

MOTIONS OF THE US CHESS EXECUTIVE BOARD IN FY 2023 - 2024

Key: C = Phone Conf. Call, E = Electronic Portal, M = Physical Meeting,
I = Internet Video Conference

Motion #	Sponsor	Date/Method	Subject	Disposition
EB24-001	Pryor	8-6-2023 M	President Named	PASSED 8-0
EB24-002	Bauer	8-6-2023 M	Vice President Named	PASSED 8-0
EB24-003	D'Aquin	8-6-2023 M	Vice President of Finance	PASSED 8-0
EB24-004	Bauer	8-6-2023 M	Secretary Named	PASSED 8-0
EB24-005	Board	8-6-2023 M	Partner with CCA to organize the 2024 Pan American Youth Festival/Competition	PASSED 8-0
EB24-006	Board	8-6-2023 M	Approve initial 2023-2024 Committee List	PASSED 8-0
EB24-007	Board	8-15-2023 M	Approve Rosen Shingle Creek contract	PASSED 8-0
EB24-008	Hoffpauir	8-16-2023 E	Approve the minutes from 8-3-2023	PASSED 8-0
EB24-009	Hoffpauir	8-16-2023 E	Approve the minutes from 8-6-2023	PASSED 8-0
EB24-010	Hoffpauir	8-16-2023 E	Approve the minutes from 8-15-2023	PASSED 8-0
EB24-011	Board	8-18-2023 E	Approval of the Scholastic Regulations	PASSED 8-0
EB24-012	Board	9-12-2023 I	Appointment of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee	PASSED 8-0
EB24-013	Board	9-12-2023 I	Approval of contract with the Hyatt Regency Baltimore for the 2026 National Elementary Championships	PASSED 8-0
EB24-014	Board	9-12-2023 I	Approval of agreement between US Chess and Element 3 Health	PASSED 8-0
EB24-015	Board	9-15-2023 E	Addition of Paul Swaney to the Chess in Education (CIE) Committee	PASSED 8-0
EB24-016	Board	9-20-2023 I	Appointment of David Hater as US Chess FIDE Delegate	PASSED 7-0-1
EB24-017	Board	9-22-2023 I	Adoption of the EB meeting Minutes from 9-12-2023	PASSED 8-0
EB24-018	Fernandez	10-1-2023 I	Addition of Bill Brioch to FIDE Events Committee	PASSED 8-0
EB24-019	Board	10-18-2023 I	Permanent ban for IM Alexey Diulger, US Chess ID 14584110	WITHDRAWN
EB24-020	Board	10-18-2023 I	Nominees for induction to US Chess Hall of Fame	PASSED 7-0
EB24-021	Board	10-23-2023 E	Approve minutes from the special board meeting 9-20-2023	PASSED 8-0
EB24-022	Board	11-14-2023 I	Approval of the Minutes for the EB meeting on 9-12-2023	PASSED 8-0
EB24-023	Board	11-14-2023 I	Approval of the Minutes for the EB meetings on 10-18-2023	PASSED 7-0
EB24-024	Board	11-14-2023 I	Reconsider EB23-019	PASSED 8-0
EB24-025	Board	11-14-2023 I	Permanent ban for IM Alexey Diulger	PASSED 8-0

