

March 8, 2025

**SUBJECT: Minutes of the US Chess Federation Executive Board Special Meeting,
Thursday, January 23, 2025**

- 1) **Purpose.** This document captures the minutes of the Executive Board (EB) Meeting held via Zoom on the subject date. All times listed are Eastern U.S.
- 2) **Call to Order and Roll Call.** President Kevin Pryor called the meeting to order at 8:02 PM. Executive Director Ranae Bartlett recorded the Open Sessions of the meeting using Zoom.
 - a. President Pryor called the roll and the following board members responded:
 - a) Kevin Pryor (FL), President
 - b) John Fernandez (MO), Vice President (VP)
 - c) Chuck Unruh (OK), Vice President for Finance (VPF)
 - d) Randy Bauer (IA), Member-at-Large
 - e) Leila D'Aquin (LA), Member-at-Large
 - f) David Hater (GA), Member-at-Large
 - g) Lakshmana (Vish) Viswanath (TX), Member-at-Large
 - h) Ranae Bartlett, Executive Director (ED)
 - b. Mike Hoffpauir (VA), Secretary was not present.
 - c. President Pryor asked board members whether anyone has a new conflict of interest to disclose. There were none.
- 3) The Executive Board went into its Closed Session at 8:18 PM and reconvened in Open Session at 10:03 PM. There were two Motions that emerged from the Closed Session.
 - a) **EB25-024:** The Executive Board moves to approve the contracts with DeVos Place and Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan to host the 2029 US Open. **APPROVED 5-2**, with Kevin Pryor, John Fernandez, Chuck Unruh, Randy Bauer and David Hater voting for, Leila D'Aquin and Vish Vishwanath voting against, and Mike Hoffpauir not present.
 - b) **EB25-025:** The Executive Board moves to approve the contract for the 2026 Middle School Nationals with Kalahari Resorts and Conventions in Round Rock, Texas. **APPROVED 7-0**, with Mike Hoffpauir not present.

With no further business to conduct, the Executive Board moved to and adjourned at 10:13 PM.

Prepared by: John Fernandez, EB Vice President