



## Board of Directors Meeting

Mon Mar 9, 2026 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM EDT

ASHBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Date: March 9 Time: 5:05 PM (2 hours 38 minutes)

Location: Virtual (Remote)

## Attendance

Present (Remote): Diane Hauslein, Sara Mayer, Chris Schubert, Jennifer Dixon, Malissa Welke, Smith Lilly, Melissa Moore, Sophia Fischer, Rachel Seifert, Brooke Simpson, Barbe Smith, Allen Bosworth, Joan Todd, Sandra Currier, Clif Paulsen, Allison Deardorff, Julie Behrends Jones, Erin Eichenbaum, May Chadick

Not Present: Cece Hagan

## 1. Call to Order by Chris Schubert

### a. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

### b. Approval of Minutes

The February 25 meeting minutes were approved without corrections.

### c. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

The conflict-of-interest protocol was reiterated. No conflicts were declared.

## 2. President's Report

- Board members were reminded to complete and submit board commitment forms by Friday. The template is available on Boardable.
- Members were encouraged to promote ASHBA initiatives on social media and other platforms.

## 3. Executive Director Report

### a. Voting Item: Nominating Committee Nominations

The Board nominated and approved Joan Todd, Betsy Boone, and Rachel Seifert to serve as board-appointed members of the Nominating Committee, joining two previously elected by the membership.

## 4. Executive Session

The Board moved into Executive Session. Confidentiality and Executive Session protocols were reiterated.

### a. Prize Programs

- The Board reviewed the prize programs and charged the Prize Programs Committee with a comprehensive review.
- The committee was asked to present recommendations at the July Board of Directors meeting.

### b. Proposal Review

The Board reviewed a proposal, suggested revisions to the agreement, and authorized the Executive Director to respond.

Executive Session Adjourned

## 5. Council Reports

### a. Finance Council

Treasurer report and financial package were presented.

### b. Competitions Council

No verbal report.

- Horse Show Grants – applications due March 31
- Horse Show Applications available via online form
- High Point Awards available in store

## 6. Reports of Special Committees

### a. Database Taskforce

Timeline for planned move was shared electronically.

## 7. Executive Session Resumed

The Board reviewed and approved the Executive Director bonus plan.

Executive Session Adjourned

## 8. Adjournment

The meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned.

## Mission Statement

The mission of the American Saddlebred Horse and Breeders Association is to promote and protect the American Saddlebred Horse with the highest standards of integrity and guarantee the purity of the breed through the recording of pedigrees and transfer of ownership. The Association supports activities that make Saddlebred ownership enjoyable while promoting interest in the breed.