EB24-026	Board	11-14-2023 I	Approve updating the Endowment Fund Trust's documents	PASSED 8-0
EB24-027	Board	12-02/03-2023 M	Approve 11-14-2023 Executive Board Minutes	PASSED 8-0
EB24--028	Board	12-02/03-2023 M	Recommendation to FIDE to remove Alejandro Ramirez from their list of USA players	PASSED 8-0
EB24-029	Board	12-02/03-2023 M	Revocation of Timor Gareyev's membership with a permanent ban on him from anything endorsed by US Chess	PASSED 8-0
EB24-030	Board	12-02/03-2023 M	Recommendation to FIDE to remove Timor Gareyev from their list of USA players	PASSED 8-0
EB24-031	Board	12-02/03-2023 M	Establishment of Governance Task Force	PASSED 8-0
EB24-032	Board	12-02/03-2023 M	Authorization to the ED to approve contract with the Hilton Anatole, Dallas, for the April 2028 Middle School Championships	PASSED 8-0
EB24-033	Board	12-02/03-2023 M	Authorization to the ED to approve contract with the Hilton Anatole, Dallas, for the 2027 US Open	PASSED 8-0
EB24-034	Board	12-02/03-2023 M	Authorization to the ED to approve contracts worth less than \$25,000 and bring attention of EB to any significant contracts of lesser value	PASSED 8-0
EB24-035	Board	12-4-2023 E	Minutes from the EB Meeting (Open Session) in St. Louis	PASSED 8-0
EB24-036	Meyer	12-10-2023 E	Skvare Contracts for Hosting/Bulk Email/Maintenance/Development	PASSED 8-0
EB24-037	Board	12-18-2023 E	Agreement with Bestow Accounting (Formerly Altruic)	PASSED 8-0
EB24-038	Board	12-20-2023 E	Approve Revised Safe Play Policy	PASSED 8-0
EB24-039	Hoffpauir	12-29-2023 E	Approve event rules for six state scholastic championships	PASSED 8-0
EB24-040	Board	1-9-2024 E	Approve 2026 U.S. Open Contract	PASSED 8-0
EB24-041	Board	1-9-2024 I	Establish a Governance Task Force	PASSED 7-0
EB24-042	Board	1-9-2024 I	Resignation of US Chess Executive Director Carol Meyer	PASSED 7-0
EB24-043	Board	1-9-2024 I	Appoint Ranae Bartlett, the US Chess Director of Operations, as US Chess's Interim Executive Director	PASSED 7-0
EB24-044	Board	1-9-2024 E	Approve Minutes of January 2024 EB meeting	PASSED 8-0
EB24-045	Board	1-18-2024 E	2026 U.S. Open Hotel Contracts	PASSED 8-0
EB24-046	Bauer	1-18-2024 E	Add members to Governance Task Force	PASSED 8-0
EB24-047	Board	1-29-2024 E	Hyland Regency Orlando for 2028, 2030, and 2032 K-12	PASSED 8-0

EB24-048	Board	1-31-2024 E	Contracts for Rosen Shingle Creek (Orlando, FL) 2029, 2031, 2033 K-12 Grade Nationals	PASSED 8-0
EB24-049	Board	2-13-2024 E	Approval of updated Membership Terms and Conditions	PASSED 8-0
EB24-050	Board	2-13-2024 I	Denial of Timur Gareyev's appeal	PASSED 8-0
EB24-051	Board	2-13-2024 I	Revised signatories on Bank of America accounts	PASSED 8-0
EB24-052	Board	2-13-2024 I	Revised signatories on Regions Bank accounts	PASSED 8-0
EB24-053	Board	2-13-2024 I	Approve Assurance Dimensions to provide audit and tax filing services for the next three fiscal years	PASSED 8-0
EB24-054	Board	2-14-2024 E	Approval of proposal for new rating system	PASSED 8-0
EB24-055	Hoffpauir	2-26-2024 E	Minutes, Feb 13, 2024, Executive Board Meeting	PASSED 8-0
EB24-056	Board	3-8-2024 E	Hargrove contract for 2024 Nationals HS	PASSED 8-0
EB24-057	Bauer	3-16/17-24 M	Confirmation of Ranae Bartlett as Executive Director	PASSED 8-0
EB24-058	Board	3-16/17-2024 M	Working group established in support of DM23-35	PASSED 8-0
EB24-059	Board	3-16/17-2024 M	Calling a Special Delegates Meeting 6-1-2024	PASSED 8-0
EB24-060	Board	3-16/17-2024 M	Remove temporary Covid 19 restrictions from the Grand Prix rules	PASSED 8-0
EB24-061	Board	3-16/17-2024 M	Expansion of tournaments eligible for the US Chess Federation Grand Prix	PASSED 8-0
EB24-062	Board	3-16/17-2024 M	Approve Certification of Incumbency	PASSED 8-0
EB24-063	Board	3-16/17-2024 M	Top woman finisher in the US Senior Open shall receive an invitation to the US Open from 2024	PASSED 8-0
EB24-064	Board	3-16/17-2024 M	Paid Family Leave	PASSED 8-0
EB24-065	Board	3-16/17-2024 M	Flag on Logan Moore's record	PASSED 8-0
EB24-066	Board	3-16/17-2024 M	David Hater reappointed US Chess's FIDE Delegate	PASSED 7-0-1
EB24-067	Board	3-16/17-2024 M	Parity in appearance fees	PASSED 8-0
EB24-068	Board	3-16/17-2024 M	Appropriation for World Senior Team Championships	PASSED 8-0
EB24-069	Board	3-16/17-2024 M	Suspension of US Chess rated tournaments in the US Virgin Islands (USVI)	PASSED 8-0
EB24-070	Hoffpauir	3-21-2024 E	Minutes March 16/17, 2024 Executive Board Meeting	PASSED 8-0
EB24-071	Board	3-22-2024 E	2029 Super Nationals hotel contract	PASSED 8-0

