# FIS COUNCIL MEETING 19 JUNE 2026, ONLINE

## MINUTES

### 1. Opening of the Meeting

President Ospelt opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

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### 2. Members

Members Present:
Alexander Ospelt, President (FIS)
Deidra Dionne (CAN)
Tove Moe Dyrhaug (NOR)
Victoria Gosling (GBR)
Adam Hall, Athletes' Representative (NZL)
Michael Huber (AUT)
Nevena Ignjatovic (SRB)
Magdalena Kast (ARG)
Tomaz Kunstelj (SLO)
Ken Odashima (JPN)
Dexter Paine (USA)
Jana Palovicova (SVK)
May Peus (ESP)
Jean-Philippe Rochat (SUI)
Franz Steinle (GER)
Verena Stuffer, Athletes' Representative (ITA)
Patrick Toussaint Mas (AND)
Martti Uusitalo (FIN)
Zhao Wang (CHN)

Members Excused:
Danielle Aravich, Athletes' Representative (USA)
Alex Fiva, Athletes' Representative (SUI)
Flavio Roda (ITA)
Fabien Saguez (FRA)

Michel Vion, Secretary General (FIS)

Guests:
Aoife Keane, FIS General Counsel
Marcus Hausen, Director of Presidential Affairs and Strategic Planning & Deputy SG
Ulrike Pertoll, FIS CFO

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## 3. Approval of the Agenda

The Council approved the agenda.

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## 4. Situation Secretary General, CEO and Application Process

The Council took note of the retirement of Secretary General Michel Vion, effective 30 June 2026. The President informed the Council that **Urs Lehmann** is proposed to take up the position of Interim Secretary General.

The Council approved the appointment of Urs Lehmann as Interim Secretary General for the period from 1 July 2026 to 31 March 2027.

The Council further took note that an open and transparent recruitment process will be undertaken for the position of Secretary General. In addition, the Council noted that the future governance structure, including the respective roles and responsibilities of the Secretary General and the Chief Executive Officer, will be reviewed in the context of the ongoing revision of the FIS Statutes.

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## 5. Financial Review

The Council approved the establishment of an independent working group to review the financial situation and report to the Council.

The working group will be led by **Martti Uusitalo** and include **Ulrike Pertoll** and **Arda Göktas** from FIS, **Daniel Oyon** (Professor at the University of Lausanne), and **Dr. Anton Schmid** (CEO, Crowe SOT).

The Council endorsed that the group will assess financial transparency, cash flow outlook and potential measures, and report to the Council at the next in-person meeting.

The Council agreed that further financial decisions will be informed by the outcome of this review.

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## 6. Revision of the statutes

The Council approved the establishment of a working group to review the statutes.

The group will be led by **Dr. Michael Huber** and include representatives of the Legal & Safety Committee, as well as **Franz Steinle and Jean-Philippe Rochat**.

The Council recommended that **Allison Pitt** be considered as a representative of the Legal & Safety Committee within the working group.

The Council took note that the review will cover governance structure, simplification of statutes and pending Congress proposals, with an initial report expected for the September Council meeting

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## 7. Any other business

### 7.1 Legal matters

The Council took note of updates on ongoing litigation matters, including the Tridem, Van Deer (Red Bull) cases and the CAS proceedings relating to the Individual Neutral Athlete policy.

The Council supported pursuing negotiated settlements where appropriate, with the objective of resolving these matters in a coordinated manner and limiting further legal exposure and associated costs.

### 7.2. Sport and IOC matters

The Council took note of updates on discussions with the IOC, including the forthcoming decisions on the Olympic programme and disciplines to be considered by the IOC Executive Board on 23 June and the IOC Session on 24–25 June 2026.

### 7.2 Governance and Council minutes

The Council discussed the current format of Council minutes and considered the appropriate balance between summary minutes and full verbatim transcripts.

The Council supported moving towards more comprehensive and informative summary minutes while discontinuing the practice of producing full verbatim transcripts.

The Council further supported involving Council representatives in the drafting process to enhance the clarity, transparency and consistency of the minutes.

## 8. Next meetings of the FIS Council

The Council took note of the proposed schedule of Council meetings and agreed that its next meeting will be held online on 7 July 2026, with a focus on sport-related matters and other urgent decisions requiring Council consideration.

The Council further took note of the proposal to hold an in-person meeting in Oberhofen, Switzerland in early September 2026, in conjunction with a meeting of the FIS Sports Directors, and expressed its support for organising this meeting in an extended workshop format to allow sufficient time for discussions on governance, financial and sport-related matters.

In addition, the Council took note that further meetings are envisaged alongside key FIS events and major competitions, as well as online meetings to be convened as required.

The Council welcomed the introduction of a more structured meeting calendar to enhance forward planning and coordination.

## 9. Closing of the meeting

Before closing the meeting, President Ospelt thanked Michel Vion for his dedicated service and valuable contribution to FIS.

President Ospelt closed the meeting at 14:17 hrs.

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Oberhofen, 26 June 2026

Michel Vion
Secretary General