

MICHIGAN STATE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, July 27, 2026

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

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

Board Members Excused: Tina Ramirez, Oscar Castañeda, Gerhard Mengal, Wendy Zielen,

Administrators/Guests Present: Mark Zathey, Julie Pearson, Tom Faro, Mark Klein.

This is a **Reporting** Meeting.

The minutes for the MSYSA Board of Directors Meeting held on Monday, May 18, 2026, will be filed for audit.

President's Report: Denise Moote

Discussions with the State Associations on the future governance and service model continue. State Associations will review proposed US Youth Soccer bylaw changes that, if approved, would align US Youth Soccer fully under the management and oversight of US Soccer, similar to the current structure for US Club Soccer.

Tom Faro continues to engage with MLS Next regarding potential partnership opportunities, including Boys ODP and post-State Cup events. MSYSA remains open to collaborating with competing organizations to assist clubs with access to a variety of events and platform that may best meet their needs.

Vice President: Tina Ramirez

Excused. No Report.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Turrill

The Association recently purchased four (4) CDs. (1, 24-month CD, 1, 18-month CD, and 1, 12-month CD, totaling 400K) Also, Dave relayed year-to-date (YTD) total revenue for the month ending June 30, 2026, was \$2,860,944 with YTD expenses totaling \$2,470,306 resulting in a YTD surplus of \$390,637. Member registration revenue is less than anticipated. Boys/Girls ODP, Junior State Cup, DA, and sponsorship revenue are ahead of budget at this time. On the expense side, payroll taxes/processing and coach education expenses are up. Boys/Girls ODP expenses and insurance costs are likely to be higher next month.

Recording Secretary Report: Connie Campbell

No Report.

MSPSP Chairperson Report: Oscar Castañeda

Excused.

Recreational Director Report: Doug Prim

Fall registration is underway across the state. Hoping to see an uptick in registration due to World Cup interest.

MSA (Adult) Report: Gerhard Mengel

Excused.

SYRA Report: Ron Grobbel

5,423 certified officials as of June 30! 34 new referee courses are scheduled, and the new 'Laws of the Game' went into effect July 1. Also, the SRC is presenting a few courses at the Soccer Expo in Novi.

Metro Southwest Report: Wendy Zielen

Excused. No Report.

Metro Central Report: Mike Egnotovich

No Report.

Metro East Report: Anthony Spica

No Report.

North District Report: Alyssa Harrold

Midland and TBAYS had teams attend the National Presidents Cup! Also, Alyssa received questions from within her district on the recent age change that were referred to the State Office for handling.

West District Report: Bre Brendsel

Rapids FC is starting a Top Soccer program in the Grand Rapids area!

Nominating Committee Report: Susan Jaske

To date, formal nominations, in advance of the 2027 AGM, have been received for MSYSA Vice President, Recording Secretary, North District Commissioner, Metro East District Commissioner, & West District Commissioner.

Immediate Past President: Mike Poulos

No Report.

Staff Report: Tom Faro (Executive Director)

The Nationals Union 2010 Girls team are USYS National Champions!

The ECNL RL & GA leagues have adversely impacted Fall State Cup numbers.

‘National 1’ teams have been placed into divisions and scheduling is underway.

The new ‘Parent/Coach Behavior’ Committee will meet via ‘Zoom’ in August to discuss/address recent trends.

Staff Report: Mark Zathey (Technical Director)

A ‘B’ coaching license was canceled due to a lack of registered participants. Mark extended appreciation to the SRC for referee/coach education collaboration. ODP tryouts had approximately 887 players try-out!

The 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 Boys (A & B) teams will participate in the Far West ODP Championships in Jan. The 2013, 2014, and 2015 Girls will also participate in Far West ODP Championships in Jan. 2027.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Motion: (Alyssa Harrold) To provisionally approve Boyne SC as an MSYSA Direct Member, effective immediately, until the 2027 MSYSA AGM.

Second: (Connie Campbell)

Discussion: Boyne SC meets Direct Member requirements and will be assigned to the North District.

Motion: Approved.

Motion: (Connie Campbell) To approve Saturday, June 12, 2027, as MSYSA’s official try-out start date for premier and select competitive level teams in 2027.

Second: (Doug Prim)

Discussion: None.

Motion: Approved.

Motion: (Doug Prim) To deactivate Dearborn Heights SC as an MSYSA Direct Member, effective immediately.

Second: (Connie Campbell)

Discussion: Dearborn Heights SC is currently not in compliance with direct member requirements and remains delinquent on its registration fees.

Motion: Approved.

For the Good of the Game:

Saline FC, along with other neighboring clubs, hosted a four (4) day camp comprised of female coaches and female athletes only that was very well received.

Representatives of the SRC presented at the NATO Sports Officiating Summit in Grand Rapids, MI.

Congrats extended to Alyssa Harrold and her 2012 MU NMFC Girls team for their success in the National League Cup!

The next regular meeting of the MSYSA Board of Directors (Non-Reporting) is also on **Monday, August 31, 2026**, at 6:30 PM, via 'Zoom'.

With no additional business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Connie Campbell".

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