

March 8, 2025

**SUBJECT: Minutes of the US Chess Federation Executive Board Special Meeting, Friday,
January 31, 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 12:02 PM. Vice President John Fernandez 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
 - b. Lakshmana (Vish) Viswanath (TX), Member-at-Large, Mike Hoffpauir (VA), Secretary, and Ranae Bartlett (ED) were 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 12:04 PM and reconvened in Open Session at 12:43 PM, with Lakshmana (Vish) Viswanath (TX), Member-at-Large joining during Closed Session. There were two Motions that emerged from the Closed Session.
 - a) **EB25-027:** The Executive Board moves to approve the amended counteroffer regarding EB25-025 for the 2026 Middle School Nationals with Kalahari Resorts and Conventions in Round Rock, Texas. **FAILED 1-6**, with Leila D'Aquin voting for, Kevin Pryor, John Fernandez, Chuck Unruh, Randy Bauer, David Hater and Vish Vishwanath voting against, and Mike Hoffpauir not present.
 - b) **EB25-028:** The Executive Board moves to approve the contract for the 2026 & 2027 Middle School Nationals with Kalahari Resorts and Conventions in Round Rock, Texas. **APPROVED 6-0**, with, John Fernandez, Chuck Unruh, Randy Bauer, David Hater and Vish Vishwanath voting for, Leila D'Aquin voting against, and Mike Hoffpauir not present.

With no further business to conduct, the Executive Board moved to and adjourned at 12:47 PM.

Prepared by: John Fernandez, EB Vice President