



2025 World Boxing Congress Minutes

Sunday 23 November 2025 – In person and online

10 am Rome, Italy

1. Welcome – Dinah Glykidis (AUS) Congress Chair

Today is an important opportunity for World Boxing to strengthen the sport, reflect on the progress it has made, and continue building a boxing future that is grounded in World Boxing's vision to be a sustainable, inclusive, and transparent international sport federation based on honesty, integrity, and excellence.

2. Welcome Speech from Italy - Flavio D'Ambrosi (ITA), Italian Boxing Federation President

[speech in Italian]

Welcome Speech from Italy – Luciano Buonfiglio (ITA), Italian Olympic Committee president

Luciano Buongiglio welcomes World Boxing to Rome. Luciano speaks to the long history of boxing in Italy. Luciano emphasizes it is important we come together without any differences; this is a time of peace. The Italian Boxing Federation is an exceptional organization and is ready to host a future Olympic Qualification. Luciano welcomes everyone to Italy and Rome

3. President Speech- Boris van der Vorst (NLD) World Boxing President

Boris notes the path of many historic Olympic Boxers. World Boxing together brought boxing back into the Olympics. Boris spoke of traveling the world to bring in members to World Boxing. Boris spoke to the young boxers he's met along his travels, whose dedication helped them rise above their situation and aspire to Olympic dreams. World Boxing has achieved great accomplishments over the last year. World Boxing will fight for the future of the boxers. It is crucial to ensure the success of the Youth Olympic Games and the Olympic Games in Los Angeles in 2028 to achieve full recognition. Boris thanks the originators of the World Boxing and the National Federation for bringing us to where we are today.

4. Athlete Committee Chair Speech - Caitlin Parker (AUS) – Athlete Committee Chair

Caitlin, a two-time Olympian, recognizes the journey of World Boxing over the last year. Caitlin thanks President Boris and the Executive Board for bringing World



Boxing through significant milestones. This was the first World Boxing Athlete Committee fully elected by their peers.

As one of the world's oldest sports, Caitlin speaks on behalf of the Athlete committee and expresses great hopes for the future of World Boxing.

Welcome Speech, IOC member Giovanni Malago

Giovanni welcomes World Boxing and thanks World Boxing's leadership and National Federations into the Olympic family. Giovanni speaks of boxing's future in LA28 and Dakar '26. Giovanni gives his best wishes for the new board and new president, Gennadiy. Giovanni expresses great joy that World Boxing is part of the Olympic Family.

5. Roll Call of Participants

A total of 56 National Federations acknowledge their presence. The congress surpasses the quorum.

6. Approval of the Congress Agenda

Motion to approve the 2025 World Boxing Congress agenda.

Motion passes (53 votes in favour, 1 not in favour, 2 abstain)

7. Approval of minutes of the 2024 Congress and 2025 Extraordinary Congress

Motion to approve the minutes from the 2024 Congress and 2025 Extraordinary Congress.

Motion passes (53 votes in favour, 0 not in favour, 3 abstain)

8. Report by Acting Secretary General – Mike McAtee (USA) Acting Secretary General

World Boxing has over 120 National Federations. World Boxing has opened the doors to its office in Lausanne, Switzerland. World Boxing wants to thank the IOC, Thomas Bach, and Breno Pontes for their work to get World Boxing to where it is today. World Boxing has 2 full-time employees and 2 part-time employees, 7 volunteer staff, an executive board, and dedicated committee members. World Boxing has a highly competitive calendar for 2025. World Boxing's calendar is being developed for 2026 and growing. World Boxing is excited about working with Dakar in 2026. World Boxing is a startup and is growing with new elections and welcoming new federations as full members. Ian Hunt is the new Chief of Ethics and will help progress all new and pending investigations. The Chief of Ethics worked with the vetting panel to verify all the candidates for 2025 congress.



9. Sport and Competition Committee Report – Mike McAtee (USA)

World Boxing strives to ensure all 2026 event information is distributed without conflict and with the utmost accuracy.

The World Boxing Sport and Competition department will be opening R&D development pathways in late 2025 or early 2026.

The World Boxing Competition Committee is working diligently toward preparing for the Olympic Games in Los Angeles in 2028.

10. Discussion and approval of World Boxing Competition Rules

Motion to approve proposal 5: Congress votes to incorporate the Sex Eligibility Policy into the competition rules.

Motion passes (41 votes in favour, 9 not in favour, 5 abstain)

Motion to refer the article 9.10 and 13.3.3 (bout review and headgear) to the Medical Committee, Sport and Competition Committee, and the Executive board for proposal at future congresses.

Motion passes (42 votes in favour, 11 not in favour, 3 abstain)

Motion for to Congress to send the proposal to be rereviewed by the Sport and Competition Committee and the Executive Board to be voted on at a future congress, submitted by the Belgium Boxing Federation to review the Age limit on Olympic Style Boxing.

Motion passes (42 votes in favour, 10 not in favour, 1 abstain)

Motion for Sanctioning Continental Confederation Championships.

Motion passes (41 votes in favour, 9 not in favour, 5 abstain)

Motion for the weight categories under 2.2.1.

