



Executive Board Meetings 2026 Summary Document

The following topic includes itemised topics of discussion and voting taking place in World Boxing Executive Board Meetings post-March 1st, 2026.

At the end of the topic is also a summary of postal votes and topics post-March 1st, 2026.

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Executive Board Meeting - 15/03/2026

Attendees: (Hybrid) – Gennadiy Golovkin (GG), Ryan O'Shea (ROS), Matt Holt (MH), Dinah Glykidis (DG), Pichai Chaiwat Chotima (PCC), Tatsuya Nakama (TN), Michael Muller (MM), Elise Seignolle (ES), Lars Brovil (LB), Solomon Desmond Kargbo (SDK), Victorico Vargas (VV), Marcos Brito (MB), Julia Felton (JF), Dr. Armando Sanchez (AS), Caitlin Parker (CP), Beulah Daunakamakama (BD)

Other Attendees - Tom Dielen (TD), Alimzhan Akayev (AA), Afsheen Panjalizadeh (AP), Miki Sanui (MS) - Interpreter, Anara Syzdykova (AS)

Area	Description	Notes
Administration	Approved minutes of Dec 23, Jan 22, and Jan 28 meetings, subject to specific corrections.	
Sport Department	Seeding Procedure for 2026: Proposal to be updated by next EB meeting (April 2026).	
	Olympic Qualification System for LA 2028: Proposed system to be submitted to IOC for approval.	
	U19 World Championships: Montenegro selected as host.	(Vote: 8 Montenegro, 3 Spain, 1 Serbia).
	Competition Rules Update: Minor clarifications approved.	
	Technical Officials Appointment Procedure: To be considered at the next EB meeting.	See xxx summary.
Member National Federations	New Applications: Approved as Endorsed Members: Cyprus, Tanzania, Mozambique, Tonga, Niue, Zambia, Papua New Guinea.	
	Grenada Inc Case: To be discussed with IOC; decision at next EB meeting.	
	Russia and Belarus Memberships: Agreed in principle; participation subject to AIN framework approval at next EB meeting.	
	Membership Fees: Noted; working group to review future fee structures.	
	Africa Boxing Representation: President of African Boxing formally recorded as a Board member.	

Staff Development and Business Plan	Noted submission to IOC; feedback pending.	
Contracts	Noted ongoing commercial discussions and PwC event oversight.	
Finance	Approved Nexio Fiduciaire SA as auditor for 2025 accounts.	
Executive Board Calendar	Noted proposed adjustments to future meeting dates and locations.	
Committees	Noted ongoing committee work and requirement for communications alignment on athlete initiatives.	



Executive Board Meeting - 22/04/2026

Attendees: (Hybrid) – Gennadiy Golovkin (GG), Ryan O'Shea (ROS), Matt Holt (MH), Dinah Glykidis (DG), Pichai Chaiwat Chotima (PCC), Tatsuya Nakama (TN), Michael Muller (MM), Elise Seignolle (ES), Lars Brovil (LB), Solomon Desmond Kargbo (SDK), Marcos Brito (MB), Dr. Armando Sanchez (AS), Beulah Daunakamakama (BD)

Excused Absence - Caitlin Parker (CP), Julia Felton (JF)

Unexcused Absences - Victorico Vargas (VV)

Other Attendees - Tom Dielen (TD), Alimzhan Akayev (AA), Afsheen Panjalizadeh (AP), David Llauro (DL), Miki Sanui (MS) - Interpreter, Anara Syzdykova (AS)

Area	Description	Notes
Sport & Athlete Welfare	To pursue the reinstatement of headgear for elite men's boxing, with further analysis and athlete consultation.	
Finance & Governance	Temporary delegation of payment approval authority to the President's Office, with interim support from Richard Brooke on Finance & Audit matters.	
	Implementation of an enhanced financial control structure (four-eyes principle) in the future.	
	Enforcement of conflict-of-interest rules, with relevant members recused from electoral decisions.	
Administration	Approval of the minutes from the March 15 Executive Board meeting.	
Congress (Panama 2026)	Funding of Athletes Committee representatives' participation at Congress.	
Elections & Governance Procedures	Approval of updated electoral procedures, including dual candidacy, independent oversight by the Ethics Committee Chair, immediate publication of results, and defined tie-breaking mechanisms.	
Calendar & Competitions	Approval in principle of the 2027–2029 competition calendar.	Subject to IOC confirmation.
	Inclusion of major multi-sport events in calendar planning to reduce scheduling conflicts.	

