



Special General Meeting

Thursday, February 26, 2026,

7:00 PM, ET

Video Conference

Attendees:

Alden Briggs	Director	Wendy Pattenden	Director
Laurie Bonten	Director	Barry Petrachenko	Executive Director
Michelle Davey	Director	Elizabeth Werner	Staff
Joanne Kealey	Director	Terri Boizard	Staff
Ronald Marion	President	Camilo Cubides	Digicast

Regrets:

Alexandre Baril	Director	Matthew Harris	Director
Mark Borgares	Director	Gina Iandiorio	Director
Caroline Butchey	Director		

R. Marion called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm ET.

Chair's Opening Comments

R. Marion welcomed everyone to the Special General Meeting and reviewed the rules of procedure.

Determination of Quorum

R. Marion declared Quorum achieved (10 minimum per PCO by-laws).

Appointment of Scrutineer

Consistent with Section 3.18 of the Pickleball Canada Bylaws, Digicast has been contracted out to lead the voting procedure.

Approval of Agenda

R. Marion advised that, as this was a Special General Meeting, the agenda is fixed and cannot be amended; therefore, no approval of the agenda was required.

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No declaration of conflicts of interest were declared.

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Notice of Motion – Proposed Amendments

R. Marion provided an update that the Annual Report will be released shortly and noted that Pickleball Canada continues to move forward efficiently under a strategic and responsive governance approach. R. Marion explained that proposed amendments 2026-01, 2026-03, 2026-05, and 2026-06 were being presented to be voted on as a single block. Amendment 2026-01 was identified as the primary recommended amendment to extend the terms of the Board of Directors, with amendments 2026-03, 2026-05, and 2026-06 being consequential and contingent upon the approval of amendment 2026-01. It was noted that all four amendments must be adopted in order to give effect to the proposed changes. R. Marion further advised that each motion would be read individually and, unless a motion was severed, the amendments would be voted on as a block. R. Marion then proceeded to read each proposed amendment in turn.

R. Marion asked if there were any separation requests or questions. None are noted.

Motion: 2026-01

That Bylaw 4.08 be amended to read:

Election and Term

4.08 Election and Term – The election of four (4) directors will take place at each Annual Meeting, and directors will be elected to serve a term of three (3) years. The number of directors elected at an Annual Meeting may vary if a director has resigned or been removed during their term of office, or to accommodate transitional changes required to implement this amendment.

Motion: 2026-03

That Bylaw 4.10 be amended to read:

Terms

4.10 Terms – Elected Directors will hold office for a term of two (2) years and will hold office until their successors have been duly elected in accordance with these Bylaws, unless they resign, or are removed from or vacate their office. Directors may not serve more than four (4) consecutive terms beginning with the adoption of these Bylaws. Directors may not serve more than nine (9) years in aggregate including consecutive or non-consecutive terms whether elected or appointed.

Motion: 2026-05

Transitional Motion - 2026 Election:

PROPOSED WORDING: That, in the year 2026, four (4) directors shall be elected to three (3) year terms and one (1) director to a one (1) year term.

Motion: 2026-06

Transitional Motion - Extending the Term of Four Directors Elected in 2025

PROPOSED WORDING: That Directors Matthew Harris, Joanne Kealey, Alden Briggs and Caroline Butchey shall have their term of office extended from two (2) years to three (3) years.

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F. Emery / R. Chambers

Discussion: F. Emery asked how the extended director terms were determined. R. Marion responded that the directors subject to term extensions were selected through a random draw conducted digitally.

As no request to sever the proposed amendments was made, the package of amendments (2026-01, 2026-03, 2026-05, and 2026-06) was considered as a single vote.

Motion carried.

Following the adoption of the package of amendments, the meeting proceeded to the next item, proposed amendment 2026-02.

Motion: 2026-02

4.09 Elections

Elections will be decided by the Members in accordance with the following: a) The slate of directors collectively recommended by the Nominations Committee will be voted upon first and carried by ordinary resolution. b) If the resolution to elect the slate of directors, as set out above, is defeated, the election process will continue as follows: i. One Valid Nomination – Winner declared by ordinary resolution. ii. Two or More Valid Nominations – The nominee(s) receiving the greatest number of votes and an Ordinary Resolution will be elected. In the case of a tie, the nominee receiving the fewest votes will be deleted from the list of nominees and a second vote will be conducted. If there continues to be a tie and more nominees than positions, the nominee receiving the fewest votes will be deleted from the list of nominees until there remains the appropriate number of nominees for the position(s) or until a winner is declared. If there continues to be a tie, then the winner(s) will be declared by Ordinary Resolution of the Board.

C. Pierce / A. Briggs

Discussion: C. Pierce asked why section b.i) was required and whether, if a slate is proposed, it assumes valid nominations. R. Marion responded that if the slate is defeated, the nominations would proceed individually, one by one.

Discussion: F. Emery asked whether the Nominations Committee will ensure that each province has at least one director. R. Marion responded that, in accordance with the bylaws, the Nominations Committee seeks nominations from across all regions; however, representation from every province cannot be guaranteed if nominations are not received from all provinces.

Discussion: X. Zhong asked how the nomination committee is formed. R. Marion responded applications to the nomination committee are from experts in relevant fields. The committee is comprised of three independent members along with two board members.

Motion carried.

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The meeting proceeded to the next item, proposed amendment 2026-06.

Motion: 2026-06

New Article 7

National Pickleball Advisory Council 7.01 Purpose – The Corporation will establish a Council to be known as the National Pickleball Advisory Council (NPAC), which will be vested with the powers to carry out the following purposes and objectives:

- At least once per calendar year, to provide input to the Strategic Plan of the Corporation with particular regard to the joint responsibilities between the Corporation and Provincial / Territorial Sport Organizations;
- To advise the Board on issues of importance to the Provincial / Territorial Sport Organizations;
- To share information among the Provincial and Territorial Sport Organizations on matters of concern or benefit;
- To provide information and updates on all initiatives and developments in their respective provinces or territories which may impact the objectives set out in the Corporation’s strategic plan.

7.02 Composition – The NPAC will be composed of President of each Provincial or Territorial Sport Organization (or her/his delegate), the President of Pickleball Canada, one additional Director as appointed by the Board of Directors, and the Executive Director of the Organization.

7.03 Meetings – Meetings of the NPAC will occur at regular intervals as agreed upon or at the call of the President of Pickleball Canada. The President shall be responsible for all business brought before the meeting.

M. Davey / W. Murray

Discussion: F. Emery asked if the executive directors of the PTSOs or other board members would be allowed to attend the NPAC meetings? R. Marion noted that executive directors are invited to participate. It was explained that the NPAC is already a large group, and while PTSOs have the authority to determine subjects for discussion, attendance is currently limited to the persons described.

Motion carried.

Closing Comments

R. Marion thanked the attendees and reminded them of the AGM on June 25, 2026.

Adjournment

R. Marion declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm ET.