

## MOTIONS OF THE US CHESS EXECUTIVE BOARD IN FY 2024 - 2025

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

Motion #	Sponsor	Date/Method	Subject	Disposition
EB25-001	Bauer	8-4-2024 M	President Kevin Pryor named	PASSED 8-0
EB25-002	D'Aquin	8-4-2024 M	Vice President John Fernandez named	PASSED 8-0
EB25-003	Pryor	8-4-2024 M	Secretary Mike Hoffpauir named	PASSED 8-0
EB25-004	Bauer	8-4-2024 M	Vice President Finance Chuck Unruh named	PASSED 8-0
EB25-005	Board	8-4-2024 M	Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Co-Chairs Named for EB appointed Committees	PASSED 8-0
EB25-006	Board	8-5-2024 E	Approve 2024-2025 Scholastic Regulations	PASSED 8-0
EB25-007	Hoffpauir	8-13-2024 E	Approve Executive Board Minutes 8-4-2024	PASSED 8-0
EB25-008	Hoffpauir	8-14-2024 E	Approve Executive Board minutes 8-1-2024	PASSED 8-0
EB25-009	Hoffpauir	8-14-2024 E	Approve Executive Board Minutes 8-3-2024	PASSED 8-0
EB25-010	Board	8-17-2024 M	Revision to Cost of Voucher Memberships	PASSED 8-0
EB25-011	Hoffpauir	9-6-2024 E	Approve Executive Board Minutes 8-17-2024	PASSED 8-0
EB25-012	Board	9-10-2024 M	Approve the use of rainy-day funds	PASSED 7-0
EB25-013	Board	9-10-2024 M	Approve the 2024-2025 Committee List	PASSED 7-0
EB25-014	Board	9-11-2024 E	Approve Executive Board Minutes 9-10-2024	PASSED 8-0
EB25-015	Board	9-11-2024 E	Approve the Certification of Version 2.3.2 of ChessNoteR software	PASSED 8-0
EB25-016	Board	9-19-2024 E	Suspension of Gregory Nolan (US Chess ID 10158419)	PASSED 8-0
EB25-017	Board	10-21-2024 E	6-Month Probation of 6-Month Membership Suspension, Chad Ambrose	PASSED 8-0
EB25-018	Hoffpauir	10-21-2024 E	Approve Executive Board Minutes 10-8-2024	PASSED 8-0
EB25-019	Board	11-12-2024 M	One-year suspension for Shaun Graham-Bowcaster	PASSED 8-0
EB25-020	Board	11-15-2024 E	One-year suspension of a minor	PASSED 8-0
EB25-021	Hoffpauir	11-18-2024 E	Approve Executive Board Minutes 11-12-2024	PASSED 8-0

The first meeting of the 2024-2025 US Chess Executive Board took place on August 4, 2024, at the US Open in Norfolk, Virginia.

**EB25-001- Bauer** - moved to nominate Kevin Pryor for President.  
**PASSED 8-0**

**EB25-002 - D'Aquin** - moved to nominate John Fernandez for Vice President.  
**PASSED 8-0**

**EB25- 003 - Pryor** - moved to nominate Mike Hoffpauir for Secretary.  
**PASSED 8-0**

**EB25-004 – Bauer** - moved to nominate Charles Unruh for Vice President of Finance.  
**PASSED 8-0**

**EB25-005 - The Board** - moves to accept the names of EB-appointed Chairs, Vice-, and Co-chairs for members of EB-appointed committees as read by the Secretary at the Executive Board Open Meeting on 8/4/2024.

**PASSED 8-0**

**EB25-006 -The Executive Board** moves to approve the 2024-25 National Scholastic Chess Tournament Regulations with an effective date of September 1, 2024.

**PASSED 8-0**

**EB25-007 – Hoffpauir** - I move to approve the Minutes of the Executive Board Open Meeting held on Sunday, Aug 4, 2024, at 6 PM eastern time in Norfolk, VA.

**EB25-008 – Hoffpauir** - I move to approve the minutes of the Executive Board Open Meeting held at 10 AM on Thursday, Aug 1, in Norfolk, VA.

**EB25-009 – Hoffpauir** - I move that the Executive Board approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held the evening of Saturday, August 3, 2024, where the board discuss potential updates to US Chess membership rates.

**EB25-010 – BOARD-** Beginning September 1, 2024, the Executive Board moves to revise the cost of Voucher Memberships to become \$12 each for purchases of 300 or more vouchers, \$15 each for purchases of 100-299 vouchers, and \$18 each for purchases of 25-99 vouchers.

**PASSED 8-0**

**EB25-011 - Hoffpauir** - I move that the Executive Board approve the minutes of the meeting held in St. Louis and via Zoom on Saturday, Aug 17, 2024.

