

Meeting of Florida Youth Soccer Association's Board of Directors

October 19, 2025

Hybrid via Zoom

FYSA Office

2828 Lake Myrtle Park Rd

Auburndale, Florida 33823

Roll:

Present	Name	Position	Present	Name	Position
Yes	Daragh Cullen	President	Yes	Justin Lauer	Reg. B VP
Yes	Deborah Ruiz	VP Player/Coach Dev.	No	Hugo Arce	Reg. B Comr. N.
Yes	Eric Heidel	Secretary	Yes	Moncef Hadiji	Reg. B Comr. S.
Yes	Justin Goldman	Treasurer	Yes	David DiTillio	Reg. C VP
Yes	Mike Hyatt	VP Admin. & Comm.	Yes	Mike Callaway	Reg. C Comr. N.
Yes	Olaf Henke	VP Comp.	Yes	Ed Kinsey	Reg. C Comr. S.
Yes	Alice Smith	Registrar	Yes	Louis Richard	Reg. D VP
Yes	Marino Torrens	Reg. A VP	Yes	Melissa Alford	Reg. D Comr. E.
Yes	Russell Walker	Reg. A Comr. N.	No	Sean Acosta	Reg. D Comr. W.
Yes	Tom Tianich	Reg. A Comr. S.			

Minutes Recorded By: Eric Heidel

Action Items are in red; **Motions are in bolded italics and underlined.**

Quorum: Yes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. EDT.

Roll Call: Roll was taken by Eric Heidel.

Adopt Agenda:

It was moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion from: Olaf Henke

Second by: Tom Tianich

Voting Method: Voice Vote

Motion Carried

Recognize Guests:

Ryan Foley, Executive Director, FYSA;

Stephen Huff, Chair, Recognition Committee, FYSA;

Mike Sroka, Appointed Commissioner, FYSA;

Tony Williams, Chair, Community & Social Impact Committee, Chair; and

Rebecca Messina, Marketing Content Administrator, FYSA.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

It was moved to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors as presented.

Motion from: Tom Tianich

Second by: Mike Callaway

Voting Method: Voice Vote

Motion Carried

Correspondence: To be discussed during Executive Session.

President's Report:

1. Moment of silence to recognize the loss of Barb Newton and Becky McLaren.
2. Meetings held with clubs and will continue in all regions; Seeking feedback as to reasons they choose not to work with FYSA and how FYSA can improve; Feedback thus far includes rules upon rules.

Secretary's Report: None.

Treasurer's Report: None.

Additional Board Reports:

1. Pre-submitted written reports from the Registrar, VP Competition, and Region B VP.
2. VP Admin. & Comm.: Jenn DiTillio stepping down from Rules Committee.
3. Region A Comr. South: Campaign to meet with each club; Working to clean up missing registrations and duplicate players in GotSport; Seven FSPL Pathway leagues meeting weekly to coordinate, specifically synchronizing rules across leagues.
4. Region C: Preparing for Commissioner's Cup; Zoom outreach meetings within region to understand issues; Considering a proposal to address how to cross-register players with FYSA and competitions in a less administratively burdensome fashion.
5. Region D: Girls in Soccer in new Navarre location and return to existing Tallahassee location; Commissioner's Cup at new location in Panama City.

Executive Director's Report: Pre-submitted written report.

Director of Coaching's Report: None.

Standing Committee Reports: None.

Unfinished Business:

It was moved to approve Tony Toledo, Tom Tianich, Stanley Smith, Andrew Kennelly, Chris Sessions, Larry Ferrol, and Alex Thompson as members of the Protest & Appeals committee.

Motion from: Olaf Henke

Second by: Russell Walker

Voting Method: Voice Vote

Motion Carried

It was moved to approve Deborah Ruiz, Jasmine Peralta, Samantha Ishee, and Melissa Alford as members of the Women in Soccer committee.

Motion from: Marino Torrens

Second by: Mike Hyatt

Voting Method: Voice Vote

Motion Carried

New Business:

It was moved to table discussion of the SSEC sponsorship broker proposal and contract to Executive Session.

Motion from: Tom Tianich

Second by: Russell Walker

Voting Method: Voice Vote

Motion Carried

It was moved to reject the United Soccer Association's request to reconsider the playing up restrictions for the U6 and U7 age groups.

Motion from: Eric Heidel

Second by: Marino Torrens

Voting Method: Roll Call; 11 in favor; 5 opposed

The Chair, Daragh Cullen, did not vote given there was no tie.

Motion Carried

It was moved to approve Central Florida United Soccer Academy, LLC's membership application.

Motion from: Justin Lauer

Second by: Marino Torrens

Voting Method: Voice Vote

Motion Carried

It was moved to approve Soccer NextGen Inc.'s membership application.

Motion from: Justin Lauer

Second by: Marino Torrens

Voting Method: Voice Vote

Motion Carried

It was moved to approve Naples Eagles Futsal Inc.'s membership application.

Motion from: David DiTillio

Second by: Mike Callaway

Voting Method: Voice Vote

Motion Carried

It was moved to approve South Tampa Soccer Club, Inc.'s membership application.

Motion from: David DiTillio

Second by: Mike Callaway

Voting Method: Voice Vote

Motion Carried

Executive Session:

It was moved to approve the SSEC sponsorship broker concept and fees and to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate the contract.

Motion from: Eric Heidel

Second by: Justin Goldman

It was moved to amend the immediately preceding motion concerning the SSEC contract to add that the final version of the contract must be brought to the Board for approval.

Motion from: Tom Tianich

Second by: Marino Torrens

Voting Method: Voice Vote

Motion Carried

It was moved to approve the SSEC sponsorship broker concept and fees and to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate the contract, the final version of which must be brought to the Board for approval.

Motion from: Tom Tianich

Second by: Marino Torrens

Voting Method: Voice Vote

Motion Carried

It was moved to adopt the written resolution incorporating the Review & Discipline committee's recommendation concerning a public hearing for Board member David DiTillio.

Motion from: Justin Goldman

Second by: Moncef Hadiji

Voting Method: Secret Ballot; 9 in favor; 6 opposed

The Chair, Daragh Cullen, did not vote given there was no tie.

The accused, David DiTillio, did not vote and was removed prior to the discussion and vote.

Motion Carried

It was moved to set a public hearing date for David DiTillio separate from the November 20, 2025 pre-existing Board meeting, the exact date being subject to further coordination of schedules with the accuser and accused..

Motion from: Mike Hyatt

Second by: Marino Torrens

Voting Method: Voice Vote

Motion Carried

It was moved to conclude Executive Session.

Motion from: Mike Hyatt

Second by: Moncef Hadiji

Voting Method: Voice Vote

Motion Carried

It was moved to ratify the motions from Executive Session which will be posted publicly given the motions, themselves, in this instance, do not contain confidential information.

Motion from: Justin Goldman

Second by: Ed Kinsey

Voting Method: Voice Vote

Motion Carried

For the Good of the Game:

1. Mike Hyatt: Barb Newton and Becky McLaren will be sorely missed. Becky should be nominated for the Hall of Fame.
2. Tom Tianich: Three Region A clubs participated in State Cup finals this weekend.
3. Ed Kinsey: Becky McLaren was instrumental in onboarding new Board members. Her recent passing is a great loss.
4. Olaf Henke: Olaf believes we sidelined dozens of players who will not be able to participate and that we need to focus more on ways to improve the game.

Adjournment:

It was moved to adjourn at 1:18 p.m. EDT.

Motion from: Justin Lauer

Second by: Moncef Hadiji

Voting Method: Voice Vote

Motion Carried