



**Minutes of the
2026 TAFISA General Assembly
15 May 2026, Prague, Czech Republic
15:00 h – 20:00 h**

Attendees: TAFISA Members
2022 - 2026 Board of Directors
Wolfgang Baumann (President)
Catherine Forde (Vice President)
Denis Karakasis (Vice President)
Keenese Katisenge (Vice President)
Janez Sodržnik (Treasurer)
Jean-Francois Laurent (Secretary General)
Max Tamazawa (Member)
Wanshik Hong (Member)
Jacqueline Kronenburg (Member)
Keith George (Member)
Fiona Johnson (Member)

Apologies: 2022 - 2026 Board of Directors
Cathy Wong (Vice President)
Marco Tomasini (Member)

Chairperson: Keith George, TAFISA Board Member

Time: 15:00 – 20:00 h

Note: The General Assembly invitation and agenda were sent to all TAFISA members in due time, three months before the General Assembly in line with the statutes. All supporting documents (attachments – Att.) were published in due time with the General Assembly’s Introductory Notes, prior to the General Assembly. The attachments (Att.) of the Minutes – listed below – are available at:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Ct2McTE9FU8N1o8QvJ7msXNKpJQYL87H?usp=sharing>

- Att.01: General Assembly Invitation Letter
- Att.02: General Assembly Agenda
- Att.03: Minutes of the 2023 General Assembly
- Att.04: 2022-26 Board of Directors Report to the General Assembly
- Att.05: TAFISA Financial Statement 2023 (German original version & English translation)
- Att.06: TAFISA Financial Statement 2024 (German original version & English translation)
- Att.07: Audit Report 2023
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- Att.12: New bylaws
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- Att.14: Good Governance Officer’s Nomination Documents
- Att.15: Introduction to SUCCEED Framework
- Att.16: Report on the 3rd TAFISA European Sport for All Games 2026, Limerick, Ireland
- Att.17: Report on the 30th TAFISA World Congress 2027, Gaborone, Botswana
- Att.18: Report on the 8th TAFISA World Sport for All Games 2028, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- Att.19: Bidding Presentation - Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee
- Att.20: Nomination Committee Report

1. Welcome

Words of welcome were delivered by TAFISA President Wolfgang Baumann on behalf of the 2022–2026 TAFISA Board of Directors, along with apologies from Board members who couldn't attend. He then delegated the Chairmanship to Keith George, TAFISA Board member.

The Secretary General informed the General Assembly that for the first time in a TAFISA General Assembly, a digital voting system would be used. After reminding TAFISA statutes' provisions on voting, he invited the technical provider to train and support attendants how to use the system.

Decision

No decision required.

2. Presidential Address

TAFISA President Wolfgang Baumann addressed the General Assembly with reflections on the Board of Directors' term and TAFISA's growth during the period 2022–2026.

Decision

No decision required.

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was issued with the General Assembly's invitation letter ([Att.01](#) and [Att.02](#)) to all TAFISA Members within the period prescribed by the TAFISA statutes.

One motion was received from TAFISA Member the International Dance Organisation, to discharge from liability the Board of Directors and the Executive Board for the mandate 2022–2026. This motion ([Att. 18](#)) was received within the prescribed time according to TAFISA Statutes and was discussed under agenda item 22 "Approval of the TAFISA Board of Directors 2022-2026 and Executive Board 2022 – 2026 Actions".

Decision

The General Assembly approved the agenda and motion as presented, with 175 votes (100%) in favour, 0 against, and 5 abstentions.

4. Minute of Silence

The Chair of the General Assembly requested a minute of silence to honour those close to TAFISA who have passed since 2023, namely:

- TAFISA Honorary Board Member, Hon. Brian Dixon, Australia
- Prof. Vladimir Findak, Croatia
- Mr. Volker Bernardi, Germany
- Mr. Hank Jwo, Chinese Taipei

Decision

No decision required.

5. Confirmation of Number of Votes

The number of votes, in line with the requirements of the TAFISA Statutes and according to the registration list signed upon entry to the General Assembly, was initially confirmed to be 207 and after item 8 (Approval of New Members), to be 230 following the approval of new TAFISA members. According to the statutes the General Assembly had a quorum.

Decision

No decision required.