EB24-072	Board	3-22-2024 E	2029 Super Nationals hotel, food, and license agreements	PASSED 8-0
EB24-073	Board	3-29-2024 E	Ratings System Software Agreement	PASSED 8-0
EB24-074	Board	4-9-2024 E	Approve ED's contract	PASSED 8-0
EB24-075	Board	4-9-2024 E	Approve US Chess Whistleblower policy	PASSED 8-0
EB24-076	Board	4-9-2024 I	Establishment of Data Quality Project	PASSED 6-0
EB24-077	Hoffpauir	4-18-2024 E	Approve Minutes of April 9, 2024, EB Meeting	PASSED 8-0
EB24-078	Board	4-23-2024 E	Approve US Chess Sales Inc contract extension	PASSED 8-0
EB24-079	Board	4-23-2024 I	Approve final report of DC State Chapter Committee	PASSED 8-0
EB24-080	Board	4-23-2024 I	Appeal of Arnaldo Ferragut - Denied	PASSED 8-0
EB24-081	Board	4-23-2024 I	Tyrell Harriott – revocation of membership	PASSED 7-0-1
EB24-082	Board	5-5-2024 E	Approve Minutes of 4-23-2024, Special Executive Board Meeting	PASSED 8-0
EB24-083	Board	5-14-2024 I	Cancellation of Special Delegates Meeting 6-1-2024	PASSED 8-0
EB24-084	Board	5-14-2024 I	Amendment to EB24-081	PASSED 8-0
EB24-085	Board	5-14-2024 I	Suspension of TD Gerardo Anaya Rodriguez's certification	PASSED 8-0
EB24-086	Board	5-14-2024 I	Suspend Mr. Pejman Sagart's US Chess membership	PASSED 8-0
EB24-087	Board	5-15-2024 E	Approve Minutes of May 14, 2024, EB Monthly Meeting	PASSED 8-0
EB24-088	Board	5-16-2024 E	Approve the awardees for the 2024 Annual Meeting	PASSED 8-0
EB24-089	Board	6-11-2024 I	Dan Heisman Award to Tim Tusing	PASSED 8-0
EB24-090	Board	6-11-2024 I	GM Arnold Denker National Tournament of High School Champions	PASSED 6-0
EB24-091	Board	6-11-2024 I	Revocation of the US Chess membership of James Penisten (US Chess ID 30659818)	PASSED 7-0
EB24-092	Board	6-19-2024 E	Safe Play Appeal Process foe 2024 AM	PASSED 8-0
EB24-093	Board	6-20-2024 E	Recommend DC Chess Association as DC State Chapter	PASSED 8-0
EB24-094	Board	6-21-2024 E	EB Sanction of GM Hans Niemann	PASSED 8-0
EB24-095	Board	6-24-2024	Approve Minutes of June 11, 2024, EB Monthly Meeting	PASSED 8-0
EB24-096	Hoffpauir	6-27-2024	Approve Minutes of December 12, 2023, EB Monthly Meeting	PASSED 8-0

The first meeting of the 2023-2024 US Chess Executive Board took place on August 6, 2023, at the US Open in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

EB24-001 – PRYOR - I nominate Randy Bauer (IA) as President of US Chess.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-002 – BAUER -I nominate Kevin Pryor (FL) as Vice President of US Chess.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-003 – D'AQUIN -I nominate Chuck Unruh (OK) as Vice President of Finance of US Chess.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-004 – BAUER -I nominate Mike Hoffpauir (VA) as Secretary.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-005 – BOARD -The Executive Board moves that US Chess, in partnership with the Chess Confederation of the Americas (CCA), organize and host the 2024 Pan American Youth Chess Festival/Championships in Orlando, FL, in July 2024.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-006 – BOARD The Executive Board moves to approve the initial appointments as listed for EB-appointed committees for 2023-24.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-007 – BOARD: The Executive Board moves to adopt the contract with the Rosen Shingle Creek for the 2024 Pan American Youth Chess Championship.
PASSED 8-0

Context: US Chess will organize and host the tournament in Orlando at the Rosen Shingle Creek in mid-July 2024.

EB24-008 - HOFFPAUIR- I move that the Executive Board (EB) approve the meeting minutes from the EB Open Session held in Grand Rapids, MI, on Thursday, August 3, 2023.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-009 - HOFFPAUIR - I move that the Executive Board (EB) approve the meeting minutes from the EB Open Session held in Grand Rapids, MI, on Sunday, August 6, 2023.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-010 - Hoffpauir - I move that the Executive Board (EB) approve the meeting minutes from the EB Open Session held via Zoom on Tuesday, August 15, 2023.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-011 – BOARD - The Executive Board moves to approve the 2023-24 National Scholastic Chess Tournament Regulations with an effective date of September 1, 2023.

