

Meeting of Florida Youth Soccer Association's Board of Directors
January 24, 2026
 via Zoom

Roll:

Present	Name	Position	Present	Name	Position
Yes	Daragh Cullen	President	Yes	Justin Lauer	Reg. B VP
Yes	Deborah Ruiz	VP Player/Coach Dev.	Yes	Hugo Arce	Reg. B Comr. N.
Yes	Eric Heidel	Secretary	Yes	Moncef Hadiji	Reg. B Comr. S.
No	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.	Yes	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 9:03 a.m. EST.

Roll Call: Roll was taken by Eric Heidel.

Adopt Agenda:

It was moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion from: Mike Hyatt

Second by: Marino Torrens

Voting Method: Voice Vote

Motion Carried

Recognize Guests:

Ryan Foley, Executive Director, FYSA

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

It was moved to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors as presented.

Motion from: Marino Torrens

Second by: Justin Lauer

Voting Method: Voice Vote

Motion Carried

It was moved to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors as presented.

Motion from: Sean Acosta

Second by: Mike Hyatt

It was moved to amend the minutes by adding the following sentence under the section covering the disciplinary trial discussion, or the applicable agenda item:

For the record, David DiTillio formally objected to the omission of his requested dissent and requested that this objection be appended to the official record and that the minutes be corrected/amended accordingly.

Motion from: David DiTillio

Second by: Marino Torrens

Voting Method: Voice Vote

Motion Carried

It was moved that the December 14, 2025 minutes be amended or supplemented to include all objections raised, Zoom-chat submissions and rulings, and the respondent's opening statement, so the official record accurately reflects the proceeding.

Motion from: Mike Callaway

Second by: Russell Walker

Voting Method: Roll Call; 9 in favor; 7 opposed

Motion Carried

It was moved to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors as amended.

Motion from: Marino Torrens

Voting Method: Voice Vote

Motion Carried

Correspondence:

1. Jennifer DiTillio requested an amendment to the December 14, 2025 minutes to remove her name. The Board was informed that any member can make a motion to address her request.
2. David DiTillio's correspondence concerning the December 14, 2025 Board meeting was addressed via motions and votes related to approval of the December 14, 2025 minutes.

President's Report: With significant changes coming to USSF and USYS, we must remain united.

Secretary's Report: None.

Treasurer's Report: Pre-submitted financial report.

Additional Board Reports:

1. Region A preparing for Commissioner's Cup next weekend. Marino Torrens thanked Tom Tianich and Russell Walker for their assistance.
2. Region B preparing for Commissioner's Cup.
3. Region C hosting Commissioner's Cup today and it began very smoothly.
4. Region D preparing for Commissioner's Cup next weekend.

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

Director of Coaching's Report: None.

Standing Committee Reports:

1. TOPSoccer:
 - A. TOPSoccer is hosting an event at the Tampa BayRowdies facility on February 1, 2026. It will be themed for World Cup.
 - B. The Arc Partnership renewal to be considered permits TOPSoccer to be placed on the resource list for parents. The committee supports renewal.
 - C. Miami and Ft. Lauderdale TOPSoccer events are in the planning stages. Any help those in the area can offer is appreciated.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

It was moved to adopt the Out of State Permission rule amendments as presented.

Motion from: Marino Torrens

Second by: Tom Tianich

Voting Method: Voice Vote

Motion Carried

It was moved to adopt the proposal to host Youth Soccer Tests as presented and authorize use of \$30,000 from the unused, previously authorized hurricane assistance funds.

Motion from: Marino Torrens

Second by: Tom Tianich

Voting Method: Voice Vote

Motion Carried

It was moved to adopt the presented Marketing budget amendment to authorize \$15,000 from FYSA's credit card cash-back benefit.

Motion from: Marino Torrens
Second by: Tom Tianich
Voting Method: Voice Vote
Motion Carried

It was moved to authorize submission of an application and associated fee to join the U.S. Consortium of State Associations.

Motion from: Marino Torrens
Second by: Tom Tianich
Voting Method: Voice Vote
Motion Carried

It was moved to ratify the motions from Executive Session.

Motion from: Marino Torrens
Second by: Tom Tianich
Voting Method: Voice Vote
Motion Carried

For the Good of the Game:

1. Marino Torrens: Congratulations to all four regions for over 1,000 teams registering for the upcoming competitions.
2. Tom Tianich: There are 280 teams in Region A Commissioner's Cup.
3. Mike Hyatt: Although we have a strong team, the last few months have been tough. The Region VPs all do a great job. We need to get back to helping players. Thank you to Ryan for his help.
4. Ryan Foley: The support of today's proposals is appreciated. This agenda today was rightfully focused on advancing soccer.
5. Sean Acosta: Ryan Foley was thanked for doing an excellent job since joining the team.
6. Louis Richard: The USYS Workshop last week was very productive and a great experience.

Adjournment:

It was moved to adjourn at 11:14 a.m. EST.

Motion from: Mike Hyatt
Second by: Sean Acosta
Voting Method: Voice Vote
Motion Carried