6. Approval of 2023 General Assembly Minutes

The minutes (Att.03) of the last General Assembly in Düsseldorf, Germany, on 3 November 2023 were sent to the TAFISA members in the prescribed time by the Secretary General and also published on the TAFISA website. According to TAFISA General Rules of Procedure, "The minutes are deemed approved if no objection is made in writing within fourteen (14) days of receipt." No comments requiring amendments were received by TAFISA.

Decision

The General Assembly confirmed the approval of the 2023 General Assembly minutes as presented, with 153 votes (100%) in favour, 0 against, and 1 abstention.

7. 2022 - 2026 Board of Directors' Report

The Secretary General and Treasurer gave an oral presentation of the 2022 - 2026 Board of Directors' Report as issued to all TAFISA Members. Please refer to the report (Att.04).

Dionysios Karakasis, representing the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, Culture & Sports of Greece, suggested to postpone the decision to approve the budget 2026 as, from his point of view and given the past issues faced by TAFISA, this should be done by the newly elected TAFISA Board of Directors. As this matter was not relevant to the agenda item under discussion, the General Assembly Chairperson dismissed the intervention and highlighted to the General Assembly that the voting of the budget 2026 will take place under agenda item 11.

Decision

The General Assembly approved the Board of Directors' Report as presented, with 154 votes (96.86%) in favour, 5 against (3.14%), and 11 abstentions.

8. Approval of New Members

Since the last General Assembly in November 2023, the following 29 organisations applied to become a member of TAFISA and were preliminarily approved by the current TAFISA Board of Directors.

National Members (2 organisations)

| Country/Territory | Organisation |
|-------------------|---|
| Hong Kong, China | Sports for All Confederation of Hong Kong |
| Ukraine | All-Ukrainian Center of Physical Health of Population |

International Members (3 organisations)

| Country/Territory | Organisation |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Hungary | Shotokan Karate Do of United Nations |
| USA | International Quadball Association |
| Japan | Kudo International Federation |

Supporter Members (24 organisations)

| Country/Territory | Organisation |
|-------------------|--|
| Hong Kong, China | Sports Performance and Functional Fitness Federation |

| | |
|------------------|---|
| Ireland | Limerick Sports Partnership |
| Italy | Federazione Italiana Sport per Tutti (FISpT) |
| Italy | OPES APS |
| Hungary | Shotokan Karate European Federation |
| USA | International Pickleball Federation, Inc. |
| Botswana | Women and Sport Botswana (WASBO) |
| Denmark | Girl Power Organisation |
| France | France Field Tir Libre |
| India | Pittu Federation of India |
| Kenya | Moving The Goalposts |
| Luxembourg | European Pickleball Federation |
| Mexico | Mas Sueños ORG |
| Papua New Guinea | Kubalia Tertiary Students Union |
| Ukraine | UkraineActive |
| Spain | Insituto España se Mueve |
| Indonesia | Indonesia Recreational Basketball Association |
| Netherlands | YOU.FO RingCross World Federation |
| Uganda | Cheza |
| Japan | General Incorporated Association Azitama |
| Japan | World Shorinji Kempo Organisation |
| Cyprus | Cyprus Organisation of Performing Arts Athina |
| Netherlands | City of Rotterdam |
| India | Sportz Village Foundation |

The General Assembly was asked to decide on each member category individually by a vote unless there were special requests.

Decision

In three separate votes according to membership category:

- New national members were approved with 174 votes (100%) in favour, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.
- New international members were approved with 174 votes (100%) in favour, 0 against, and 6 abstentions.
- New supporter members were approved with 170 votes (100%) in favour, 0 against, and 5 abstentions.

Newly approved members that were present then received the right to vote immediately during this General Assembly provided that they had paid their membership fee for the years following their application. This brought the number of votes during the General Assembly to 230.

9. Sanctions against Russia and Belarus

The General Assembly 2023 adopted protective measures against Russia and Belarus following their war of aggression against Ukraine.

According to TAFISA Statutes, "In case an issued protective measure is still in place at the time of the next General Assembly, such General Assembly shall discuss and decide whether the protective measures shall be maintained, or definitive measures should be resolved (e.g., final termination of the exercise of rights or membership for good cause as described in Article 4)."