Context: The Scholastic Council drafted these regulations in collaboration with EB Liaisons Mike Hoffpauir and David Hater. They were reviewed by Boyd Reed and Pete Karagianis, with slight modifications recommended. The Scholastic Council and Pete Karagianis resolved the differences and produced the final draft that is ready for EB voting. Vote is needed ASAP so the Director of Events can use the Regulations to plan for the 2023 K12 Grade Nationals.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-012 – BOARD: The Executive Board moves to appoint Michael Aigner (CA), Louis Reed (TX), Martha Underwood (AZ), Christina Schweiss (VA), Saiya Karamali (WA), Daaim Shabazz (FL), Abhinav Suresh (NE), and Robin Ramson (DC) to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-013 – BOARD: The Executive Board moves to approve the contract with the Hyatt Regency Baltimore for guest rooms to support the 2026 National Elementary Championships.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-014 – BOARD: The Executive Board moves to adopt the agreement between US Chess and Element 3 Health.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-015 – BOARD - The Executive Board moves to add Paul Swaney to the Chess in Education Committee.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-016 – BOARD - The Executive Board moves to appoint David Hater as the USA Chess Federation Delegate to FIDE effective immediately through Dec 31, 2023.
PASSED 7-0-1 (with David Hater abstaining)

EB24-017 – BOARD - The Executive Board moves to approve the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting held via Zoom on Tuesday, September 12, 2023.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-018 - BOARD - The Executive Board moves to add Bill Broich (IA) to the FIDE Events Committee.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-019 – BOARD - The Executive Board moves to permanently ban IM Alexey Diulger, US Chess ID 14584110 (a/k/a Alex Dugler and Alexey Diulgher), from membership in the US Chess Federation for violations of US Chess Safe Play Guidelines; to permanently ban IM Diulger, FIDE ID 13900730, from using his International Master title to gain entry into any US Chess-rated event; and, to permanently bar him from attending any US Chess-rated tournaments or activities sanctioned by the US Chess Federation. The Executive Board further moves to report IM Diulger's activities to FIDE (the World Chess Federation) and the Moldovan Chess Federation.
WITHDRAWN

EB24-020 – BOARD - The Executive Board accepts the recommendations of the US Chess Recognitions Committee to nominate IM Jeremy Silman, Charles Henry Stanley, and Bruce Pandolfini for induction into the US Chess Hall of Fame. The Executive Board further recommends two-time US Champion GM Patrick Wolff and Correspondence World Champion Jonathan Edwards for induction into the US Chess Hall of Fame.
PASSED 7-0 (with David Hater not present)

EB24-021 - BOARD - The Executive Board moves to approve the minutes of the Special Executive Board meeting of September 20, 2023.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-022 –BOARD: The Board moved to approve the September 2023 Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-023 – BOARD: The Board also moved to approve the October 2023 Minutes of the Executive Board meeting.
PASSED 7-0 (with David Hater abstaining as he was not present at the meeting on 10-18-2023)

EB24-024 – BOARD: The Executive Board moves to reconsider EB24-019 regarding IM Alexey Diulger, US Chess ID 14584110, that was PASSED at the October 18 Executive Board Meeting.
PASSED 8-0 As a result of EB24-024 motion EB24-019 is hereby withdrawn.

