



UNLV Rebel Soccer Foundation Meeting Minutes

Friday, July 18, 2025| 8:30am

Location: Virtual Meeting via [Microsoft Teams](#)

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Present:

Mr. Daniel Giraldo
Mr. Mark Haley
Mr. Tim McGarry
Mr. Roger Tabor
Mr. John Sullivan
Mr. Rod Santa Cruz
Ms. Jaime Chilton
Jenny Ruiz- Williams – UNLV
BJ Craig - UNLV
Kris Giese – UNLV
Ashley Hart – UNLV
Gene Canal – UNVL
Eric Nepomuceno – UNLV
Eric Harper – UNLV
Julie Levesque - UNLV



CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

**1. SOCCER FOUNDATION'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
INFORMATION ONLY**

Dan Giraldo opened the meeting 8:33am and welcomed Jason DiOrio and Bojo Ackah former UNLV Players and asked for Public Comment.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Tim McGarry, seconded by Rod Santa Cruz. **Motioned passed unanimously.**

4. MINUTES

June 6, 2025, meeting minutes were sent to the Board for review.
Motion by Tim McGarry to approve, Roger Tabor seconded.
Motioned passed unanimously.

5. AGENDA ITEMS**a. Monthly Financial Update – Frederic Aparc INFORMATION ONLY**

1. No Update

b. UNLV Update – INFORMATION ONLY**1. UNLV Athletics House Settlement Update**

- Harper reported that UNLV has not yet implemented an NIL program on campus. The university is currently working through the House Settlement and reviewing the new Nevada state law passed in the most recent legislative session to determine next steps for the upcoming year.
- Eric Nepomuceno explained that prior to this change, Nevada's state law was highly restrictive and prevented institutions within the state from participating in the House Settlement.
- He noted that this law change did not directly affect men's or women's soccer programs. However, other schools and teams have been impacted in terms of roster management and scholarships.
- Eric emphasized that new interpretations, applications, and issues with the settlement continue to emerge daily, so further updates are expected.



2. Women's Update – Coach Ruiz-Williams

- Jenny reported that this season she has 10 seniors, the largest senior class she has had.
- There are only four incoming freshmen, marking the smallest freshman class to date.
- The team has added four transfers, including two All-Americans—one of whom is a two-time All-American from the JUCO system.
- Former standout Trinity Buchanan transferred to Texas A&M.
- A setback occurred with Tori Martinez, who was expected to help fill Buchanan's role. Martinez, recently recognized by Top Drawer as a player to watch for UNLV, tore her ACL and MCL and will be out for the season.
- The program recruited Mari [last name?] from Utah Tech through the transfer portal. Mari played every game as a freshman at Utah Tech before leaving on her LDS mission. Upon her return, she was not offered a roster spot, and UNLV was able to add her as the team's 28th roster player.
- Grand Canyon University (GCU) has been added to the conference schedule.

3. Men's Team Update – Coach Craig

- When the women's team begins their season, players will start with captain-led practices, followed by training sessions with the sports science staff and athletic trainers.
- Preparations are underway for the preseason trip to San Diego. The team will stay in San Diego prior to their Friday game.
- The annual San Diego alumni event continues to grow each year, and the program is excited to pair it with two strong road games.
- The team expressed appreciation to the Board for its support of the San Diego preseason weekend.

c. Preseason Game at USD – Giraldo/McGarry

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- Dan Giraldo led further discussion on the August alumni event tied to the preseason game with UCSD. Dan and Tim are continuing to coordinate with Bo Bernhard and the Office of Philanthropy and Alumni Engagement to expand alumni engagement opportunities.
- The Board previously offered UNLV an alumni event already organized for August 14–15, which includes a golf outing, BBQ event, and a scheduled UNLV soccer game.
- The Board discussed holding a follow-up meeting to finalize event details and determine which activities should be open to the broader alumni community. Further updates to come.
- Coordination with BJ Craig resulted in the game time being changed to 7:00 p.m.

d. Committees Reports

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Fundraising Committee – John Sullivan

- John reported that he is reviewing Foundation swag to determine appropriate



- items to offer donors and members at different membership levels. Jaime Chilton will forward the current inventory list to John for his review.
 - John is also working on defining the overall value proposition for members and will report back to the Board with his recommendations.
2. Legacy Committee –
- Dan Giraldo led further discussion and noted that the committee is still seeking a Board member to assume leadership. Interested members are encouraged to contact Dan either following the meeting or within the next week.
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3. Finance/Investments Committee – Roger Tabor
- Roger had nothing to report.
4. Board Governance Committee –
- The Secretary position remains vacant and needs to be filled by a Board member.
 - The Committee will continue seeking additional candidates. Members are encouraged to forward any recommendations to Tim Cashman to begin the process.
 - Dan Giraldo introduced Jason DiOrio, who joined the meeting by phone as a potential Board member.
 - Dan also introduced Bojo Ackah, who joined by phone to learn more about the Board and expressed interest in becoming involved.
 - Mark Haley noted that Robin Krivacic will be added to next month's agenda for a vote.
5. Misc.
- Website – Mark Haley
 - No new updates

e. 2025 season

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- Auction Items

- Jaime Chilton, Mark Haley, and Tim McGarry updated the Board that the Auction has been divided into two phases.
- No bids were received for the Concacaf tickets or the Real Salt Lake VIP experiences.
- The UNLV experiences (basketball and football) still need to be planned, including determining which games to feature and how best to use these opportunities.

- Tailgate Planning

- The schedules for both the Men's and Women's 2025 seasons have been distributed to the Board.
- Three doubleheaders are currently scheduled for tailgates.
- Tim McGarry will review the calendar and report back to the Board



- Alumni Recognition events

- The Foundation hosted alumni recognition last year for the 50th anniversary, which had strong turnout and very positive feedback from participating alumni.
- The Board discussed identifying alumni recognition opportunities for this season, modeled after last year's event.
- Suggestions included recognizing different generations of teams (Roger Tabor offered to assist) and highlighting championship years and teams (suggested by John Sullivan).
- It was noted that alumni recognition could be taken up by the Legacy Committee once a chair is appointed, with potential collaboration with the Fundraising Committee to explore a fundraising component tied to team history.
- Upcoming season planning will also include:
 - Tailgate party planning.
 - Alumni recognition efforts
 - Marketing of fall auction items
 - Finalizing plans for the August preseason events in San Diego

6. NEXT MEETING

August 22, 2025.

7. ADJOURNMENT

- Dan called for Adjournment at 9:29 AM