The General Assembly Chair, speaking on behalf of the TAFISA Board of Directors, noted that the spirit of the resolution taken by the General Assembly in 2023, the reasons and the background behind the resolution (namely the unjustified military invasion into another country) have not changed and the conflict is still ongoing; however sport- and geopolitical backgrounds, as well as recommendations from the IOC and other international bodies (e.g. European Union) have evolved. In light of this, the following amendments (in red) to the 2023 resolution were recommended by the TAFISA Board of Directors for adoption by the General Assembly:

- No international sports events be organised in Russia or Belarus until further notice. Organisations from either countries cannot bid or apply as a host for any TAFISA event.
- No government or ~~7~~-state officials, ~~athletes, teams or organisations, neither individual athletes nor teams of athletes~~ from the Russian Federation or the Republic of Belarus should be accredited for or invited to any TAFISA events (including TAFISA World Congress, TAFISA General Assembly, TAFISA World Sport for All Games and others).
- Individual participants, athletes, teams or civil society organisations from the Russian Federation or the Republic of Belarus may be allowed to participate in TAFISA events under neutral status provided they can demonstrate and declare that they have no link with the war or are not supporting the war.
- Any membership in the TAFISA organisation is suspended for organisations from Russia or the Republic of Belarus until further notice.
- No flag, anthems or other national symbols whatsoever of the Russian Federation or the Republic of Belarus should be displayed at any international sports events.
- No representative from Russia or the Republic of Belarus can represent TAFISA in any function or position. Representatives from either country cannot apply for a mandate, a nomination or a position on any TAFISA body.
- No TAFISA representative will attend any events (physical or virtual) in Russia or the Republic of Belarus or any events hosted or organised by organisations from Russia or the Republic of Belarus until further notice.

This resolution shall be assessed and evaluated by the competent TAFISA bodies constantly from time to time with regards to its reinforcement and effectiveness, and the protective measures shall be lifted if and when the reasons for the sanction and/or the protective measures have ceased to exist.

TAFISA believes in the power of Sport for All to bring people together, build bridges and drive peace-building."

A question was raised by TAFISA member the World Flying Disc Federation, represented by Robert "Nob" Rauch, inquiring how the protective measures would apply in the context of team sports. In response, the General Assembly Chairperson clarified that this matter does not fall under TAFISA's purview, as TAFISA does not organise competition-based events; the measures would therefore apply to individuals rather than teams.

Decision

The General Assembly approved the updated protective measures towards Russia and Belarus as presented, with 147 votes (82.58%) in favour, 31 against (17.42%), and 22 abstentions.

10. Report from Auditors and Approval of Audit & Financial Reports 2021 and 2022

The Financial Statements 2023 (Att.05) and 2024 (Att.06), and Audit Reports 2023 (Att.07) and 2024 (Att.08) were presented orally by the Treasurer and Wendy Gillett, substitute auditor.

Gillett highlighted that the Audit Reports 2023 and 2024 drawn by TAFISA elected auditors Gerhard Reus and Peeter Lismägi, have shown no irregularities in regards to TAFISA's operational and financial governance, and confirmed a sound accounting practice executed by the Executive Office.

The Treasurer noted that the Financial Statements do not include the excellent in-kind services provided by each of the TAFISA Board Members, Commissioners and Special Advisors. Without this contribution, TAFISA would not be able to fulfil its tasks and obligations.

He gave thanks to TAFISA partners, supporters, and donors. In particular, he highlighted the following contributions to the TAFISA Office:

- Office space donated in-kind by Commerzbank AG,
- Public funds provided by the German Government and the German Olympic Sport Confederation (DOSB),
- Donations provided by Nike, Catmosphere and International Dance Organization
- Grants provided by the European Commission, IOC and UNESCO,
- Loans provided by the IOC and German Olympic Sport Confederation
- Sponsorship provided by Sportbox
- Licence fees provided by TAFISA event organisers, namely
 - Sokol (World Congress 2026)
 - Limerick Sports Partnership (European Games 2026)
 - Botswana National Sports Commission (World Congress 2027)
 - Saudi Sports for All Federation (World Games 2028)

Decisions

The General Assembly:

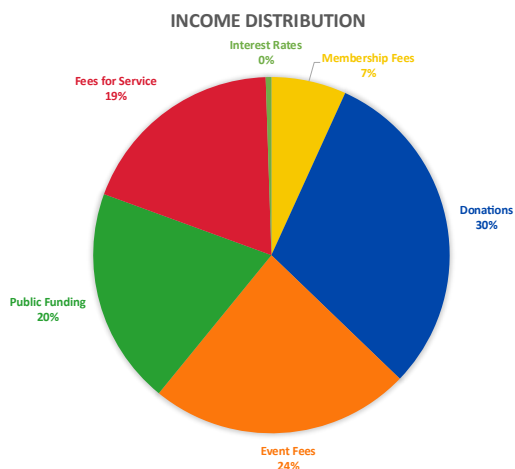
- Approved the financial statements 2023 and 2024 with 182 votes (100%) in favour, 0 against, and 15 abstentions.
- Approved the audit reports 2023 and 2024 with 172 votes (100%) in favour, 0 against, and 10 abstentions.

11. Approval of Budget Plan and Financial Forecasts 2026 and 2027

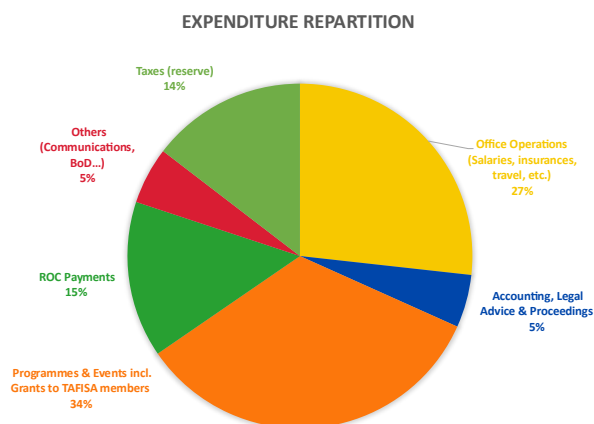
The Budget Plan 2026 (Att.09) and Financial Forecast 2027 (Att.10) were presented by the TAFISA Treasurer with the following main information:

- TAFISA's successful fundraising, blocking of expenditure and establishment of reserves/carryover has successfully allowed TAFISA to overcome the challenge of the CAS decision in TAFISA's conflict vs. the Russian Olympic Committee, while looking at the future with confidence. While the CAS decision's effects still impact TAFISA in 2026, they have been mitigated.
- The deficit foreseen in the 2026 budget is due to repayments to ROC and potential earmarked tax repayments (worst case scenario has been included as expenditure). If the tax assessment of the German tax authorities were confirmed in the coming weeks or months, the 2026 budget would automatically become in surplus. In any case, a reserve has been established to cover it, which would mitigate any impact on TAFISA.
- The budget forecast 2027 only includes the income that is secured as of 22 April 2026. Income is expected to increase thank to fundraising activities, renewals of partnerships (e.g. IOC, whose current funding partnership ends at the end of 2026) and identification of TAFISA events' hosts. Expenditure is based on TAFISA's current actions and needs. It will be adapted as necessary and depending on financial evolutions of TAFISA.
- In addition, TAFISA receives numerous of its funds and grants ahead of time for a certain number of years (e.g. Nike, European Commission), which explains the forecast deficit of the year 2027 as it is the last year of the current partnership with Nike (continuation to be discussed) and most funds have already been received in the previous years and included in the roll-over.
- With the growing complexity of TAFISA's business, the need for legal, tax and accounting expertise and advice has increased in the past years. With the experience of this Board of Directors' mandate, legal/tax/accounting advice will in future be forecast with higher costs.