EB24-025 - BOARD: Under the authority of Article III, Section 12 of the US Chess Bylaws, the Executive Board moves to revoke the US Chess membership of IM Alexey Diulger, US Chess ID 14584110 for being a threat to the safety of US Chess members. The Executive Board further moves to permanently ban IM Diulger, FIDE ID 13900730, from using his International Master title to gain entry into any US Chess-rated event; to permanently bar him from attending any US Chess rated tournaments or activities sanctioned by the US Chess Federation; and to report IM Diulger's activities to FIDE (the World Chess Federation) and the Moldovan Chess Federation. In accordance with the US Chess Bylaws the Executive Board is providing IM Diulger with 30 days of written notice to respond to these proposed actions before the specifications take effect.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-026 – BOARD: The Executive Board moves to approve the Endowment Fund Trust Trustee's restated Investment Policy Statement and the First Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust that updates the incorporation documents of the Endowment Fund Grantor Trust.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-027 – BOARD: The Executive Board moves to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023, Executive Board Meeting.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-028 – BOARD: The Executive Board moves to recommend that FIDE remove GM Alejandro Ramirez, FIDE ID 6500617, from the list of FIDE players flagged as USA.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-029 – BOARD: The Executive Board moves to revoke the US Chess Federation membership of GM Timur Gareyev, US Chess ID 13262157, and to permanently ban him from appearing at, attending, or participating in any events or activities organized, sanctioned, or to be rated by the US Chess Federation or any of its affiliates.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-030 – BOARD: The Executive Board moves to recommend that FIDE remove GM Timur Gareyev, FIDE ID 14200937, from the list of FIDE players flagged as USA.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-031– BOARD: Under the authority of DM 23-44, the Executive Board moves to establish a Governance Task Force with membership to be determined by the Executive Board for a first meeting no later than January 15, 2024.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-032 – BOARD: The Executive Board moves to authorize the Executive Director to approve the contract with the Hilton Anatole (Dallas, TX) as the host site for the 2028 Middle School Championships in April 2028.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-033 – BOARD: The Executive Board moves to authorize the Executive Director to approve the contract with the Hilton Anatole (Dallas, TX) as the host site for the 2027 US Open.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-034 – BOARD: The Executive Board moves to authorize the Executive Director to approve all contracts less than \$25,000 and to bring to the attention of the Executive Board lesser value contracts of significance.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-035 – BOARD-: The Executive Board moves to approve the minutes of the EB Meeting held 2-3 December 2023, in St. Louis, MO.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-036 – MEYER: The Executive Board moves to approve the Hosting/Bulk Email/Maintenance/Development contracts with Skvare.

Rationale: Skvare has been our CiviCRM/Drupal partner providing the above-mentioned services.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-037 – BOARD -: The Executive Board moves to approve the Consulting Agreement with Bestow Accounting (formerly Altruic) for CFO, audit support, budget support and monthly financial reporting services.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-038 - BOARD -: The Executive Board moves to adopt the revised Safe Play Policy document, to take effect upon passage on January 1, 2024.

Rationale: The Safe Play Policy document replaces the Safe Play Guidelines, extending they scope of the Policy to all US Chess rated events and other US Chess activities (e.g. committee meetings, Delegates' meeting). The Executive Board recognizes that this is a living document, which will continue to evolve.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-039 – BOARD -: **The Executive Board** moves to approve the Event Rules for the following six (6) National Scholastic and Senior Invitational Tournaments of State Champions: Denker (High School), Barber (Middle School), Rockefeller (Elementary), Haring (Girls), Irwin (Senior), and Weeramantry (Blitz) as updated by the US Chess National State Invitationals Committee.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-040– BOARD -: The Executive Board approves the Devos Place contract and accompanying policy for the 2026 U.S. Open in Grand Rapids, Michigan.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-041 - BOARD: In accordance with DM23-42, the Executive Board moves to appoint a Governance Task Force (GTF) to create a policies and procedures document and to examine and revise the existing DACI as part of that document. The GTF will provide recommendations to the Executive Board who will then make recommendations to the Delegates at a future meeting. As members of the GTF the Executive Board moves to appoint Randy Bauer (IA), Leila D'Aquin (LA), Lakshmana (Vish) Viswanath (TX), Steve Doyle (NJ), John McCrary (SC), and Kimberly Doo (NY), with the option to add additional members.
PASSED 7-0 (with VP Kevin Pryor not present for the vote)

EB24-042 – BOARD: The Executive Board moves to accept the resignation of US Chess Executive Director Carol Meyer and that her final day as Executive Director is Friday, February 9, 2024.
PASSED 7-0 (with VP Kevin Pryor not present for the vote)

EB24-043 – BOARD: The Executive Board moves to appoint Ranae Bartlett, the US Chess Director of Operations, as US Chess's Interim Executive Director effective Saturday, February 10, 2024.
PASSED 7-0 (with VP Kevin Pryor not present for the vote)

EB24-044 – The Executive Board (EB) moves to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, January 9, 2024, meeting of the EB conducted over Zoom. The minutes of the meeting contain three (3) motions developed during the EB's closed session.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-045– BOARD: The Executive Board moves to approve the hotel contracts with the Amway Grand and Courtyard Hotels for the 2026 U.S. Open in Grand Rapids, Michigan. These contracts are companions to the Devos Place contract, the site of the U.S. Open tournament.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-046 - BAUER- I move that the Executive Board add the following members to the Governance Task Force, which is tasked with creating a policies and procedures documented to examine and revise the existing DACI as part of that document. The additional members will be David Day (Utah) and Robert Greer (West Virginia).
PASSED 8-0

