

FIS COUNCIL MEETING 15TH APRIL 2026

SUMMARY MINUTES

1. Opening of the Meeting

President Eliasch opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

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2. Members present

Johan Eliasch, President (FIS)
Danielle Aravich, Athletes' Representative (USA)
Deidra Dionne (CAN)
Tove Moe Dyrhaug (NOR)
Alex Fiva, Athletes' Representative (SUI)
Anna Harboe Falkenberg (DEN)
Adam Hall, Athletes' Representative (NZL)
Michael Huber (AUT)
Freddy Keirouz (LBN)
Karin Mattsson (SWE)
Tzeko Minev (BUL)
Aki Murasato (JPN)
Alexander Ospelt (LIE)
Dexter Paine (USA)
May Peus (ESP)
Jean-Philippe Rochat (SUI)
Flavio Roda (ITA)
Fabien Saguez (FRA)
Franz Steinle (GER)
Fiona Stevens (NZL)
Verena Stuffer, Athletes' Representative (ITA)
Martti Uusitalo (FIN)

Michel Vion, Secretary General (FIS)
Urs Lehmann, CEO (FIS)

Observers:

Aoife Keane, General Counsel
Marcus Hausen, Director of Presidential Affairs and Strategic Planning & Deputy SG
Johan Bergendorff, CFO a.i.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Council approved the agenda.

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4. Minutes of the Council Meeting of 9th January 2026 and 25th February 2026

The summary minutes of the FIS Council Meeting of 25th February 2026 approved by the Council were published on the FIS Website on 25th March 2026.

The Council approved the confidential minutes of the FIS Council Meetings of 9th January 2026 and 25th February 2026.

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5. President's Report

The FIS President reported on a highly successful 2025/2026 season, highlighted by the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, continued progress in women's sport, and a high level of performance across all World Cup competitions.

The Council noted strong digital growth and international recognition by being acknowledged in the SportOnSocial International Federations 2026 report, ranking #3 among Olympic International Federations and #1 among Winter Sports International Federations.

The Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Paralympic Games marked an important milestone, with record participation and a broad distribution of medals following FIS' assumption of governance of the Para disciplines.

Further key developments included the launch of the FIS Education Website and Technical Official Guidelines, the continuation of sustainability initiatives such as the FIS Climate Awards and the "Food for White Winters" project, and athlete engagement initiatives including the "Your Sporting Voice" workshop for young athletes. Innovation in fan engagement was also highlighted through the introduction of new self-flying camera technology at the Olympic Winter Games.

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6. 57th International Ski Congress 2026

NSA Proposals/FIS Management Proposals/ESG Committee Proposals

The Council was invited to submit questions/comments in writing to all proposals ahead of the next meeting.

Application for Full Membership

The Guinea-Bissau Winter Sports Federation applied for a change of status from Associate Member to Full Member, while the Belize National Ski Association applied for Associate Member status. In addition, Ski and Snowboard India applied for the re-establishment of its membership.

FIS Secretary General Michel Vion informed the Council that all required documentation had been reviewed and found to be in order.

The Council postponed the decision until FIS management provides more information.

Membership of FIS – new category

FIS Secretary General Michel Vion explained the concept of introducing a new membership category - Affiliated Members - to the Council. It is designed to create a strategic opportunity to formally engage groups/organisations operating alongside ski and snowboard sports, as well as strategic partners without having any seats or votes.

The new category proposal will be submitted to the FIS Legal Committee in Portoroz and then to the FIS Congress for final approval.

List of President and Council Candidates

The Council acknowledged the update provided by FIS Secretary General Michel Vion regarding the next steps of the election procedures for FIS President and Council in accordance with the FIS Statutes and the Regulations for the FIS President and Council Elections.

He informed the Council that all candidates are subject to approval by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, and that each Candidature Document will be reviewed by the FIS Integrity Director. Candidates and their respective Candidature Document will be published on the FIS website on 22 April 2026. The list of eligible candidates approved by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee will be communicated on 20 May 2026.

Members of FIS Standing Committees

The Council approved the proposal of Michael Beloff KC, Chair of the Ethics Committee, to appoint Carol Roberts (CAN) as a member of the FIS Ethics Committee.

The proposal will now be submitted to the FIS Congress for final approval.

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7. Financial Report

CEO Urs Lehmann informed the Council about the appointment of Ulrike Pertoll as new FIS CFO. She will start on 27th April 2026.

The Council acknowledged an update provided by Treasurer Martti Uusitalo, Interim CFO Johan Bergendorff, and CEO Urs Lehmann on financial matters. The update included the Annual Financial Statements for 2025, the preliminary budget for the 2026–2027 financial year, and a preliminary four-year financial forecast.

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8. Prize Money 2026/2027 and 2027/2028

Council member Michael Huber presented a new prize money support approach.

The Council approved the proposed prize money support approach.

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9. Education & Knowledge Center

The Council approved the proposed adaptations aligned with the Technical Officials education guidelines (effective 1 July 2026).

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10. Applications for FIS World Championships

The Council was informed that the Federazione Italiana Sport Invernali Paralimpici (FISIP), together with Bardonecchia, has submitted an application to host the FIS Para World Championships 2029.

The decision will be taken at the next Council Meeting in Portoroz.

Regarding the Snowboard, Freestyle and Freeski World Championships 2031, the Council noted that no candidate has applied to date and that discussions with potential hosts are ongoing.

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11. Miscellaneous

Finance Committee Proposal

The Council approved retaining the financial year as 1 May-30 April.

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Legal Update

The Council acknowledged a legal update provided by FIS General Counsel Aoife Keane.

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12. Next meeting of the FIS Council

The next meetings are as follows:

5th May 2026 – in person, Portoroz (SLO)
10th June 2026 – in person, Belgrade (SRB)

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13. Closing of the meeting

President Eliasch closed the meeting at 17:00 hrs.

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Oberhofen, 22th April 2026

Michel Vion
Secretary General