

FLORIDA LMSC Board Meeting, July 22, 2026

Chair:	Cheryl Kupan	Session #:	3
Minutes recorded by:	Zena Courtney	Vice Chair:	Kirk Clear
		Date/time of meeting:	July 22 2026, 7:00 pm EDT

Motions Passed:

- 1) The FL LMSC Annual Meeting Minutes from April 22, 2026, were approved as edited.
- 2) The Finance Report and Committee reports were approved.
- 3) A motion to adjourn at 7:52PM EST was approved.

- 1) Motions Not Passed: None

No. of Committee members present: 10 Absent: 1 Number of other delegates present: 0

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Committee members present: Cheryl Kupan/Chair, Kirk Clear/Vice Chair, Terri Goodman/Treasurer, Zena Courtney/Secretary, Andy Kroupa, Anna Lea Matysek, Jim Matysek, Meegan Wilson, Carter Elliott, Scott Bay

Absent: Ryan Kloppe

JULY 22, 2026 MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order by Cheryl at 7:03 PM EDT.

A. WELCOME & ROLL CALL (Cheryl Kupan)

Cheryl opened the meeting at 7:03PM after Zena recorded the attendance.

B. APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING'S MINUTES (Zena Courtney)

The board reviewed the meeting minutes from April 22, 2026, and approved them with an edit to change Ambrose Gaines swim from meters to yards and Anna Lea provided edits to her Sanctions & Top Ten Report regarding the new sanction system. Motion by Kirk Clear to approve minutes with edits, second by Scott Bay, all in favor, none opposed. **Motion passed.**

C. FINANCE REPORT (Terri Goodman)

Terri presented her nine page finance report showing the LMSC's net worth increased from \$107,598 at the end of last year to \$112,345 as of July 20, 2026. The report detailed income of about \$16K and expenses of \$11K for the first seven months, resulting in a net positive effect of just under \$5K, with no major concerns noted about the LMSC's financial health. Motion by Scott Bay to approve report, second by Kirk Clear, all in favor, none opposed. **Motion passed.**

D. MEMBERSHIP & COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR (Cheryl Kupan)

Cheryl reported 2026 YTD membership at 2230 members: 1093 Women and 1135 Men, 2 Other. Anna Lea stated that the actual year to year comparison shows that we are ahead of last year's membership numbers.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Sanctions & Top Ten (Anna Lea)

Anna Lea reported that those in the FL LMSC who have recently applied for sanctions have had issues with the new USMS sanction system. She has also modified the instructions she

sends to meet directors based on the types of problems they have experienced and in hopes that that will help.

The Long Center pool in Clearwater has been undergoing a major renovation. Anna Lea has not been able to get a date for when they might be able to host a Masters meet. Anna Lea provided the list of the four sanctioned/recognized meets left in the 2026 season. Carter Elliott offered that the Florida Senior Games swim meet is planned for December 6-7, which is not yet on this calendar.

Anna Lea also provided a copy of the USMS Rules Committee email documenting the immediate USMS Rules Changes based on World Aquatics (AQUA) and USA Swimming (USA-S) update of their respective competitive regulations for the finish rules of butterfly, backstroke, and freestyle. Swimmers are now permitted to be fully submerged once their heads have passed the final 5-meter or 5-yard mark immediately prior to reaching the finish.

2) Senior Games (Carter Elliott)

As previously stated, Carrer provided that the Florida Senior Games swim meet will be December 6-7, 2026 at Temple Terrace Aquatic Center (Pasco County). He stated that swimmers must qualify at the state meet to participate in the national meet. Upcoming local statewide Senior Games meets are in the late summer and fall, a list of dates and locations for the remaining local games are listed on the Florida Senior Games website:

<https://floridaseniorgames.com>. The swimming competition of the 2027 National Senior Games will be held July 2-5, 2027, in Tulsa OK. Registration will open in the fall 2026.

3) Open Water & Long Distance (Andy Kroupa)

Andy shared that there are no FL LMSC open water swims scheduled for the remainder of year. Andy provided information on the current virtual events; 2026 USMS 5K/10K Virtual Championships May 15 – Sept 15 and the 2026 USMS 3000/6000-yard Virtual Championship to be held Sept 15 – Nov 15. Andy also provided information on the upcoming Educational Volunteer Peer-to-Peer Communications meetings.

4) Newsletter/Webmaster (Meegan Wilson)

Meegan gave a special Thank You to Jim Matysek for continuing to update and maintain the FL LMSC website. Meegan continues to update the information on the website, including posting reports and minutes, as she receives them. She is working on the next issue of the FL LMSC newsletter and will add the USMS rules changes provided tonight by Anna Lea and any proposed rules changes of interest to be reviewed at the upcoming USMS Annual Meeting. She will also report on the upcoming virtual USMS Annual Meeting on Sept 19th and the face-to-face Relay event in Denver on Sept 25th-26th. Meegan reiterated that if anyone has any news to share, please send it to her as soon as you can.

5) Records (Jim Matysek)

Jim reported via email that the LCM records will be updated shortly after LC Nationals this year.

A motion was made by Scott Bay to approve all Committee reports, second by Andy Kroupa, all in favor, none opposed. **Motion passed.**

E. OLD BUSINESS

1) A draft of the FL LMSC By-laws updated by Cheryl and Kirk were emailed to the Board. There was discussion of how to get comments on the update back to Cheryl and Kirk, Google docs was suggested as an option. It was decided that a WORD version is to be returned by August 10th at the latest to allow review and comment in time for the notification deadline for the FL LMSC Annual Meeting.

2) The 2026 elections for all positions except Chair and Treasurer will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at the Annual Meeting and Elections, starting at 7 pm. Cheryl will gather a nominating committee comprised by 3 at-large persons and Chair/Vice Chair; Jim Matysek and Brodie Hines were mentioned as possible participants. Slate of candidates must be determined by Sept 23, 2026. Cheryl will also be sure to alert the membership by email and Meegan will post on website and in upcoming newsletter.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. USMS 2026 Annual Meeting is virtual this year. Persons should let Cheryl know of their interest in attending.

2. USMS 2026 Relay, will be on September 25-27, 2026, at the airport hotel in Denver, CO. The main topic is Event Development. The Coaches Clinic & Golden Goggles are this same weekend.

A motion was made by Scott Bay to adjourn, second by Jim Matysek, all in favor, no one opposed. **Motion passed.** The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.