EB24-047– BOARD - The Executive Board moves to approve the hotel contracts with the Hyatt Regency Orlando for the 2028, 2030, and 2032 K-12 Grade Nationals in Orlando, Florida.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-048- BOARD -The Executive Board approves contracts for the 2029, 2031, 2033 K-12 Grade Nationals with the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel in Orlando, Florida.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-049 – BOARD - The Executive Board approves updates to the Membership Terms and Conditions as attached.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-050 - BOARD: The Executive Board moves to deny the appeal of GM Timur Gareyev, US Chess ID 13262157, which he filed in response to Executive Board motions passed on December 3, 2023 (EB24-029), to permanently ban him from US Chess membership under the authority of Article III, Section 12 of the US Chess Bylaws, and to recommend that FIDE deregister him from the USA federation. US Chess will notify GM Gareyev in writing of this denial and inform him of his right to appeal the Executive Board's decision to the Board of Delegates at the next Annual Meeting in early August 2024.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-051 – BOARD: The Executive Board moves to update and approve the assignment of the Bank of America account ownership and related matters for the US Chess Federation by revising the signatories to its accounts with Bank of America as follows: 1) to remove the existing signatories Randy Bauer, Chuck Unruh, Carol Meyer, and Korey Kormick; and, 2) to replace them with Randy Bauer, Chuck Unruh, Korey Kormick, and Ranae Bartlett as new signatories.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-052 – BOARD: The Executive Board moves to update and approve the assignment of the Regions Bank account ownership and related matters for the US Chess Federation by revising the signatories to its accounts with Regions Bank as follows: 1) to remove the existing signatories Christine Green, Carol Lenhardt, and Korey Kormick; and 2) to replace them with Christine Green, Korey Kormick, and Ranae Bartlett as new signatories.
PASSED 8-0

EB24-053 – BOARD: The Executive Board moves to approve the firm of Assurance Dimensions for the next three fiscal years to provide audit and tax filing services beginning with fiscal year 2023-24. The motion is based on a recommendation from the Financial Committee that reviewed and interviewed various audit firms in response to an earlier Request for Proposal.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-054 – BOARD - The Executive Board approves accepting the proposal submitted by LeaGo to rebuild the current ratings system by building a comprehensive system architecture, rebuilding the current rating engine, rebuilding the current player/game database and website (Member Services Area), and migrating player/game database to the new system. Terms of the engagement and contract will be considered by the Executive Board at a subsequent meeting.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-055 – HOFFPAUIR - I move that the Executive Board approve the minutes of the board's meeting at 8 pm (eastern) on Tuesday, Feb 13, 2024. The meeting was held using the Zoom teleconference platform.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-056 - BOARD - The Executive Board moves to approve the Hargrove contract for carpeting at 2024 National HS.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-057 – BAUER – Effective March 16, 2024, the Executive Board moves to appoint Ranae Bartlett to the position of Executive Director, US Chess Federation.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-058 – BOARD – In support of DM23-35 (Avoiding Duplicate US Chess IDs), the Executive Board moves to establish a working group consisting of VP Kevin Pryor (FL) and EB members Leila D’Aquin (LA), David Hater (GA), Mike Hoffpauir (VA), and Lakshmana Viswanath (TX) to work with the office and the website development team.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-059 – BOARD – In support of DM23-50 (Establish DC State Chapter Committee), the Executive Board moves to convene a Special Delegates Meeting on June 1, 2024, to hear the report prepared by the committee formed by the DM. Meeting materials provided to the Delegates for this Special Meeting will include the report prepared by the committee, enabling the Delegates to take further action as appropriate regarding the new state chapter.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-060 – BOARD – The Executive Board moves to remove, effective April 30, 2024, the temporary change to US Chess Grand Prix rules implemented during the Covid-19 Pandemic and to return to previous Grand Prix Requirements.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-061 – BOARD – The Executive Board moves to allow tournaments limited to seniors, juniors, women, or college students to be eligible for the US Chess Federation Grand Prix, provided they satisfy the other Grand Prix requirements.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-062 – BOARD – The Executive Board moves to approve the Certificate of Incumbency requested by the Estate of Bernard Goodman.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-063 – BOARD – The Executive Board moves that the top woman finisher in the US Senior Open (using tie-breaks if necessary) shall receive an invitation to the US Women’s Senior Championship beginning in 2024.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-064 – BOARD - The Executive Board moves to adopt a Paid Family Leave Policy for its employees.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-065 – BOARD – The Executive Board moves to place a flag on the official record of former US Chess member Logan Moore, US Chess ID #30203399, to prohibit his ability to renew his membership or otherwise rejoin US Chess until such time as he is cleared of the criminal charges against him.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-066 – BOARD - The Executive Board moves to re-appoint David Hater as the US Chess Federation Delegate to FIDE. The term of this appointment is through the end of the 2026 FIDE Olympiad.