**PASSED 8-0**

**EB25-012 – BOARD:** The Executive Board moves to approve the use of Rainy-Day funds, a sub fund of the Reserve Fund held in a Charles Schwab account, during the cash shortfall as presented to the Delegates and approved by the same Delegates in the budget for US Chess fiscal year 2024-25.

**PASSED 7-0**, with EB Member Leila D’Aquin unavailable for the vote.

**EB25-013 – BOARD:** The Executive Board moves to approve the memberships for US Chess Executive Board-appointed committees as posted on the US Chess website.

**PASSED 7-0**, with EB member Leila D’Aquin unavailable for the vote.

**EB25-014 - BOARD** - The Executive Board moves to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2024, meeting of the US Chess Executive Board held on the Zoom platform.

**PASSED 8-0**

**EB25-015 – BOARD** - Approve the Certification of Version 2.3.2 of ChessNoteR software, which was tested at the Virginia Closed over Labor Day weekend by a legally blind player.

The Executive Board moves to approve and authorizes the President to sign the Letter of Certification for version 2.3.2 software for the Nexus 6 and Nexus 9 editions of the ChessNoteR electronic notation device provided by Black Mirror Studio in New Mexico. Versions 2.2.2 and 2.3.0 remain certified for use, but versions earlier than V2.2.2 are not authorized because they do not comply with US Chess electronic notation device standards. This certification only allows use of the ChessNoteR in US Chess-rated events where organizers allow players to use them. It does not mandate their use at any US Chess or FIDE event.

**PASSED 8-0**

**EB25-016 - BOARD** - The Executive Board moves to suspend the US Chess membership of Gregory Nolan (US Chess ID 10158419) for three (3) months effective September 21, 2024, followed by a period of probation for six (6) months for violations of the US Chess Safe Play Policy, Section III. Prohibited Conduct., Subsections A. Sexual Misconduct and D. Harassment. During the period of suspension or probation, if Mr. Nolan has another incident where he harasses or intimidates a US Chess member, then the Executive Board has the authority to lengthen the suspension or revoke the probation and suspend Mr. Nolan's US Chess membership for at least six (6) additional months beginning the date the Executive Board votes on the case.

**PASSED 8-0**

**EB25-017 - BOARD** - The Executive Board moves to suspend the US Chess membership of Chad D. Ambrose (ID 16395630) for six (6) months effective Friday, October 25, 2024, for violations of the US Chess Safe Play Policy, Section III (Prohibited Conduct), Subsections B (Bullying) and D (Harassment). The Executive Board further moves that the membership suspension be set aside and that Mr. Ambrose be placed on probation for six (6) months. During the six-month period of probation, should Mr. Ambrose have

another incident in which he violates the US Chess Safe Play Policy in connection with a US Chess sanctioned/rated event, then the Executive Board has the authority to revoke the probation and suspend Mr. Ambrose's US Chess membership for at least six (6) months beginning the date the Executive Board votes to remove the probation.

**PASSED 8-0**

**EB25-018 - Hoffpauir-** I move to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2024, meeting of the US Chess Executive Board held using Zoom.

**PASSED 8-0**

**EB25-019 - BOARD** - The Executive Board moves to suspend the US Chess membership of Shaun Graham-Bowcaster (US Chess ID 12590577), for one (1) year effective November 12, 2024, for violations of the US Chess Safe Play Policy, Section III (Prohibited Conduct), Subsections B. and D (Bullying and D. Harassment). The Executive Board further moves that the membership suspension be set aside and that Mr. Graham-Bowcaster be placed on probation for one (1) year through November 11, 2025. During the one-year period of probation, should Mr. Graham-Bowcaster have another incident in which he violates the US Chess Safe Play Policy in connection with a US Chess sanctioned or rated event, then the Executive Board has the authority to revoke the probation and suspend Mr. Graham-Bowcaster's US Chess membership for at least one (1) year beginning the date the Executive Board votes to remove the probation.

**PASSED 6-0-1 with VP of Finance Chuck Unruh abstaining and EB Vice President John Fernandez not present for the vote.**

**EB25-20- BOARD:** The US Chess Executive Board moves to suspend the US Chess membership of a minor for one (1) year effective November 15, 2024, through November 14, 2025, followed by a period of probation for five (5) years (until November 14, 2030), for violations of the US Chess Safe Play Policy, Section III (Prohibited Conduct), Subsections F. 1. a. (Contact violations) and F.1.c. (Criminal conduct). During the period of probation, any other incident in which the minor violates the Safe Play Policy will result in further sanctions.

**PASSED 8-0**

**NOTE: In the public version of this motion the player's name and US Chess ID will be replaced with "a minor".**

**EB25-021 - Hoffpauir** - I move that the minutes of the November 12, 2024, Executive Board meeting held through Zoom be approved.

**PASSED 8-0**