Officials & Event Delivery	Adoption of a centralized model for appointment, travel, and per diem management of technical officials by World Boxing.	
Entry & Registration	Mandate to develop a revised athlete entry system balancing organizer needs and team flexibility.	
Event Hosting & Fees	Introduction of fixed staging fees for World Championships, World Cup stages, and Olympic qualifiers.	
Broadcasting & Media	Approval of a new broadcasting model with centralized production, reclamation of media rights, and a 50/50 revenue-sharing framework with Local Organizing Committees.	
Branding	Creation of a “Member of World Boxing” logo and restriction of the core brand to sanctioned events.	
Rankings	Intent to elevate World Boxing Cup ranking points above continental championships.	
Member National Federations	Endorsement of seven new national federations as members.	Boxing Association of Grenada Inc. (previously discussed; no further IOC concerns), Curaçao, South Africa, Vanuatu, Gabon, Antigua and Barbuda, Cameroon
	Establishment of a working group to review and reform membership fees.	
	Approval to strengthen governance compliance through recruitment of dedicated staff.	
AIN (Neutral Athlete Policy)	Appointment of Nagra Kudelski as the vetting provider.	
	Approval of athlete and support personnel vetting rules, with exemptions for U19 athletes.	
	Prohibition of national flags, anthems, and uniforms for AIN athletes.	
	Expansion of AIN policy to apply to all international competitions involving national teams.	

Postal Voting

Various Topics

Date	Voting Topic	Number of Postal Votes
04/05/2026	Richard Brooke will be Ad Hoc Chair of the Finance & Audit Committee until the Panama Congress. Julia Felton remains member	14 votes
04/05/2026	Endorsement of Gibraltar as member	14 votes
07/05/2026	AIN conditions for BLR are removed and that the endorsed Member of BLR is allowed to enter athletes as BLR on condition that they continue to fulfil all regular conditions on membership.	12 voted
19/05/2026	Endorsement of Solomon Islands, Rwanda, Costa Rica, Cape Verde as member	13 voted



Executive Board Meeting - 30/07/2026

Attendees: (Hybrid) – Gennadiy Golovkin (GGG), Pichai Chaiwat Chotima (PCC), Tatsuya Nakama (TN), Elise Seignolle (ES), Victorico Vargas (VV), Marcos Brito (MB), Caitlin Parker (CP), Ryan O'Shea (ROS), Matt Holt (MH), Dinah Glykidis (DG), Michael Muller (MM), Lars Brovil (LB), Solomon Desmond Kargbo (SDK), Beulah Daunakamakama (BD), Richard Brooke (RB)

Excused Absence - Dr. Armando Sanchez (AS)

Unexcused Absences - Richard Torrez Jr (RT)

Other Attendees - Tom Dielen (TD), Alimzhan Akayev (AA), Dr. Ingrid Carter (IC), Afsheen Panjalizadeh (AP), David Llaurodo (DL), Paulo Ferreira (PF), Marta Heinen (MH)

Area	Description	Notes
Administration	Approval of the minutes from the March 15 and April 22 Executive Board meetings, together with postal votes and action items. Conflict of interest: the Board adopted the Ethics Chief's ruling that a Continental Association President may neither discuss nor vote on an event bid from their own continent, and that no member may vote on a bid from their own national federation. Affected members recused themselves from the relevant allocations.	
Governance & Financial Controls	Payment approval process strengthened: payments are entered by the HR & Finance Manager and require dual approval, with an additional approver to be added from September. The Chair of the Finance & Audit Committee receives monthly account extracts and is informed of significant payments. Risk management: a risk management document has been prepared and will become part of standard reporting to the Board, with input from the Finance & Audit Committee.	

Congress (Panama 2026)	Venue and hotel confirmed: Hotel El Panamá by Faranda. Schedule confirmed: 17 November arrivals; 18 November Executive Board meeting; 19 November Panamerican Congress and official dinner; 20 November World Boxing Congress. Good standing for voting: federations must be in good standing on 2025 membership fees 30 days before Congress in order to vote, present candidates or hold any role beyond observer. A definitive list of federations not in good standing will be published at that point. Endorsed member review: from September, all endorsed members will be reviewed before Congress to confirm eligibility for a full membership vote and to verify that submitted constitutional documents remain unchanged. Congress 2027: a bid document will be published; the final decision rests with Congress.	Based on legal opinion.
Statutes & Committee Structure	A programme of statutory revisions was advanced, covering membership and endorsement procedures, fee payment timing, continental association relationships and committee structures. A redlined version is to be reported in October. Committee restructuring: the Board considered a proposal to restructure the Sport & Competition Committee into three bodies — a Constitution, Rules & Legal Committee; a Technical Committee; and a Sports Committee. This remains a proposal requiring further consideration. Governance clarifications recorded: • Changes to statutory committees are a Congress decision, not a Board decision. • Statutory committees are consultative bodies; decision-making authority remains with the full Board. • Temporary, mandate-based commissions are distinguished from permanent statutory committees, and may be created by the Board as an interim operational mechanism. • The Board cautioned against granting an Executive Committee independent voting authority over substantive matters; any such body should be limited to routine and operational matters unless the statutes provide otherwise. Board members invited to submit written comments ahead of a formal proposal.	

