# ZONE 2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Meeting Minutes — October 19, 2026

Zoom Meeting | Called to order: 7:31 PM | Adjourned: 8:59 PM

## Attendance

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| Chair | Chris Lam |
| Vice Chair | |
| Treasurer | Carol and Dave Cottam |
| Athlete Rep | Alexis Thompson |
| Officials | Mike Flegel |
| Officials | Mark Wagner |
| SafeSport | Lola Hanacek |
| Age Group | |
| Senior | Charlie Gonzales |
| DDEI | Amy Gonzales |
| Equipment | |
| Sanctions | Angela Cardenas |
| AAA | Helen Garcia |
| ALGA | Connie Li |

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| BSW | Chris Da Sie |
| CDST | Holly Gallagher |
| DA | Jason Kamp |
| EBAT | Mark Sand |
| EBSD | Dionne Dunn |
| ECG | Keri Pock |
| ELIT | Paschalis Ntatson |
| ELIT | William Kwan |
| ELIT | Yvonne Sang |
| HILL | Shad Wojtala |
| LAC | |
| MONT | |
| OAPB | Ron Heidary |
| ONDA | Merideth Ostrer |

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| PLS | Nan Wang |
| PST | Colby Price |
| SAIL | |
| SRVA | Kris Arneson |
| SRVA | Jenna Heke |
| TERA | |
| TIGR | Adriana Hernandez |
| TRIV | MaryAnn Nygren |
| TRIV | Markus Daene |
| TVAC | |
| WCAB | Lisa Ward |
| Pacific | Beau Caldwell |

## Procedural Items

| Item | Outcome |
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| Call to Order | Meeting called to order by Zone 2 Board Chair Chris Lam at 7:31 PM. |
| Approval of Prior Minutes | September 21, 2026 meeting minutes approved as presented. |

## Officer and Committee Reports

| Topic | Key Discussion / Decisions | Action Items |
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| Chair — Chris Lam | Chris reminded everyone that tonight is the deadline to submit delegate information for Wednesday's Pacific Swimming House of Delegates meeting which requires registration ahead of time. | ⚡ ***ACTION:*** *Chris will send out the google form link for the PacSwim HOD meeting registration* |
| Treasurer — Carol Cottam | Deposited $200 official fines, reimbursed $166 officials background check, paid storage $401, lost $1,418 in stock market. Balance $104,068 in stocks, $24,829 in checking, total $128,898. ✓ **Treasurer's Report APPROVED as presented** | |
| Athletes — Alexis Thompson | Alexis presented updates on athlete representatives in Zone 2, identifying teams lacking reps and providing a status report on current SafeSport certifications. She reported on the successful Athlete Summit and PacSwim Awards Banquet, including honoring Ella Legg as Athlete Rep of the Year. January distance camp at the Olympic Training Center waitlisted, they are looking for another venue. | ⚡ ***ACTION:*** *Alexis will reach out to teams without athlete reps and also to reps with expired safesport certifications.* |

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| **Officials — Mark Wagner Mike Flegel Markus Daene** | Pacswim clinic was a success – many of the presenters were Z2 officials. Lisa Kaplan is Z2 Official of the year – congratulations! Rules update on breaststroke effective 9/30/26 regarding body position off the wall at the turn. Only one team provided a liaison. Will start using BOD email distribution list for email communication. Friendly reminder from Markus to educate new parents/athletes on swim meet procedures and protocols i.e. check-in, minimum qualifying times. Please don't send inappropriate emails to the meet director. | |
| **SafeSport — Lola Hanacek** | Lola confirmed PacSwim does not have procedures for checking coach credentials at swim meets. She will bring up at their next meeting in November. | ***ACTION:*** *Lola will bring up the coach credentials checking procedure at their next meeting.* |
| **Sanctions — Angela Cardenas** | No updates. | |
| **Age Group — Vacant** | Winter AGC meet sheet is with Chris pending review and approval, order of events set. Location is San Ramon Cal High. Prelim heats may run in two courses, one at the deep end of the 50 meter pool, the other in the warm-up pool which is 3.5 feet at the turn end. Final decision will be announced at the general meeting. For Spring AGC, they are going back to the drawing board regarding order of events and relays. Coach Todd Krohn WCAB agreed to fill in as Z2 Age Group committee rep until a permanent replacement is found. Thank you Todd! | ***ACTION:*** *Chris will summarize the AGC committee discussion and get Z2 input* |
| **DDEI — Amy Gonzales** | Grant applications due at the end of October. MEFAP funding will only be available to Pacific athletes going forward; no MEFAP assistance for out-of-LSC athletes. They are working to increase disability swimmer participation and is exploring outreach opportunities, including potential collaboration with Special Olympics | |
| **Senior — Charlie Gonzales** | Charlie said many swimmers were rejected from the first senior meet of the season due to lack of 50 cuts, emphasizing the need to include 50 events for 13 and over in future zone 2 CBA meets. Pleasanton is hosting the April 3-4 meet, immediately after the conclusion of the CBA meet so potential start time of 2 pm. Still need a host for April 17-18 Senior Open. | |
| **Equipment — Leo Lin** | Leo not in attendance. | |
| **Zone 2 Winter Champs** | Chabot College and Dougherty High are being considered as venues. Traditional all-star selection format with relays preferred. Chris will send out job sign-ups before Nov meeting, please provide your first, second and third choice. | ***ACTION:*** *Chris will send out winter champs job sign up before Nov meeting.*<br><br>***ACTION:*** *Chris and Catherine will finalize the pool and meet format after one more call for input* |
| **Zone 2 Summer Champs** | Will be at Dougherty Valley HS hosted by SRVA – please add to your calendars. | |

