

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Executive Board Special Open Meeting, Tuesday, April 23, 2024

1. Purpose. This document captures the minutes of the Executive Board (EB) Special Open Session Meeting held via Zoom on Tuesday, April 23, 2024.
2. President Bauer called the meeting to order at 8:04 pm Eastern time. Executive Director (ED) Ranae Bartlett started the Zoom recording. President Bauer explained that he called the meeting as President and in accordance with the US Chess Bylaws.
 - a. President Bauer called the roll and the following board members responded:
 - Randy Bauer (IA), President
 - Kevin Pryor (FL), Vice President
 - Chuck Unruh (OK), Vice President (VP) for Finance
 - Mike Hoffpauir (VA), Secretary
 - David Hater (GA), Member-at-Large
 - John Fernandez (MO), Member-at-Large
 - Lakshmana (Vish) Viswanath (TX), Member-at-Large
 - Leila D’Aquin (LA), Member-at-Large (Not Present for roll call, but joined at 8:08 pm)
 - Ranae Bartlett, Executive Director
3. President Bauer asked the members present whether they had any new conflicts of interest to disclose. There were none.
4. The Executive Board went into Closed Session at 8:06 pm.
5. The EB reconvened in Open Session at 9:21 pm Eastern Time. There were three (3) motions that emerged from the Closed Session.
 - a. **EB24-080 – 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.
Motion Passed 8-0.
 - b. **EB24-081 – BOARD:** The Executive Board moves to deny the appeal of Arnolando 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 of the Ethics Committee’s recommendations.
Motion Passed 8-0.
 - c. **EB24-082 – 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,

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then the Board's motion to revoke his membership shall take effect and supersede the Executive Director's 90-day suspension of membership.

Motion Passed 7-0-1 (with David Hater abstaining).

6. With no further business to conduct the Executive Board adjourned at 9:26 pm.

Prepared by: Mike Hoffpauir, EB Secretary