PASSED 7-0-1 (with David Hater abstaining)

EB24-067 – BOARD – The Executive Board moves to establish parity in the appearance fees offered to the Open and Women’s Teams officially representing the USA in the Senior World Team Championship and the Senior Women's World Team Championship. The level of funding shall be set by the EB annually.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-068 – BOARD – The Executive Board moves to provide a total of \$15,000 in appearance fees to the Open Official Representative (OR) team (50+) or teams (50+ and 65+) and \$15,000 in support to the Women’s OR team (50+) or teams (50+ and 65+) for the 2024 World Senior Team Championships.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-069 – BOARD – The Executive Board moves to suspend indefinitely the ability of US Chess Tournament Directors and Affiliates to advertise or organize US Chess rated tournaments to be held or hosted in the US Virgin Islands (USVI). This policy shall be reviewed annually or when necessary for continuation, change, or removal.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-070 – Hoffpauir - These are the proposed minutes of our EB meeting in St. Louis for your approval.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-071 – BOARD - The Executive Board moves to approve the attached contract with Hilton for the 2029 Super Nationals.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-072 – BOARD - The Executive Board moves to approve the attached contracts for the 2029 Super Nationals: Hotels: Hyatt Place, Westin, Sonesta, Hyatt Regency, Renaissance, Drury, Canopy, Graduate, Greater Columbus Convention Center Greater Columbus Sports Commission.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-073 – BOARD - The Executive Board moves to approve the attached agreement for a new Ratings System Software.

PASSED 8-0

EB20-074 - BOARD - The Executive Board moves to approve the contract to hire the Executive Director effective March 16, 2024.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-075 - BOARD - The Executive Board moves to approve the US Chess Whistleblower Policy for employees of the US Chess Federation. This policy is effective immediately.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-076–BOARD: In support of DM23-49 (Review information accessible to members, TDs, and other individuals and organizations), the Executive Board moves to establish a Data Quality Project with members consisting of VP Kevin Pryor (Chair), Josh Sinanan (Scholastic Council), Christina Schweiss (DEI), Larry Cohen (TDCC), and Jon Haskel to work with the office and the website development team.

PASSED 6-0, with President Bauer and VP Pryor not present.

EB24-077 - Hoffpauir - I move that the Executive Board approve the minutes of the Executive Board meeting held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-078 - BOARD - The Executive Board moves to approve the attached First Amendment to Amended and Restated Outsourcing Agreement and extend the term from May 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-079 – BOARD: The Executive Board has reviewed and moves to approve the final report of the “DC State Chapter Committee” created by the Delegates under DM23-50 at the 2023 Annual Meeting. The Executive Board further moves to recommend to the Board of Delegates that the Delegates approve the DC Chess Association as the DC State Chapter.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-080 – BOARD: The Executive Board moves to deny the appeal of Arnaldo Ferragut (US Chess ID 16244264) and to uphold the five (5) year suspension of his US Chess membership for intentional violations of the US Chess Code of Ethics. The Board also upholds all other elements.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-081 – BOARD: The Executive Board moves to revoke the US Chess Federation membership of Tyrell Harriott (US Chess ID 12677159) for violations of the US Chess Safe Play policy. In accordance with Section 12 of the Bylaws, Mr. Harriott has 30 days to appeal this decision in writing to the Executive Board. Throughout this period the 90-day suspension imposed by the Executive Director on March 18, 2024, shall remain in effect. If Mr. Harriott declines to appeal, whether by notifying US Chess or by not responding within 30 days to the Notification of Revocation and Advisement of the Right to Appeal, then the Board's motion to revoke his membership shall take effect and supersede the Executive Director's 90-day suspension of membership.