Motion passes (44 votes in favour, 3 not in favour, 5 abstain)

Motion to eliminate the one-minute cut rule.

Motion passes (45 votes in favour, 4 not in favour, 4 abstain)

11. Report by Medical and Anti-Doping Committee Chair – Dr. Armando Sanchez (USA) Committee chair



The goal is to keep the safety and well-being of our athletes at the forefront of World Boxing. The medical committee has worked tirelessly to review and progress the proposed inclusion of the Sex Eligibility Policy to the World Boxing Rulebook.

12. Report by Finance and Audit Committee Chair – Richard Brooks (ENG) Interim Committee Chair

The 2024 audited accounts

The 2025 year-to-date is currently experiencing a small profit.

2026 budget – Revenue from the IOC, membership, and competitions.

The financial situation remains challenging. The Finance and Audit Committee will work with the executive board to monitor and progress the 2026 budget.

12.1 Motion for approval of the 2025 finance and audit report.

The motion passes (51 votes in favour, 2 not in favour, 1 abstain)

12.2. Motion for the approval of the provisional 2026 financial budget.

The motion passes (50 votes in favour, 1 not in favour, 2 abstain)

12.3. Motion for the approval of the external financial auditor – Fidurev SA.

Motion passes (54 votes in favour, 2 not in favour, 0 abstain)

13. Discussion and approval of World Boxing Statutes changes - Dinah Glykidis (AUS) Vice President

Motion for approval of the 146 amendments to the World Boxing statutes.

Motion passes (55 votes in favour, 0 not in favour, 1 abstain)

Motion for approval of the role of Secretary General. The Secretary General remains a non-voting board member. Motion put forward by USA Boxing.

Motion does not pass (27 in favour, 27 not in favour, 3 abstain)

14. President & Vice President Candidates Speeches

President-elect campaign speech – Gennadiy Golovkin (KAZ), Presidential candidate

Gennadiy spoke of his time as a boxing athlete and sports leader. Gennadiy spoke of his interest in protecting athletes in the sport and securing boxing in all future Olympics. Gennadiy outlines 4 pillars to guide his presidency:



- Athletes' first
- Integrity
- Innovation
- Financial stability and development

Gennadiy promises to focus on World Boxing's unity. World Boxing must be the federation that can be believed in and that the athletes can trust. World Boxing will be transparent, united, and athlete-focused.

Vice President's speeches

Chaiwat Chotima

Ryan O'Shea

15. World Boxing Elections – Acting Secretary General Mike McAtee

Mike said that the candidates have been vetted and underwent an independent external ethics panel established by the World Boxing Ethics Chief.

15.1. Election of World Boxing President (1 position)

Gennadiy Golovkin (KAZ) only candidate.

Gennadiy Golovkin was elected President of World Boxing by acclamation.

15.2. Vice President (1 position)

Chaiwat Chotima (THA) 24 votes (42.86%)

Ryan O'Shea (CAN) 32 votes (57.14%)

Ryan O'Shea (CAN) was elected as Vice President of World Boxing

15.3. Executive Board members (2 positions)

Michael Muller (GER) 38 votes (67.86%)

Tatsuya Nakama (JPN) 35 votes (62.50%)

Istvan Kovacs (HUN) 16 votes (28.57%)

Donatas Macianskas (LIT) 8 votes (14.29%)

Norbert Keller (BEL) 5 votes (8.93%)



Mouloud Bouziane (FRA) 4 (7.14%)

Michael Muller (GER) and Tatsuya Nakama (JPN) were elected as Executive Board members for World Boxing

16. Speech of the newly elected World Boxing President – Gennadiy Golovkin

Gennadiy Golovkin thanked Boris van der Vorst, the World Boxing Executive Board, and all National Federation members and new members. Mr Golovkin thanks the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for its trust and collaboration.

Mr Golovkin plans to serve with dedication and integrity. Mr Golovkin plans to restore full IOC recognition through LA28 and beyond. Mr Golovkin plans to show through his actions that World Boxing is an International Federation the World can trust.

17. Proposal to approve new members starting from 24 November 2025

Membership approval. Voting delegates will vote for which members they endorse to become full members.

All 49 new members were approved for full membership (55 votes in favour, 0 not in favour, 0 abstain) it is to be noted that for 1 national federation, the votes were 54 votes in favour, 1 not in favor, 0 abstain.)

18. Proposal for the next Congress 18.1. Presentation from potential host/s

18.1. Panama presented a video for their proposal to host the congress in 2026. Panama demonstrates it has the infrastructure to host the next World Boxing Congress.

18.2. Motion for approval of Panama as the Next Congress location for 2026.

Motion passed (47 votes in favour, 3 not in favour, 3 abstain)

19. Any other business

The official address for World Boxing is Avenue de Rhodanie 2 – CP 975 1001 Lausanne – Suisse

The official nominated signatures for World Boxing will either be the President and Secretary General together or the President and one of the Vice Presidents together.

These changes will be reported to the Swiss authorities.

Congress closes at 2:20 pm Rome, Italy