

EMPIRE RFU GU
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 11, 2026

The Executive Board met via conference call on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 9:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Board Members: Dannish Patel (President), Lex Maccubbin (Director of Rugby)

Non-Voting Members: Kara Kalinowski (Women)

Ad-Hoc: JC Whipple (Administrator)

Membership: None

Absent: Ed Panzella (Vice President), Gary Heavner (Director of Governance), Bob Figueiredo (Men), Jon Morgan (Referees)

Others: None

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 p.m. The meeting is being recorded.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dannish Patel said NERFU has a great training and development summit upcoming. Certifications will be available in coaching, referee and strength and conditioning. Dannish is encouraging Empire membership to attend. Empire is already working on developing something similar for next year.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

JC Whipple said there is \$94,025.53 currently in the bank account.

All expenditures for the Atlantic Super Regional have been paid accordingly - field rental, medical support and print costs. Lex Maccubbin is coordinating with USA Rugby for reimbursement of those expenses. Empire will be responsible for referee fees associated with D3 Women and D4 Men matches, and #4 referees at ASR.

DIRECTOR OF RUGBY REPORT

Lex Maccubbin said the Atlantic Super Regional went very well. The facility was very well received, though the weather was a little cool for spectators. Old Blue Men (D1) and Syracuse Men (D3) are advancing to Nationals. He said there were a few red cards which Gary Heavner and JC Whipple have dealt with.

Lex said he will wait until after Nationals to begin coordinating with Bob Figueiredo (Men) and Kara Kalinowski (Women).

Dannish Patel said he wanted to commend Lex Maccubbin for all his efforts with coordination of the ASR. He said it was extremely well run and an outstanding event.

Dannish Patel said he wanted to wish Old Blue Men and Syracuse Men best wishes at Nationals.

SEVENS REPORT

Ed Panzella was not present to report.

GOVERNANCE REPORT

Gary Heavner was not present to report.

REFEREES REPORT

Jon Morgan was not present to report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JC Whipple
EGU Administrator