

**US Chess**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**May 9th, 2023**

*This document is a summary of the proceedings of this meeting. It includes motions made, action items accepted, and subjects discussed.*

Executive Board members present:

Randy Bauer, President

Kevin Pryor, Vice President

Chuck Unruh, VP of Finance

Fun Fong, Secretary

Carol Meyer, Executive Director

David Day, Member

John Fernandez, Member

David Hater, Member

Mike Hoffpauir, Member

President Bauer called the meeting to order and called the roll to establish the quorum. Vice President Kevin Pryor joined the meeting late.

There were no new conflicts of interest.

### **Open Session 1**

**EB23-049- Fong** – I move the adoption of the April 2023 minutes.

**PASSED 7-0**

Vice President (VP) of Finance, Chuck Unruh, gave his financial report:

- Net worth is increasing.
- Interest rates are stabilizing for investments.
- Expenses are increasing, but revenues are keeping pace.

Executive Director (ED) Meyer reported:

- The High School event's expenses have been completely, or mostly recorded.
- There are still a few invoices outstanding from the Middle School event.
- There are funds from the registration fees for the upcoming Elementary event, with more than 2,000 players registered.
- Overall expenses are up due to the general increase in prices for everything.
- The cycle of scholastic events are expected to yield a small profit for the year.

President Bauer spoke of the necessity of increased costs involved in expanding the US Chess staff numbers to deliver the mission. VP Unruh concurred.

The meeting went into closed session.

## **Open Session 2**

Five motions were read into the record.

**EB23-50 – Board** - The Executive Board moves that suspensions be lifted on all expired member records without a “suspended until” date.

**PASSED 8-0**

**EB23-51- Board** - The US Chess Executive Board moves to ratify the resignation of GM Alejandro Ramirez from the US Chess Federation as communicated on March, 10, 2023. Further, the Executive Board moves to permanently ban GM Ramirez from being a US Chess member.

**PASSED 8-0**

**EB23-52 – Board** - Effective immediately: any FIDE rated hybrid event registered does not have the endorsement of the National Federation Zonal 2.1 USA to be used as a playing venue.

**PASSED 8-0**

**EB23-53 – Board** - The Executive Board moves to approve the contract with Hargrove for tables at the 2023 National Elementary.

**PASSED 8-0**

**EB23-54- Board** - The Executive Board moves to approve the contract with the Courtyard Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan for additional hotel rooms for the 2023 U.S. Open.

**PASSED 8-0**

The meeting adjourned.