

MEETING MINUTES

BC SOCCER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday March 31, 2026, 7pm
Virtual

1. Call to Order/ Welcome and Introductions at 7:09 pm

Present: Debbie Pudek (Chair), Mark Eckerle, Colin Hardwick, John O’Flynn, Chris Parry, Sarah Hannigan, Darlene Dort, Fraser Sim and Gabriel Assis (CEO).

Regrets: Michelle Armstrong, Chris Appleby and Tamara Van Den Brink

Guest: Paul Varian (left at 8:20pm)

Welcome and introduction were provided by the president.

2. Consent Agenda Consent Agenda

- a. Adoption of Agenda
- b. Approval of February 28 Board meeting minutes
- c. Approval of March 11 Board meeting minutes

MOTION: To approve by consent the minutes of February 28 and March 11 Board Meetings, committee meeting minutes 10/2026¹

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from Minutes

All action items noted have been completed.

4. Governance Modernization

Discussion on governance options presented in the “BC Soccer Regional Governance Model Report”. Board reviewed options 3A and 3B. Emphasized discussion that future Board composition should be intentionally aligned to the skills required to fulfill the Board’s mandate, including achieving gender balance and a strong skills base, supported by a clear and robust nominations process with purposeful geographic representation and appropriate agency for nominees. The base calculation for votes and the potential imbalance for advocacy was discussed and considered. The Board discussed approaches to a single voting model and how to balance representation. The Board also considered eligibility criteria, including challenges with domicile restrictions and effective regional advocacy, with discussion noting the potential to limit domicile-based eligibility within the **nomination’s** framework.

The Board provided further direction to have the applicable working group and committees explore the calculation of voting delegates, the nominations process and eligibility, election process per region with timelines, domicile requirement and eligibility, applicable exceptions, skill matrix for all Directors, membership representation and updated definitions for entities under a new model.

MOTION: To pursue further review of governance model “3B” proposed through the “BC Soccer Regional Governance Model Report” with adopted modification of voting delegates assigned based on 2000 players. 11/2026

CARRIED

¹ These numbers document the motion number during the calendar year for ease of referencing.

5. Membership Review: Tsartlip Youth Soccer

The Board reviewed recommendations from the Governance & Membership Chair pertaining to the membership status of Tsartlip Youth Soccer.

Motion: To place Tsartlip Youth Soccer as a member not in good standing. 12/2026
CARRIED

6. BCPL Operational Rules

The Board reviewed the updated rules from the BCPL submitted after incorporating the feedback provided by the Board at the February 28 meeting.

Motion: To approve the BCPL Operations Manual as presented. 13/2026
Mark Eckerle abstained.
CARRIED

7. Dispensation Request from District Associations

The Board reviewed dispensation submitted by District Associations regarding the implementation of Grassroots Standards.

Motion: To approve the dispensation request submitted by Burnaby Youth SA, North Fraser Youth SA, South Fraser DA, Vancouver Youth SA, North Shore Youth SA, Fraser Valley Youth SA, and Richmond SA, granting an extension for the implementation of the Canada Soccer Grassroots Standards until the 2027-28 playing season. 14/2026
CARRIED

8. New Business

None

9. Next Planned Meeting

Board to provide availability for the April meeting.

10. Adjournment at 8:38pm

ACTION SUMMARY:

#	Lead	Action
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Approved by:

Name (please print)

Signature

Date



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Signature

Date

*Approved at the following BC Soccer Board Meeting, signed copy in BC Soccer office.

