

The World Sailing Council Meeting Minutes



The World Sailing Council met remotely via Microsoft Teams on 9 June 2026 at 12:00 UTC

Present	Position/Representing
1. Quanhai Li (CHN)	President
2. Daniel Belcher (AUS)	Vice President
3. Tomasz Chamera (POL)	Vice President
4. Beatriz Gonzalez Luna (MEX)	Vice President
5. Dave Hughes (USA)	Vice President
6. Corinne Migraine (FRA)	Vice President
7. Sophia Papamichalopoulos OLY (CYP)	Vice President
8. Josep M Pla (AND)	Vice President
9. Cory Sertl (USA)	Vice President
10. Stacey Clark (GBR)	Group A
11. Fiona Bolger (IRL)	Group A
12. Katrin Adloff (GER)	Group B
13. Martin Vogler (SUI)	Group B
14. Alexandru Micu (ROM)	Group C
15. Ewa Jodlowska (POL)	Group C
16. Emilios Papathanasiou (GRE)	Group D
17. Eli Zukerman (ISR)	Group D (Alternate)
18. Walter Cavallucci (ITA)	Group D
19. Peter van den Bossche (BEL)	Group F
20. Annika Ekman (SWE)	Group G
21. Andrus Poksi (EST)	Group G
22. Tatiana Ermakova (RUS)	Group H
23. Xu Lijia (CHN)	Group J
24. Abdur Rehman Arshad (PAK)	Group K
25. Malav Shroff (IND)	Group K
26. John Philip (FIJ)	Group L
27. Shevaun Bruland (AUS)	Group L
28. Luis Fernando Velasco (ARG)	Group M
29. Marco Aurelio de Sa Ribeiro (BRA)	Group N
30. Tom Clarke (BER)	Group O
31. Irinia Perez (DOM)	Group O
32. Peter Hall (CAN)	Group P
33. Fred Hagedorn (USA)	Group P
34. Dina Kowalyshyn (USA)	Group P
35. Alain Alcindor (SEY)	Group Q
36. Matthew Allen (AUS)	Oceanic & Offshore Committee Chair
37. Kay Rawbone (HKG)	Para Sailing Chair
38. Pinar Coskuner Genc (TUR)	EDI Committee Chair

In Attendance

David Graham	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Antonio Cozzolino	General Counsel
Jaime Navarro	Director of Technical & Offshore

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Raksha Patel	Director of Finance & Business Operations
Scott Dougal	Director of Communications & Digital
Michael Downing	Olympic and Youth Olympic Games
Lisa Anderson	Director of the Executive Office
Wolfgang Mayrhofer	Chair of the World Sailing Events Committee
Glen Stanaway	Chair of the World Sailing Equipment Committee

1. Opening of the Meeting

(a) Welcome from the President

The President opened the meeting and welcomed Council Members.

(b) Apologies for Absence and Alternates

There were no apologies for absence.

Council noted the following alternate was appointed:

In Group D – Smadar Pintov appointed Eli Zukerman

(c) Declarations of Interests

Council noted the Register of Interest. No additional Interests were declared.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Council Minutes

Council noted that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2026 are available on the World Sailing website.

(b) Board Minutes

Council noted that the minutes of all Board meetings up to and including 31 March 2026 are available on the World Sailing website.

(c) Matters Arising

Council was informed that the Growth of Sailing Committee Workplan 2026 referred to in the Agenda as item 4a.i. is to be sent to Council Members on email circulation for approval. (For information, this was subsequently approved by Council on Nemo Vote, with 26 votes in Favour, 0 votes Against and 2 Abstentions; information provided in the Appendix).

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3. Reports

(a) President's Report

The President provided his update to Council.

(b) CEO Report

The CEO provided his update to Council, which included information on the Annual Conference 2026, reinstatement of sailing in the Paralympics, digital infrastructure and the Olympic Vision Project.

4. Committees and Sub-Committees.

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a. Appointment of members of Committees and Sub-Committees

Vasilii Alekseev's Committee and Commission Nomination Form was reviewed by Council, with his membership of the Equipment Rules Sub-Committee having previously been approved by the Chair of the Sub-Committee and the Board.

Council voted on his appointment.

The motion was approved:

30 in Favour, 2 Against and 3 Abstentions

b. Update on the Regulation 11.5 review of Olympic events.

The Chair of the Events Committee provided Council with a summary of the Regulation 11 review which has taken place so far, for its information.

c. Events Committee update and recommendation to Council on the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic format.

The Chair of the Events Committee provided Council with an update on the review of the Olympic format and a recommendation from the Events Committee to amend the number of Boards in the quarter-finals and semi-finals of the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games, after the conclusion of testing.

Council voted on this recommendation.

The motion was approved:

32 in Favour, 1 Against and 2 Abstentions

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5. Legal and Governance

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Council noted that the Resolution circulated electronically to Council members on 15 May 2026 regarding the extension of the interim solution process for race official appointments under Regulation 19 until 31 December 2026 had been approved unanimously.

a. Proposals for consideration:

- i. **CO-2026-006** – *from the Equipment Regulations Sub-Committee - add a Procedure for Class Rules Interpretations.*

This was supported by the Governance Committee and the Board.

The motion was approved:

33 in Favour, 0 Against and 0 Abstentions

- ii. **CO-2026-007** – *from the Para World Sailing Committee - Amend Policy K1 to remove the fixed number of titles per year.*

This was supported by the Para World Sailing Committee and the Board.

The motion was approved:

33 in Favour, 0 Against and 2 Abstentions

- iii. **CO-2026-008** – *from the Categorisation Commission – Removing a section of the Code of Ethics which conflicts with the Racing Rules of Sailing.*

This was supported by the Governance Committee and the Board.

The motion was approved:

32 in Favour, 1 Against and 0 Abstentions

- iv. **CO-2026-009** – *from the World Sailing Board – Council considered amendments to the Neutrality Policy proposed by the Board in order to align the Policy with the latest IOC recommendations regarding the participation of neutral athletes and support personnel.*

A motion was proposed to defer the vote on updating the Neutrality Policy in line with IOC Guidelines in **CO-2026-009** until the Annual Conference 2026, which was seconded.

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The motion to defer the vote on CO-2026-009 was rejected:
13 in Favour, 19 Against and 3 Abstentions

The motion on updating the Neutrality Policy in line with IOC Guidelines in **CO-2026-009** was approved:
24 in Favour, 4 Against and 5 Abstentions

- v. **CO-2026-010** – *Council considered amendments to the Safeguarding Policy clarifying the scope of World Sailing's safeguarding powers and responsibilities.*

This was supported by the Board.

The motion was approved:
34 in Favour, 0 Against and 0 Abstention

6. Finance

The CEO presented highlights from the latest financial report for the period ended 30 April 2026 and the forecast & cash flow for the 2026 year-end. Council were informed that the audit of the 2025 accounts was completed with no material issues and approved by the Board.

The finance report had been published and shared with Council as a supporting paper.

7. Any Other Business

There were no items of any other business.

8. Next Meeting

The next Council Meeting would be held on Wednesday 9 September 2026.

9. Closing

Council received closing remarks from the President and closed the meeting.

The Council Meeting was livestreamed on the World Sailing YouTube Channel and the recording can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7x7kqEt-hFw>

Appendix – Nemo Vote analysis of all votes attached