Budget Plan 2026

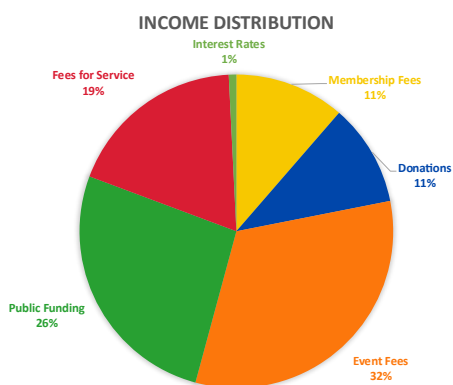


Total income: € 971.050
+ carryover from 2025 € 664.189

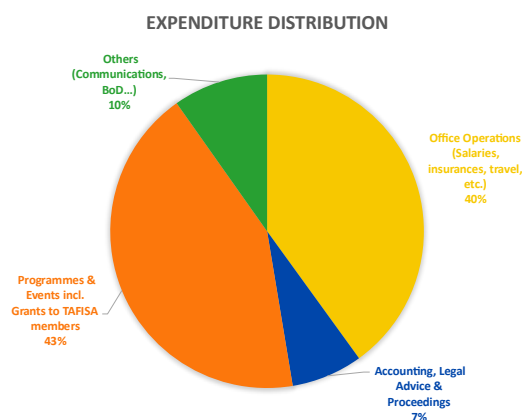


Total expenditure (savings scenario): € 1.057.456
Expenditure without ROC/Tax repayments: € 748.206

Financial Forecast 2027



Total income: € 642.140 (without taking into account potential renewals of partnership)
+ carryover from 2026 € 577.783



Total expenditure (savings scenario): € 711.756

Decision

The General Assembly approved the Budget Plan 2026 and Financial Forecast 2027 as presented, with 156 votes (82.54%) in favour, 21 against (11.11%), and 12 abstentions.

12. Modification of Statues and Bylaws

Modification of Statutes

The proposed revisions to the TAFISA Statutes were presented by TAFISA's Secretary General and lawyer Lentze.Stopper and voted upon chapter by chapter and article by article, each requiring a qualified majority of two-thirds.

Decision

The General Assembly approved all proposed revisions of the Statutes, chapter by chapter and article by article, each by a qualified majority of two-thirds. The results were as follows:

| Proposal | Yes | No | Abstain |
|---|--------------|-------------|---------|
| Revised Preamble | 177 (97.25%) | 5 (2.75%) | 7 |
| Chapter II, Articles 1 & 2 | 178 (100%) | 0 (0%) | 5 |
| Chapter IV, Articles 1 & 2 | 177 (99.44%) | 1 (0.56%) | 10 |
| Chapter VII, Articles 3 & 4 | 172 (89.12%) | 21 (10.88%) | 6 |
| Chapter VIII, Article 1 | 183 (94.82%) | 10 (5.18%) | 0 |
| Chapter IX, Article 2 | 174 (94.57%) | 10 (5.43%) | 0 |
| Chapter IX, Article 3 | 178 (96.74%) | 6 (3.26%) | 0 |
| Chapter IX, Article 4 | 166 (96.51%) | 6 (3.49%) | 10 |
| Chapter X, Articles 1 & 2 | 165 (99.40%) | 1 (0.60%) | 20 |
| Chapter X, Articles 3 & 4 | 156 (95.12%) | 8 (4.88%) | 6 |
| Chapter X, Articles 5, 6 & 7 | 146 (96.69%) | 5 (3.31%) | 11 |
| New Chapter X, Article 9 | 143 (96.62%) | 5 (3.38%) | 17 |
| New Chapter XI and its Articles | 159 (96.36%) | 6 (3.64%) | 6 |
| Chapter XII (old XI), Articles 7 & 8 | 161 (96.99%) | 5 (3.01%) | 5 |
| Chapter XII (old XI), Article 9 | 152 (100%) | 0 (0%) | 10 |
| Revised Chapter XIII (old XII), Article 1 | 186 (100%) | 0 (0%) | 5 |
| Revised Chapter XIV (old XIII), Article 2 & new Article 3 | 176 (94.62%) | 10 (5.38%) | 5 |
| Revised Chapter XV (old XIV), Article 1 | 177 (96.72%) | 6 (3.28%) | 5 |
| New Chapter XVII and its Articles | 172 (97.19%) | 5 (2.82%) | 20 |

The revised statutes are enclosed in [Att.11](#).

Modification of Bylaws

The proposed revisions to existing bylaws and adoption of new bylaws were presented by the Secretary General and voted upon individually, each by simple majority.

