



## VIRTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 27, 2025 | 7:00pm – 8:30pm EST

### MINUTES

#### 1. WELCOME

Present: Claire Carver-Dias, President                      Carlene Variyan, Treasurer  
Maggie Brennan, Director-at-Large                      Ava Hill, Director-at-Large  
Greg Maychak, Director-at-Large                      Jacqueline Zonneville, Director-at-Large  
Robert Law, Athlete Representative

Guests: Rick Powers, CSC Governance & Integrity Committee Member

Staff: Brian MacPherson, CEO                      Chris Taylor (Recorder)

Apologies: Rob Adams, Myles Spencer, Pradeep Sood

The President called the meeting to order at 7:05pm (EST) with quorum, everyone was welcomed, thanked, and a Land Acknowledgement conducted.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion moved** by Maggie Brennan; seconded by Robert Law

“That the agenda be approved as circulated.”

**CARRIED.**

#### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion moved** by Robert Law; seconded by Carlene Variyan

“That there being no objections, the consent agenda was unanimously approved. The consent agenda included the following resolutions: Approval of June 19, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, Compliance Certificate to July 30, 2025, and Ratification of e-Vote (Patrick Kenny vacating CSC Board position)”

**CARRIED.**

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

##### 4.1 United Canada 2030 Commonwealth Games Bid

- Five provinces expressed interest in being part of the United Canada 2030 bid: Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick, PEI and Newfoundland.
- A multiparty workgroup was established, and development of the bid began.
- Ontario and PEI withdrew their interest, leaving a 5 sport “gap”. The remaining provinces were not interested in filling the gap. CSC approached the province of B.C. to fill the gap, but they declined.
- The decision was made to suspend the United Canada 2030 Bid.
- A final report has been drafted to catalogue this unique, multi-province bid process, the challenges, and recommendations for the future.
- There are 2 nations bidding for the 2030 Commonwealth Games - India and Nigeria. A host will be announced in November.



## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### 5.1 Board Appointment (parasport expertise)

- In recognition of parasport integration in Commonwealth Games and the current CSC Board lacks parasport, appointing an individual with parasport expertise was discussed.
- CSC is working with the Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) to identify a suitable candidate.
- Once a candidate is identified, the Governance Committee will vet the individual make a recommendation to the Board.

### 5.2 Conduct Policy Revisions

- The Governance Committee updated the CSC Conduct Policy. The purpose of the changes is to reflect CSC adopted the new Canadian Safe Sport Program.
- The Canadian Center for Ethics in Sport (CCES) has jurisdiction over maltreatment complaints brought to CSC.

### 5.3 2025/26 Workplan & Budget

- It is not the norm to be this far into the fiscal year without an approved budget. However, Sport Canada has been late informing sport organizations of 2025/26 funding.
- With Team Canada program activities ramping up typically in this point in the quadrennial the Board determines how much to potentially withdraw from the reserve fund to make it through the next games. Although there is no guarantee, in recent quadrennials CSC has been successful in raising new, additional funds in the lead up to Commonwealth Games, as such CSC's reserve fund balance is about the same as it was in 2010, about \$1.5 million.
- The draft 2025/26 and 2026/27 budgets show a combined deficit of \$1.1 million, slightly more than previous quads.

### 5.4 Donation(s) from Sport Betting Companies

- Commonwealth Sport Canada Foundation (CSCF) was approached by a sport betting company about a possible donation. CSCF asked if CSC is comfortable accepting donations sport betting companies.
- Canadian Olympic Committee and the Canadian Paralympic Committee have Ontario Lotteries Group as a sponsor - OLG has a sport betting product called Proline.
- Commonwealth Sport accepts sport betting sponsorships, but treats it as a "sensitive category"
- The Government of Canada has no guidance and will not be developing guidance anytime soon about sport betting sponsorships/donations.
- The consensus was CSC accept donations from the CSCF originating from sport betting companies provided any public communications (i.e. press release, annual reports, advertisements, social media posts, website etc.) and communications with key external stakeholder groups (i.e. suppliers, clients, etc.) relating to the existence or the subject matter of this donation shall first be approved by CSC in writing as to its content, form and manner of publication.



#### 5.5 Non-commercial Logo on Team2026 Uniform

- An open call Request For Proposal was distributed to non-commercial organizations in Canada. Proposals were received from 2 organizations, Right to Play and Team Up Canada.
- Right to Play was selected as the preferred candidate, pending an agreement on joint communications and fundraising activations.

#### **6 OTHER**

The next meeting date is the Strategic Planning session scheduled for October 23 and 24, 2025.

#### **7 IN CAMERA**

The Board of Directors conducted a regularly scheduled In-Camera meeting.

#### **8 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further questions, comments or concerns, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm EST.

Approved & Duly Signed:

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Claire Carver-Dias, President

October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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Date: