



**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
VIA-EMAIL
24 July 2025**

INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION (ICF)

BOARD COMMITTEE



MINUTES OF THE VOTE CONDUCTED ONLINE

14 July to 22 July 2025



Overview

This was the first online vote of the ICF Board Committee in 2025, held online between 14 July to 22 July 2025. A quorum was formed in line with the ICF Statutes, with 29 Board Committee members.

Online vote participants:

Thomas Konietzko	TK	President	GER
Cecilia Farias	CF	Vice President	ARG
Lluis Rabaneda i Caselles	LRC	Vice President	ESP
Joao Manual Da Costa Alegre Afonso	JCA	Confederation of African Canoeing President	STP
Jean Zoungrana	JZ	European Canoe Association President	FRA
Chainarong Charoenruk	CC	Asian Canoe Confederation President	THA
Maree Burnet	MB	Oceania Canoe Association President	NZL
Sebastian Gomez	SG	Pan American Canoe Federation President	URG
Toshi Furuya	TF	Canoe Sprint Committee Chair	JPN
Bridgitte Hartley	BH	Athlete Committee Chair	RSA
John Edwards	JE	Paracanoe Committee Chair	CAN
Budiman Setiawan	BS	Continental Representative - ASI	INA
Danielle Woodward	DW	Continental Representative - OCE	AUS
Ruud Heijseelaar	RH	Canoe Marathon Committee Chair	NED
Greg Smale	GS	Canoe Polo Committee Chair	GBR
Terry Best	TBE	Canoe Freestyle Committee Chair	GBR
Noémi Horváth	NH	SUP Committee Chair	HUN
Shao Yaping	SY	Continental Representative - ASI	CHN
Jane Gibson	JG	Medical and Anti-Doping Committee Chair	GBR
Li Xin	LX	Treasurer	CHN
Marian Sârbu	MS	Canoe Ocean Racing Committee Chair	BEL
Richard Fox	RF	Canoe Slalom Committee Chair	AUS
Olubunmi Ola Oluode	OO	Continental Representative - AFR	NGR
Ahmed Mahamoud Abdoukader	AMA	Continental Representative - AFR	DJI
Moira Aston	MA	Continental Representative - EUR	IRL
Peter Karai	PK	Continental Representative - EUR	HUN
Andrej Jelenc	AJ	Continental Representative - EUR	SLO
Martha Hernandez Sanches	MHS	Continental Representative - PAM	MEX
Manuela Gaweijn	MG	Wildwater Canoeing Committee Chair	GER

Non-participants:

Richard Pettit	RP	Secretary General	GBR
Luciano Buonfiglio	LB	Vice President	ITA
Victor G. Ruiz	VR	Continental Representative - PAM	PUR
Dr. Luk Wai-Hung	LWH	Dragon Boat Commission Chair	HKG

1. Allocation of 2026 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships to Gualeguaychu (Argentina)

The BoD reviewed the proposal for the allocation of the 2026 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships to Gualeguaychu, Argentina.

Cecilia Farias declared her conflict of interest for the event host and abstained from voting.

Decision: The BoD unanimously approved the allocation of the 2026 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships to Gualeguaychu (Argentina).

2. Allocation of 2026 ICF Canoe Sprint Junior & U23 World Championships to Halifax (Canada)

The BoD reviewed the proposal for the allocation of the 2026 ICF Canoe Sprint Junior & U23 World Championships to Halifax, Canada.

John Edwards declared his conflict of interest for the events host and abstained from voting.

Decision: The BoD unanimously approved the allocation of the 2026 ICF Canoe Sprint Junior & U23 World Championships to Halifax (Canada).

3. Allocation of 2026 ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup to Montreal (Canada)

The BoD reviewed the proposal for the allocation of the 2026 ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup to Montreal, Canada.

John Edwards declared his conflict of interest for the events host and abstained from voting.

Decision: The BoD unanimously approved the allocation of the 2026 ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup to Montreal (Canada).



4. Allocation of 2028 Canoe Freestyle World Cup to Columbus, GA (United States of America)

The BoD reviewed the proposal for the allocation of the 2028 Canoe Freestyle World Cup to Columbus, Georgia, United States of America.

Decision: The BoD unanimously approved the allocation of the 2028 Canoe Freestyle World Cup to Columbus, GA (United States of America).

5. Allocation of 2029 Canoe Freestyle World Championships to Columbus, GA (United States of America)

The BoD reviewed the proposal for the allocation of the 2029 Canoe Freestyle World Championships to Columbus, Georgia, United States of America.

Decision: The BoD unanimously approved the allocation of the 2029 Canoe Freestyle World Championships to Columbus, GA (United States of America).