



**Lacrosse Canada Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 26th 2026: 7:00PM ET Microsoft Teams**

In Attendance:

BOARD:

Barbara Lockhart	Director at Large
Stephan Leblanc	Director at Large
Stephanie Pagan	Director at Large
Carolyn Meacher	Director at Large
Trish Chant-Sehl	Director at Large
Alon Eizenman	Director at Large
Ted Goldthorpe	Director at Large
Rob Matsuoka	Director at Large
Hannah Lazare	Indigenous Director
Zach Currier	Athlete Director

STAFF/ADVISORS:

Eva Havaris	Executive Advisor
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CONTRIBUTOR(S):

Gerry Van Beek	Member Council Representative
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1. Opening Acknowledgement - Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM EST by Barbara Lockhart, Director at Large. "At this time. I would like to give thanks to the creator for giving this medicine to the Iroquois/Haudenousnee (people of the longhouse) for sharing this medicine with the world. Would also like to give thanks to all First Nations. Metis. and Inuit as we all sit in their territories we say thank you. We say thank you Creator for giving us Mother Earth. She then gave us the tree in which our sticks are made from. This is the true roots of the medicine we call Lacrosse today." Nay:weh / thank you.

2. Approval of Agenda - Motion to approve agenda by Rob Matsuoka. Seconded by Carolyn Meacher. Approved.

4. Leadership Discussion – Directors indicated a need for a stacked succession model moving forward. Directors expressed a need for interim leadership immediately and to have the Governance and Ethics Committee develop a proposal for stacked leadership/succession planning processes for consideration at a later date.

Barbara Lockhart expressed guarded interest in filling the interim-President/Chair role. Stephanie Pagan motioned for Barbara Lockhart to be interim-President/Chair until the September 2026 AGM. Seconded by Stephan Leblanc.

Other nominations from the floor were requested. Rob Matsuoka motioned to nominate Ted Goldthorpe. The motion was not seconded.

Barbara Lockhart acclaimed to Interim-President/Chair for the Lacrosse Canada Board of Directors.

5. Executive Director Hiring Update – Barbara Lockhart provided a brief update to the hiring process for the Executive Director position indicating more than 150 submissions received to date. The Hiring Committee is being finalized.

6. Governance and Ethics Committee Update – Stephanie Pagan provided key initiatives needing attention: (1) Semi-Annual Meeting, (2) Need for additional Steering Groups – LA 2028 and



Revenue Generating Committee. There is an urgent need to determine how and when the Semi-Annual Meeting will take place. Board is looking for Member input to help determine their needs; formal governance training is expected to take place at this meeting for BOD and Members to co-learn.

Agreement for creating the LA2028 Advisory group immediately. An important distinction was made that these committees are not operational in nature. More work to understand the parameters of the Revenue Generating group is needed.

7. Nominations Committee Update – Barbara Lockhart shared core committee (suggested) appointments:

- Finance and Audit Committee: Ted Goldthorpe and Rob Matsuoka (new)
- Governance and Ethics Committee: Stephanie Pagan, Hannah Lazare, and Alon Eizenman (new)
- Nominations Committee: Barbara Lockhart, Stephan Leblanc, and Carolyn Meacher (new)
- LA2028 Advisory Committee: Trish Chant-Sehl (new)

All Directors were asked if there were any objections. There were none.

Motion to appoint Directors to Core Committees (as above) made by Hannah Lazare. Seconded by Stephanie Pagan. **Carried** all in favour.

8. Member Council Update – Gerry Van Beek shared that the Member Council will be moving their dates of meeting to one week prior to Lacrosse Canada Board of Directors meetings. This structure is seen to be a more efficient process for bringing information to the BOD.

9. Board Only Discussion (in camera) 8:09pm

Motion to move in-camera Rob Matsuoka, seconded by Barbara Lockhart

Carried.

BOD exited from in-camera at 8:22pm; motioned by Rob Matsuoka and seconded by Hannah Lazare.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM ET (motioned by Carolyn Meacher and seconded by Trish Chant-Sehl).