PASSED 7-0-1 (with David Hater abstaining)

EB24-082 – BOARD - The Executive Board moves to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the board held on Tuesday, April 23, 2024.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-083 - BOARD: The Executive Board moves to cancel the June 1, 2024, Special Delegates Meeting and instead the Delegates will hear the report from the DC State Chapter Committee at the Annual Meeting in August 2024. In addition, the Delegates shall receive the credentials of affiliates which have applied for designation as the DC State Chapter in accordance with Article VIII (Organizational Units), Section 1 (State Chapters) of the US Chess Bylaws, along with US Chess Executive Board recommendations at least one month before the Annual Meeting in August 2024.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-084 – BOARD: The Executive Board moves to amend EB24-081, the denial of the appeal of Arnaldo Ferragut (US Chess ID 16244264), by adding the recommendation of the Tournament Director Certification Committee to suspend Mr. Ferragut's US Chess Tournament Director credentials for five (5) years beyond the end of his 5-year membership suspension. The membership suspension shall end December 8, 2028, and the suspension of Tournament Director credentials shall end December 8, 2033.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-085 – BOARD: Having heard and denied the appeal of Mr. Arnaldo Ferragut (US Chess ID 16244264) in response to the complaint filed against Mr. Ferragut by Mr. Nicolas Alejandro De la Colina (US Chess ID 14936616), and having gained an understanding of the negligence of Mr. Gerardo Anaya Rodriguez (US Chess ID 16744331, FIDE ID 3515850) with regard to his responsibilities as Chief Arbiter for the CCBF Miami GM/IM Norm Invitational held Jan 19-25, 2023, the Executive Board moves to suspend Mr. Rodriguez's US Chess membership for 5 years (until April 23, 2029) and to also suspend his certification as a Tournament Director an additional 5 years (until April 23, 2034) beyond the suspension of his US Chess membership. Mr. Rodriguez is granted 30 days in which to appeal the Executive Board's decision.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-086 – BOARD: Having reviewed the results of the Safe Play investigation of a complaint brought forth against Mr. Pejman Sagart (US Chess ID 12536658) the Executive Board moves to suspend the US Chess membership of Mr. Sagart for two (2) years effective May 15, 2024, but to withhold implementation of the suspension during this two (2) year period. If, during these two (2) years, another credible accusation is brought forth against Mr. Sagart, the Executive Board reserves the right to activate the two (2) year suspension with an effective date beginning the day of the Executive Board's approval to suspend.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-087 - BOARD- The Executive Board moves to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024, meeting of the US Chess Executive Board.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-088- BOARD - The Executive Board moves to approve the names on the attached list for recognitions and awards at the 2024 Annual Meeting.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-089 - BOARD: The Executive Board moves to confer the Dan Heisman Award for Excellence in Chess Instruction to Tim Tusing (FL).

PASSED 7-0

EB24-090 - BOARD: The Executive Board moves to accept the generous donation of Dewain R. Barber and Susan R. Barber to endow the GM Arnold Denker National Tournament of High School Champions.

PASSED 6-0

Note: When the EB voted on this motion it originally stated that the period of endowment was for 10 years, which EB member David Hater noted is not correct because the endowment has no specified end date. The motion as written above is the corrected version that was re-voted upon by the board. EB member Lakshmana Viswanath (Vish) had dropped from the call when this matter was re-voted.

EB24-091 - BOARD: The Executive Board moves to revoke the US Chess membership of James Penisten (US Chess ID 30659818) for violations of US Chess Safe Play policy.

PASSED 7-0.

EB24-092 - BOARD - The Executive Board moves to approve the Safe Play Appeal Process that will be used at the 2024 Annual Meeting.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-093 - BOARD - After carefully reviewing the DC Chapter applications submitted by DC State Chess Federation, DC Chess Association (DCCA) and Chess Club of Howard University, the Executive Board moves to approve the recommendation of the DC Chess Association (DCCA) as the DC State Chapter with the following recommendation to be printed in the Delegates Call: The Executive Board recommends to the Board of Delegates that the Delegates approve the D.C. Chess Association (DCCA) as the D.C. State Chapter.”

PASSED 8-0

EB24-094 - BOARD - Having reviewed the recommendation of the US Chess Ethics Committee in the case of Guadalupe vs. Niemann, **the Executive Board moves** to suspend the US Chess membership of GM Hans Niemann (US Chess ID 15041466) effective May 14, 2024, for one (1) year for violations of Section 6(a) of the US Chess Code of Ethics. However, in view of the fact that GM Niemann took responsibility for his actions the Executive Board further moves to set-aside the membership suspension for one (1) year through May 13, 2025. During the period of probation, should GM Niemann have another incident where his behavior brings disrepute on chess in a US Chess event or an event where GM Niemann is representing the USA in international competition, then the Executive Board may remove the probation and suspend GM Niemann's US Chess membership for at least one (1) year beginning the date the Executive Board votes to remove the probation.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-095 - BOARD - The Executive Board moves to approve the minutes of the monthly online Executive Board Meeting held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

PASSED 8-0

EB24-096 - Hoffpauir- Apparently, I never sought EB approval of these minutes. There were no motions passed at this meeting. Kevin missed roll call but came on later. John was not able to attend.

PASSED 8-0

