

**MICHIGAN STATE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Monday, January 26, 2026**

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The Board of Director's Meeting of the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA) was called to order on Monday, January 26, 2026, by President Mike Poulos at 6:30 PM, via Zoom.

**Board Members Present:** Mike Poulos, Adam Dixon, Tina Ramirez, Oscar Castenda, Doug Prim, Ron Grobbel, Wendy Zielen, Mike Egnotovitch, Anthony Spica, Connie Campbell, Bre Brendsel, and Susan Jaske.

**Board Members Excused:** Denise Moote, Gerhard Mengal, and Robin Crawford.

**Administrators Present:** Julie Pearson, Mark Zathey, and Tom Faro.

**Others Present:** Mark Klein, and David Turrill.

This is a **Non-Reporting** Meeting.

The minutes for the MSYSA Board of Directors Meeting held on Monday, November 24, 2025, will be filed for audit.

**President's Report:** Mike Poulos

MSYSA's Awards Dinner is on 2/13 at The Henry Hotel in Dearborn. The AGM is on 2/14 at The Henry Hotel as well.

There will be two (2) brief MSYSA Board Meetings on 2/14, one right before the AGM and one immediately following the AGM.

Vice President Denise Moote will be added as a signor on MSYSA bank accounts. If members elect Denise Moote as President at the upcoming AGM, the Board will need to fill the VP vacancy. Tom Faro will provide the Board notice/information on that process.

MSYSA's Winter State Cup, which is considered an MLS Next Qualifier Event for the U13 and U14 Boy age groups, will have their Semi-Finals on 1/30 and the Finals for both age groups will take place on 2/1 at Total Soccer Wixom.

Ryan Hosler has replaced Scott Bridges as MSYSA's ODP 101 Head Coach.

**Treasurer's Report:** Adam Dixon

Adam relayed year-to-date (YTD) total revenue for the month ending December 31, 2025, was \$1,694,407 with YTD expenses totaling \$1,017,612 resulting in a YTD surplus of \$676,795. To date, coach education revenue is up as is Director's Academy (DA) revenue. State Cup numbers are down due to competing events. Any potential budget adjustment(s) will be brought to the Board for review/consideration.

**Staff/Executive Director's Report:** Tom Faro

Written Report Submitted.

**Staff/Technical Director:** Mark Zathey

ODP State Team selections conclude this weekend. Received positive feedback on recent ODP event in AZ. In March/April, the program has a few ODP age groups (Boys & Girls) headed to France for international competition.

ODP Try-outs will take place in Canton (Independence Park), 7/24-7/26.

US Soccer 'B' license is in process now and another one will take place in Traverse City this summer. There is also a US Soccer 'D' license taking place in Livonia, MI and in Paw Paw, MI, and grassroots courses are currently taking place. Information on all coach education offerings can be found on the MSYSA website.

**Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

**Motion:** (Mike Egnotovich) To approve proposed changes to MSYSA Rule 3.2, effective June 1, 2026.

**Second:** (Tina Ramirez)

**Discussion:** The changes are necessary to ensure consistent and correct start date, for 'school year' team formation commencing in fall 2026, per USYS policy.

**Motion:** Approved.

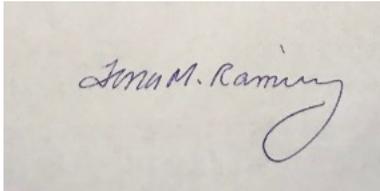
**For the Good of the Game:**

MSPSP's Annual Dinner is scheduled for 1/30 in Lansing, MI.

Julie Pearson shared that the ODP program secured 673 pounds of food as a result of a food drive coordinated in conjunction with Gleaners Community Food Bank!

The next regular meeting of the MSYSA Board of Directors is on **Saturday, February 14, 2026, at 8:00 AM (Pre-AGM Reporting Meeting) at The Henry Hotel in Dearborn, MI.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

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Ms. Tina Ramirez, Recording Secretary  
Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, Inc.