Sport Department	Headgear: the current policy will remain consistent throughout the Olympic qualification cycle and the Olympic Games. A formal decision is expected at the November Congress, effective from 1 January 2027 if approved. Further consultation questionnaires will be conducted at the European and Panamerican Championships and the Asian Games. Discussions with headgear suppliers on contract alignment and further research and development are under way. Professional athlete eligibility: a discussion paper was considered on the eligibility of professional boxers for Olympic qualifiers and the Games. Board members are to provide written feedback and the matter will return to the Board. No final eligibility rule was adopted at this meeting.	
AI Working Group	Testing update presented. The system is to be retrained using World Boxing judges and evaluators as the appropriate validators. Further test events planned at the European Championship in Sofia, the U19 World Championships in Montenegro and the World Boxing Finals in Tashkent. A hybrid scoring model is under consideration, in which artificial intelligence would be triggered only where evaluators and judges disagree on a round. Multiple technology providers are to be engaged to avoid dependency on a single supplier. No final AI scoring rule was adopted.	
Event Allocation 2027–2029	Nineteen events were put out to bid and eighteen bids were received. Panamerican Qualifier (2027): awarded to the United States (Ontario, California), 5–17 November 2027. Approved unanimously. Visa risks for sanctioned countries were noted; the USOPC and IOC are to be engaged. Asian Qualifier: awarded to China (Guiyang). Approved unanimously. Dates to be confirmed with the Asian federation. African Qualifier: provisionally endorsed for Nigeria (Abuja), subject to conditions. Oceania Qualifier: provisionally endorsed for Samoa, subject to conditions. World Qualification Tournament 1: awarded to Italy (Rome), 5–21 March 2028, dates to be confirmed. Conditional on a finalised venue agreement. World Qualification Tournament 2: awarded to Hungary (Budapest), 11–25 May 2028. World Cup Stage 2 (2028) and World Cup Final (2029): both awarded to China (Guiyang). Approved unanimously. Remaining events: a new bid window will open, with recommended deadlines to follow. Future allocations: the Board agreed that geographic and continental balance should be taken into account, and that allocations should be made in order of priority rather than chronologically.	World Qualifier 1 (second round): ITA 6, HUN 3, CHN 2, ESP 0. World Qualifier 2 (second round): HUN 6, THA 3, GER 1. Provisional allocations subject to no competing bid within two weeks and submission of outstanding documentation.

Member National Federations	Ecuador (Full Member): suspended with immediate effect following an unresolved dispute over the federation presidency. If no resolution is reached before Congress, expulsion will be proposed to enable a new federation to apply. Cameroon (Endorsed Member): endorsement cancelled following concerns regarding the original application. A new application will be considered once a legitimate body is established. Guinea (Endorsed Member): World Boxing does not accept the outcome of the General Assembly of 26 May, and does not validate the related sanction imposed by African Boxing, which is therefore not recognised by World Boxing at national or international level. Further legal coordination between African Boxing and World Boxing will take place in September, with possible referral to the Ethics Committee. Oceania: Tahiti — the originally recognised federation remains the valid federation, and follow-up with the Ministry continues. Kiribati — written follow-up pending. Samoa — a case of unauthorised athlete registration was noted, highlighting the need for improved tournament labelling and registration controls.	
New Applications	Endorsed as members: Liberia Boxing Federation, Kuwait Federation of Boxing, Chad Boxing Federation and Yemen Boxing Federation. Congolese Boxing Federation: endorsement subsequently cancelled following receipt of information after the meeting. Ethiopian Boxing Federation: endorsement subsequently suspended pending the next meeting, following receipt of information after the meeting. All endorsed members will undergo a full review before the Panama Congress to confirm no material changes since endorsement.	