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| **Zone All-Stars (ZAM)** | Chris confirmed ZAM will be at Chabot hosted by Zone 2. Pacific has been notified of the venue. We need coaches. Zone 2 Winter Champs meet will remain a mandatory requirement for ZAM eligibility – must swim at least one event at winter champs to be considered for the zone 2 all-star team. The Jan 23-24 LAC/BSW and Feb 6-7 SRVA/CDST will be ZAM-qualifying meets. Final calculations and team selection will be completed at Zone 2 Winter Champs. Charlie agreed to handle the points tabulations. | |
| **Western Zone Age Group** | Western Zone Age Group meet will be held at North Natomas in Sacramento August 4-7. | |
| **PacCoast All Stars** | Will be in Washington area. Coaching applications are open. | |
| **Safety and Risk** | Nothing to report | |
| **Governance** | They discussed updating the handbook | |
| **Z2 Governing Docs** | David Benjamin has agreed to chair. Reach out to Chris if you are interested in participating in this committee. | |

## Other Business

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| **Dual Venue Committee — Charlie Gonzales** | SRVA/OAPB dual venue meet were undersubscribed, OAPB went down to one course, SRVA maintained two courses but very fast timeline. Recommend max 24 lanes (not 32). Chris Da raised concerns about teams not sending minimum swimmer count per survey. BSW meet is still open, very low attendance on Sunday, some teams are not even coming at all. It was explained that projected numbers were used for team allocation and no penalties were imposed for incorrect commitments. Chris Da raised concerns about last-minute venue changes affecting team participation, particularly for BSW which was originally a single venue but became dual venue. Low subscription may be due to Halloween. | |
| **50s for 13&OV at CBA meets** | The group addressed the need to include 50 back, breast, and fly events for 13 and over in CBA meets to provide qualifying times for senior meets. It was suggested to create a committee to revise the XYZ formats to include these events. Kris volunteered to chair the committee. Helen Garcia volunteered to join the committee. | ***ACTION:*** *Chris will email Kris Arneson to get the XYZ committee started* |
| **Meet planning** | The December 5-6 meet at DVC will now be an invite-only event with only local Walnut Creek teams, leaving open the possibility for another Zone 2 team to host a CBA meet that weekend. March 13-14 is now one venue only WCAB 8 lanes. Please consider hosting a meet this weekend. | |

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| **Competition Coordinator** | Beau presented a USA Swimming flywheel report and competition data showing growth in Zone 2's athletic programs over the past three seasons, with Chris Lam expressing satisfaction with the increasing numbers. After the October meets, numbers will surpass last year, might be back to 2023 levels. Well done Zone 2! | |

## Motions

| Motion # | Description | Result |
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| **XYZ Committee** | Motion to create a committee to revise the XYZ format to include 50 breast, back and fly to 13 and over. | ✓ **APPROVED as presented** Kris Arneson (SRVA) will chair. |
| **Dual Venue Team Assignments** | Jan 23-24 LAC/BSW and Feb 6-7 SRVA/CDST dual venue team assignments were presented. EBSD may not attend due to distance concerns. This does not change the calculations. | ✓ **APPROVED as presented** |
| **ZAM-qualifying meets 2027** | Motion to designate the Jan 23-24 LAC/BSW and the Feb 6-7 SRVA/CDST as ZAM-qualifying meets, with Zone 2 Winter Champs remaining a mandatory requirement for eligibility, must swim at least one event at Z2 Winter champs to be eligible for consideration for the Zone 2 All-Star Team. | ✓ **APPROVED as presented** |

## Next Meeting & Adjournment

| Item | Details |
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| **Next Meeting** | November 16, 2026 — Zone 2 Board of Directors Meeting |
| **Adjournment** | Meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM |

*Minutes prepared for Zone 2 Board of Directors. Contact Chair Chris Lam with questions or corrections.*