **Sport & Competition Committee:** Finalize 2027 bidding documents following decision confirmation
 - **Commissions:** Complete education materials for Panamá Sport funding eligibility

Adjournment: 3:24 ET (approximately 1h21m minutes duration).

- Motion: Ryan moved to adjourn, seconded by Elise