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## MINUTES: SBA BOARD MEETING

### SOUTHERN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (SBA)

**Date:** Monday, 16th February 2026

**Time:** 7:00 PM – 9:02 PM

**Location:** Sandringham Basketball Stadium

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## 1. ATTENDANCE

### Present:

Phil McFarlane (President / Chair), Paul Jasniach (Treasurer), Craig Weir (CEO), Jason Shugg, Michelle Scalzi, Marty Pask, Rachel Dolan, Gerrik Gratz.

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## 2. WELCOME & PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 2.1. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No new conflicts of interest were declared.

### 2.2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 17th November 2025 were reviewed.

- **Motion:** To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate record.
- **Moved:** Jason Shugg; **Seconded:** Paul Jasniach. **Carried.**

### 2.3. Action Register

The Board noted that the Domestic Club Engagement Model has been distributed and is being actioned.

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## 3. OPERATIONS UPDATE

### 3.1. CEO Update (Craig Weir)

- **Facilities:** Firbank courts are now operational; feedback is positive despite noise levels. A decision was made to phase out Cheltenham 1 due to poor court quality.
- **Registrations:** Autumn 2026 registrations stand at 960 teams (slight decrease from 975 in 2025). The Board expressed no immediate concern regarding this fluctuation.

- **NBL1/VYC Status:** Key signings confirmed include Campbell TK, Sammi Cartwright, and Kyle Bowen. Negotiations continue with other players
- **Programs:** Sabres clinics saw growth (89 players vs. 80 in 2025). School camps reached 453 students over two weeks, showing strong outreach growth.

### 3.2. OH&S and CapEx

Installation of new rings has been delayed by the supplier. The Board agreed to prioritize installation during the upcoming school holidays to minimize disruption.

### 3.3. Child Safety & Member Protection

- **Tribunal Result:** A 16-week suspension was handed down to the President of the Titans/Eagles following an incident involving referee abuse.
- **Coach Stood Down:** Discussion regarding a coach with background check discrepancies. The SBA will maintain the stand-down status until the BV Board delivers a formal decision on Feb 24th.
- **Diversity & Inclusion (Rachel Dolan):** Proposal approved to pilot an interactive 2-hour professional development workshop for 7–10 female coaches (NBL1/VYC levels) led by Darren Crocker.

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## 4. FINANCE & AUDIT

### 4.1. Finance Report (Paul Jasniach)

- The association recorded a small loss in January due to timing; however, the YTD position remains ~\$150k ahead of budget.
- Cash reserves are currently high due to delayed capital expenditure (rings/flooring). BAS payment of approximately \$70k is upcoming.

### 4.2. Replacement Treasurer Update

- Thirteen applications received; shortlisted to six. Two preferred candidates identified: Both are CPAs with strong finance and professional backgrounds and strong links to the SBA.
- **Action:** Caroline Tuohey to meet with the candidates to assess cultural fit before final decision ahead of the March meeting.

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## 5. STRATEGY & TRANSITION PLANNING

### 5.1. Board Transition

- Phil McFarlane confirmed he will step down as President in June 2026.
- Paul Jasniach will transition to the Chair role starting in April to lead the final meetings before the formal handover.

## **5.2. Domestic Club Engagement**

Updates provided on Board member discussions with Domestic Club Presidents. Key issues raised include parking accessibility and the need for referee-coach interaction training for junior age groups.

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## **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **6.1. Mediation Update**

Legal counsel sent a letter to a member of the association on Jan 23rd offering mediation in regard in an ongoing matter. No response has been received. Security and staff continue to monitor their stadium access.

### **6.2. Council Meeting**

Phil and Craig have a scheduled meeting with the Bayside City Council CEO on Feb 19th regarding the stadium lease and car park issues.

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## **7. CLOSE**

The meeting was closed at 9:02 PM.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, 16th March 2026.

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