



Meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 4PM, ET

Video Conference

Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES			
BOARD MEMBERS			
Marion, Ronald (Chair)	Present	Davey, Michelle	Present
Baril, Alexandre	Present	Gina Iandiorio	Present
Bonten, Laurie	Present	Harris, Matthew	Present
Borgares, Mark	Present	Veronique Giry	Present
Briggs, Alden	Present	Kealey, Joanne	Present
Butchey, Caroline	Regrets	Pattenden, Wendy	Regrets
STAFF			
Barry Petrachenko		Present	
Terri Boizard		Present	

R. Marion called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm ET.

Chair's Opening Comments

R. Marion called the meeting to order and welcomed the Directors.

Opening Business

Motion:

That the agenda for the August 18, 2026, meeting of the Pickleball Canada Board of Directors be approved.

(L. Bonten / A. Briggs)

No discussion.

Carried.

Declaration – Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

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Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – June 26th, 2026

The draft minutes of the June 26th 2026 meeting were circulated in advance and reviewed by the Board.

Motion:

That the minutes of the June 26th, 2026 meeting be approved.

(M. Davey / M. Borgares)

Carried.

Business Arising from Previous Meeting

No business arising from the previous minutes.

Board/Governance/Policy Items

Committee Assignments

Finance Standing Committee: Mark Borgares (Chair), Caroline Butchey, Matthew Harris

Risk Management Committee: Alexandre Baril (Chair), Laurie Bonten, Veronique Giry

Governance Standing Committee: Alden Briggs (Chair), Michelle Davey, Veronique Giry, Gina Iandiorio, Joanne Kealey, Wendy Pattenden

Policy Development Sub-Committee: Joanne Kealey (Chair), Michelle Davey, Gina Iandiorio

Nominations Committee: Laurie Bonten (Chair), Caroline Butchey

Strategic Planning Committee: Wendy Pattenden (Chair), Alexandre Baril, Caroline Butchey, Veronique Giry, Matthew Harris

Board Representative to the National Provincial Advisory Council (NPAC): Alden Briggs

Motion:

That the Committee assignments be accepted as presented.

(G. Iandiorio/ L. Bonten)

Carried.

Board and Committee Meetings

The Board discussed a revised approach to Board and Committee reporting to reduce meeting time and focus discussion on matters requiring decision or direction. Committee matters requiring a motion will be reported to the Board, while other committee information may be included on the agenda for information without discussion. The inclusion of a consent agenda was also suggested where appropriate.

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The Board also supported exploring an in-person meeting, which would provide an opportunity for more in-depth discussion of key or complex topics and strengthen Board collaboration.

Nominations Committee – Continuation of Independent Members

The Board discussed the continued participation of the three independent members of the Nominations Committee. Their value and contribution to the credibility of the nominations process were recognized, along with the possibility of staggering terms to support continuity.

The independent members have been asked whether they wish to continue serving; to date, only one response has been received. The final determination regarding appointments and terms will be left to the Committee Chair and Board member. L. Bonten and C. Butchey will also be returning to the Committee.

Policy Committee

Trans Affirming Gender Inclusion Policy

(1)The Board considered a recommendation to approve a Trans Affirming Gender Inclusive Policy. A substantive discussion took place regarding the policy, its timing and the considerations associated with implementation.

The Board agreed that the policy may be reviewed and amended as needed as further guidance, requirements or circumstances arise. It was also noted that policies or requirements of a higher governing body would take precedence where applicable.

Motion:

That the Trans Affirming Gender Inclusive Policy be approved.

(M. Davey / L. Bonten)

Motion To Table:

That the Trans Affirming Gender Inclusive Policy be tabled for final review by the Governance Committee.

(A. Briggs / M. Borgares)

Motion to Table Defeated – 3 in favour, 4 opposed, 1 abstention

Original Motion Carried – 5 in favour, 2 opposed, 1 abstention.

Dissent: A. Briggs and M. Borgares requested that their opposition to the motion be recorded in the minutes.

B. Petrachenko to document the consultation and decision-making process through the Policy decision log.
B. Petrachenko to review the policy as further guidance or requirements from Sport Canada, international governing bodies or other relevant organizations become available.

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B. Petrachenko to clarify the application of the policy to national championships, sanctioned events and high-performance programming.

Operations Update

B. Petrachenko provided an update on operations and advised that the Financial and Operations Reports had been added to the Board folder and noted that he was available to answer any questions regarding the reports.

The Board discussed a request to explore whether Pickleball Canada could accept charitable donations on behalf of clubs that do not have charitable status. Two clubs, Niagara-On-The-Lake and Powell River, have expressed interest in this capability. B. Petrachenko was directed to respond to these clubs clarifying that a process is under development and that the matter is currently under review.

A. Baril will arrange a meeting with legal counsel following Nationals to discuss the establishment of a legacy fund.

Sport Integrity Implementation Timeline

The Board reviewed the proposed Sport Integrity Implementation Timeline, including delays related to legal review and the development of waivers and implementation materials.

Discussion focused on providing provinces with sufficient time for meaningful review, consultation and implementation, recognizing that provinces have varying levels of capacity and existing Safe Sport processes. It was noted that the implementation timeline may be revisited following further engagement with the provinces.

Motion:

That the Sport Integrity Policy Suite implementation date be extended from September 1, 2026 to November 1, 2026.

(M. Davey / G. Iandiorio)

Carried.

Reciprocation Policy Adjustments

The Board was advised that Section 4(d) of the Reciprocation Policy, included within the Sport Integrity Policy Suite, requires discussion with the PTSOs. The provision requires PTSOs to update their governance documents to reference the Sport Integrity Disciplinary Policy.

The matter will be discussed with the PTSOs at the next NPAC, with an update to be brought back to the Board in October.

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Feedback from NPAC on the Reciprocity Policy to be put onto the October Board meeting agenda

Fair Play Terms of Reference and Agreement

A Terms of Reference and position outline for a Fair Play Officer position/roster was reviewed with the Board. The documents have undergone legal review and have been tabled to the Policy Committee for refinement and presentation to the Governance Committee. It is proposed that this review will be completed and the matter will be brought to the October meeting of the Board of Directors.

New Business

M. Borgares requested that discussions at a future board meeting Include a summary of key learnings from the National Championships, including what worked well and any recommended changes or improvements for future events.

In-Camera

Motion:

That the meeting move in-camera.

(A. Briggs / M. Davey)

Carried.

Motion:

That the meeting exits the in-camera session and resume the regular meeting.

(M. Davey / A. Baril)

Carried.

Closing Discussion

The Board discussed opportunities for future in-person meetings. It was noted that this will be considered as part of future budgeting and scheduling.

The Board also discussed key priorities and challenges ahead, including PTSO capacity, development of the High-Performance program, securing funding, and supporting emerging athletes. The importance of building a strong High-Performance program and creating opportunities for athletes to compete at a true World Championship was noted.

Closing Comments

The Chair thanked the Board for their time, contributions, and continued commitment to Pickleball Canada.

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 PM ET.

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Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 4:00 PM ET

Tuesday, December 15, 2026, 4:00 PM ET

Tuesday, February 16, 2027, 4:00 PM ET

Tuesday, April 20, 2027, 4:00 PM ET

Tuesday, June 15, 2027, 4PM ET

Thursday, June 24, 2027, 7PM ET Tentative AGM Date

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