Russian Boxing Federation	Following the IOC's decision to lift the suspension of Russia and withdraw its recommendation on individual neutral athlete participation, the Executive Board voted to remove the AIN policy and associated restrictions for the Russian Boxing Federation. Russian athletes are permitted to participate in all World Boxing and World Boxing Europe tournaments, and in international events including youth and U19 competitions. Anti-doping condition: Russian athletes must be enrolled in the national anti-doping programme managed by the ITA, with multiple tests required prior to return. Any additional costs arising from anti-doping requirements are to be borne by the Russian side. Political conduct: existing World Boxing rules on political gestures and statements at events continue to apply to all athletes and officials. Follow-up was assigned regarding political representations outside competition settings. IBA endorsement: the question of how to address national federations publicly endorsing or promoting the IBA was referred to the Ethics Committee for decision. Non-attendance: federations whose governments prohibit participation alongside Russia will not be sanctioned for non-attendance.	Carried by majority: 7 in favour, 3 abstentions, 10 votes expressed. The President of European Boxing did not vote due to a conflict of interest.
Membership Fees	2027 fees: a proposal will be presented at the next Board meeting and subsequently to Congress. The structure will be variable rather than a flat amount, likely linked to international participation and/or the number of international licences. 2025 fees: payment remains required. Requests for reduction submitted after the six-month post-2025 deadline will no longer be considered; previously submitted requests remain under review. Fee consolidation: the Board supported developing a single payment mechanism for international and continental fees, with continental amounts redistributed to the respective continental bodies. A possible extension of payment deadlines for Oceania federations is being explored, provided voting rights are not affected.	
Secretary General's Report	Staffing and administrative updates noted, including the appointment of a Governance, Integrity and Legal Director from September. The 2025 audit has been completed and forwarded to the Finance and Audit Committee. The 2025 Annual Report has been published.	
ASOIF Governance Review	The outcome of the governance assessment was as expected. Website improvements and other actions are already under way. A re-evaluation is to be completed in August, ahead of the IOC's September review.	

New Commissions	The Executive Board unanimously approved the creation of five commissions: Remuneration; Para Boxing; Gender & Diversity; Governance; and Ambassadors & Global Impact. Para Boxing: the IPC recognition process has been initiated and classification expertise will be recruited. Gender & Diversity: underrepresentation of women among coaches and within committees and commissions was noted. Ambassadors & Global Impact: focused on the lead-up to LA 2028. Commission members will not receive remuneration; contractors may be paid separately.	Unanimous.
Contracts	Memorandum of understanding signed with Refract (virtual boxing development) and Waychamp. Collaboration with Xempower continues. The OTT platform has launched, with successful streaming tests in China and Canada. Equipment testing is in progress with licensed manufacturers. A patch-based licensing model will be presented at the next Board meeting. Equipment suppliers: legal expertise is to be sought before any action to exclude particular brands, to ensure compliance with competition rules. LA 2028: World Boxing has ordered 40 tickets per session, approximately USD 360,000 in total, with payment deducted from event revenue. Safeguards on allocation are being considered.	
Financial Update	The 2025 audited accounts have been received in draft with a clean audit report and forwarded to the Finance and Audit Committee. A new accounting company is in place and first-half 2026 accounts have been received. New budgets for 2026, 2027 and 2028 are being developed, as the 2026 budget approved at the Rome Congress is no longer considered relevant. The Finance and Audit Committee will present the audited 2025 accounts, third-quarter 2026 results, the 2027 budget and a report on the integrity of the finance function at Congress.	

Medical Committee — Sex Eligibility	The Medical Committee has conducted a line-by-line review of the sex eligibility policy in light of the IOC's updated policy. The term “gender” is being replaced with “sex eligibility” to reflect the committee's mandate more precisely. Testing applies to both male and female athletes. All cases reviewed to date have been decided unanimously. The current policy remains in place pending completion of legal review, with major revisions anticipated after LA 2028. Operational requirements identified include a secure system for storing eligibility category information without exposing sensitive records at competition check-in, and a third-party laboratory with proper chain of custody. A joint testing approach with the ITA has been agreed in principle, and partnerships with other International Federations are being explored. The Medical Committee is not in favour of extending testing to youth athletes at this stage.	
Communications	Work is under way across website, social media and governance communications. A member newsletter has been introduced. Communications will shift toward more athlete-oriented content. Regular short written updates from the Secretary General to the Board will be introduced between formal meetings.	
Fitness & Virtual Boxing	A presentation was received on a connected boxing ecosystem combining smart glove technology, an analytics application and a platform for athletes, coaches, clubs and federations. Decision: two working groups to be created — one to develop the commercial arrangement, and one on e-boxing and virtual boxing.	
Executive Board Calendar	Next meeting: October, during World Boxing U19 World Championships, Budva (Montenegro). Pre-Congress meeting: 18 November. The December meeting is cancelled, as new Board members will be elected at Congress and their availability is not yet known. The next 2027 meeting will be scheduled after the November Congress. The statutes require a minimum of four meetings per year; regular written updates from the Secretary General between meetings were agreed as a complementary measure.	