



## ***Board Meeting Minutes***

March 11, 2026

DASC Board Members Present: Jolene Nasser, Angela Herrboldt (by phone), Jesse Wright (by phone), Chuck Hewitt, Moses Idris, and Laura Francis, Paul Batcheller (new appointee), and Preston Renshaw (new appointee).

DASC Staff Present: Abbey Miller, Holly Hirsch, Robert Speeks, Erin Lewis, and Gabe Wortman

Other Attendees: Nathan Reed

### 1) Call to Order & Approval of Agenda – **Jolene** (5 mins)

Meeting was called to order at 6:01pm. Jolene made a motion to approve the agenda, Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

### 2) Review & Approval of Minutes from February Board Meeting - **Jolene** (5 mins)

*\*\* Due to unforeseen circumstances/family emergency, minutes from February's meeting will not be available for approval until April's meeting*

### 3) Introduction & Voting on New BOD Members Invited (Preston Renshaw, Paul Batcheller)

Paul Batcheller was nominated to fill Kim's vacant board seat. The remaining term is one year and 3 months and does not count toward his first official term, as it is less than half of a full term. Paul will remain eligible for two additional three-year terms.

Jolene made a motion to appoint Paul to fill the remainder of Kim's term, Jesse 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

Preston Renshaw was nominated to fill TJ's vacant seat. This is also a one-year interim term (approximately one year and three months, ending June 2027). As with Paul's appointment, this interim term will not count toward his two potential full three-year terms.

Jolene made a motion to appoint Preston to fill the remainder of TJ's term, Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

### 4) Financials - **Abbey/Robert** (5 min)

Abbey discussed current financials. All programs operating on or ahead of budget. Currently working on next fiscal year budget preparation.

### 5) State of the Club – **Gabe** (5 min)

a) Available Info on Leagues; cost, travel, acceptance (messaging to membership)

b) Premier Program Updates: No changes to previously submitted league applications; awaiting updates from the regional leagues.

c) League Structure Changes: USYS and US Club Soccer have dissolved several existing leagues (Midwest, Desert League, NPL). New combined league structures are forthcoming but details remain unclear. Preliminary regional maps do not currently include South Dakota or Wyoming. Initial indications suggest possible alignment with Twin Cities Soccer League, though past interactions have been challenging. Discussions are ongoing with Rapid City and potentially Bismarck and Tri-City about forming a Dakotas-based league for more local competitive opportunities.

d) Coaching Education: Hosting the first coaching education session this Saturday. Session targets licensed premier staff, but recreational and high school coaches were also invited. Weather may require moving indoors. Filming may be used for training resources and building a coaching library.

e) Training & Tryouts: Spring training schedule is nearly finalized and will be sent to coaches for final review. Managers will receive schedules at next week's meeting to place into TeamSnap. New age-group structures have been presented to most teams. Tryout registration is live, and communications will be sent to both premier and rec families. Open tryouts will be held for all interested players. A parent information meeting will occur at the end of the month for those considering premier play. A tryout prep camp is being developed for players seeking additional training.

f) Player Movement Between Age Groups:  
Tryout evaluations will utilize independent evaluators without past ties to the players.

6) Old Business

(a) New hire(s) status — Announcements – **Jolene**

Two new staff coaches have been offered positions with DASC. Employee contracts are being prepared for their signature. Once all have signed, formal announcements of new staff members will be shared with membership.

(b) Status of Executive Director Position – **Chuck**

Interviews have been scheduled with top candidates.

(c) Facility & Land updates - **Jesse/Jolene**

Discussed in closed session.

(d) Investment Policy – **Jesse/Angela**

Draft in process. Will present to the Board for review/approval when ready.

(e) RFP for CFO for hire/Governance CPA – **Angela**

In process. Will present to the Board for review/approval by next board meeting.

7) New Business:

a) Strategic Vision & Growth Discussion - Tabled until new Executive Director joins DASC

b) Surveys to Members (topics, timing, etc.)

The board discussed reinstating seasonal and annual surveys. Holly will determine whether prior survey templates are still available.

c) Recreational Updates/Enhancements

Discussion included exploring ways for competitive players to support rec teams (e.g., mentoring, foot skills sessions, volunteer hours); enhancing coach support to include coaching curriculum, videos, and existing coaching manuals. Upcoming March 21 coach training for U8 and older. End-of-season rec tournaments will continue for older age groups

d) Videos Gabe/Zach (rec coach/player, Jr. Academy, Recreational, Competitive)

Board discussed updating or creating new videos to explain rec, junior academy, competitive structure changes, and expectations.

*\*\*Angela dropped from the meeting due to scheduling conflicts.\*\**

7) Open Board Discussion

a) "Gear it Up!" Event organized by Zach Morris, with assistance from DASC Staff, was a huge success; a large amount of usable donated equipment was gathered from people's homes to be offered to those who need it, or in our programming, as appropriate.

8) Closed Board Discussion

9) Adjournment

a) there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8PM.

**Next Board Meeting April 8, 2026.**