

MICHIGAN STATE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, April 27, 2026

The Board of Director's Meeting of the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA) was called to order on Monday, April 27, 2026, by President Denise Moote at 6:30 PM, via Zoom.

Board Members Present: Denise Moote, Tina Ramirez, Dave Turrill, Connie Campbell, Doug Prim, Ron Grobbel, Wendy Zielen, Mike Egnotovitch, Anthony Spica, Alyssa Harrold, Bre Brendsel, Susan Jaske, Mike Poulos.

Board Members Excused: Oscar Castañeda and Gerhard Mengal.

Administrators Present: Mark Zathey, Julie Pearson, Tom Faro

This is a **Reporting** Meeting.

The minutes for the MSYSA Board of Directors Meeting held on Monday, March 30, 2026, will be filed for audit.

President's Report: Denise Moote

MSYSA has remitted a detailed listing of all emotional & physical misconduct incidents reported in the past year to the US Center for SafeSport.

MSYSA's State Cup and Junior State Cup (Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals) will take place May 15-17 and May 29-31 in Saginaw Township (STSA Complex).

The National 1 application is now open, and promotion of the new league is now taking place as well. Cara Hilliard was recently hired as National 1 League Assistant at the State Office.

Vice President: Tina Ramirez

No Report.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Turrill

Dave relayed year-to-date (YTD) total revenue for the month ending March 31, 2026, was \$1,812,469 with YTD expenses totaling \$1,586,392 resulting in a YTD surplus of \$226,077. ODP, State Cup, and DA revenue are ahead of budget at this time. On the expense side, there are slightly higher referee expenses realized related to programs/tournaments and membership fees to USYS are up. Expenses associated with marketing/advertising, board travel, and insurance costs, to-date, are down, when compared to last year.

Recording Secretary Report: Connie Campbell

No Report.

MSPSP Chairperson Report: Oscar Castañeda

Excused.

Recreational Director Report: Doug Prim

Provided a reminder to all on scholarship and grant opportunities available to clubs/leagues from MSYSA.

MSA (Adult) Report: Gerhard Mengel

Excused.

SYRA Report: Ron Grobbel

Preparing for State Cup & Junior State Cup events. Also, the SRC has registered 5,000 officials on the year.

Metro Southwest Report: Wendy Zielen

No Report.

Metro Central Report: Mike Egnotovich

No Report.

Metro East Report: Anthony Spica

A club voiced concern on regarding illegal recruitment.

North District Report: Alyssa Harrold

Alyssa has conducted two (2) meetings. Meeting attendance was light but getting more acquainted with clubs/leagues. Also, referred a potential SafeSport concern to the State Office.

West District Report: Bre Brendsel

Tryouts within GVSA for select teams take place on June 15, after MSYSA's Tryout Date of June 13.

Nominating Committee Report: Susan Jaske

No Report.

Immediate Past President: Mike Poulos

No Report.

Staff Report: Tom Faro (Executive Director)

MSYSA insurance coverage was extended to an affiliated club/league due to employee/volunteer theft.

Potential FY '26 budget adjustments will likely be discussed in May.

Considering 'Jack Links' (Beef Jerky Company) is a potential State Cup sponsor.

Staff Report: Mark Zathay (Technical Director)

MSYSA received approval to host a US Soccer Technical Leadership Course in conjunction with the North American Soccer Expo in August. ODP tryout registration is open and pleased to report that many boys' coaches are returning for the next cycle of ODP.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

The Board had a discussion related to the new National 1 League and its alignment with US Soccer.

Tom Faro shared information related to potential changes to US Soccer's current governance and service model.

For the Good of the Game:

Denise Moote suggested a potential board retreat take place in June after MSYSA try-outs.

The next regular meeting of the MSYSA Board of Directors (Non-Reporting) is also on **Monday, May 18, 2026**, at 6:30 PM, via 'Zoom'.

With no additional business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Connie Campbell, Recording Secretary
Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, Inc.