Decision

The General Assembly approved the revision of the following bylaws, one by one by simple majority. The results were as follows:

| Proposal | Yes | No | Abstain |
|---|--------------|------------|---------|
| General Rules of Procedure | 162 (100%) | 0 (0%) | 10 |
| Rules of Procedure for BoD and Executive Office | 149 (93.71%) | 10 (6.29%) | 1 |
| Rules of Procedure for Membership | 173 (100%) | 0 (0%) | 5 |
| Code of Conduct for Integrity | 174 (99.43%) | 1 (0.57%) | 5 |
| New bylaw: Disciplinary Procedures | 182 (97.33%) | 5 (2.67%) | 10 |
| New bylaw: Safeguarding Policy | 179 (100%) | 0 (0%) | 6 |

The revised statutes are enclosed in [Att.12](#).

13. Approval of Membership Fees from 2027

With the increasing services TAFISA offers to its members, the TAFISA Board of Directors asked all member organisations to follow their obligation according to the statutes to regularly pay their fees.

Moreover, the Board suggested member organisations that can afford to do so, to donate extra funds to help TAFISA to fulfil its tasks. TAFISA thanked the German Olympic Sport Federation and International Dance Organization that have given special donations to TAFISA.

The TAFISA Board motioned to increase the annual fee for TAFISA membership from 2027.

| | Current Fee | Proposed Fee |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| National Member: | € 450 per year | € 500 per year |
| International Member: | € 450 per year | € 500 per year |
| Supporter Member: | € 400 per year | € 450 per year |

This rise in membership fees primarily reflects:

- The increase in services TAFISA has provided or will provide to its members, including:
 - Capacity-building and knowledge & experience-sharing services through the SUCCEED framework and KESCAB Hub
 - TAFISA Mission 2030 Webinars
 - TAFISA Events (Congresses, Games, Regional Forums)
 - TAFISA Communications
 - TAFISA Website
 - TAFISA Annual Report,
 - TAFISA Newsletter,
 - TAFISA Social Media Activity
- the operation of a professional office,
- the increasing number of members resulting in a growth of operating costs
- the effect of inflation.

Also considered is the effect of inflation and Membership Fees of comparable international bodies.

Decision

The General Assembly approved the proposed new amount of annual membership fees from 2027, with 118 votes (68.60%) in favour, 54 against (31.40%), and 12 abstentions.

14. Report from Good Governance Officer

Finn Berggren, elected as TAFISA Good Governance Officer during the General Assembly 2023, orally presented his report for the period 2023–2026 ([Att.13](#)) and provided additional details.

Decision

The General Assembly acknowledged the Good Governance Officer's report.

15. Election of Good Governance Officer

According to the TAFISA "Code of Conduct for Integrity", TAFISA shall deploy a voluntary Special Officer (Ethics Officer, Good Governance Officer). He or she shall be elected by the General Assembly. The Special Officer may not hold any other position in TAFISA and must be independent. In addition to a preventive, advisory role for all employees and office-bearers (for instance in the event of potential conflicts of interest) if requested, the Special Officer shall also have additional tasks and powers:

- Examining possible breaches
- Assessing the relevance and
- Issuing of recommendations to the relevant decision-making body on how to proceed

He/she shall also have a right of initiative if he/she is not requested to become active directly but gains knowledge of possible incidents from external sources.

The following person has been nominated by a TAFISA Member to be elected TAFISA Good Governance Officer:

- Mr. Finn Berggen, Gerlev Sports Academy

Please see the official nomination letter (including Mr. Berggren's credentials and qualifications) in [Att.14](#) for more information.

Decision

The General Assembly elected Mr. Finn Berggren as Good Governance Officer, with 187 votes (100%) in favour, 0 against, and 5 abstentions.

16. Election of Auditors 2026 and 2027

It was the task of the General Assembly to decide on two auditors plus one substitute auditor for the next two years (2026 and 2027). It is the task of the auditors to examine and approve the TAFISA Annual Financial Statements 2025 and 2026 before presenting their audit results to the next General Assembly 2027.

Decision

The General Assembly elected the following auditors and substitute auditor for the years 2026 and 2027, with 174 votes (100%) in favour, 0 against, and 16 abstentions:

- Auditors:
 - Mr. Gerhard Reus (German Olympic Sports Confederation)
 - Mr. Peeter Lusmägi (Estonian Sport for All Association)
- Substitute auditor:
 - Wendy Gillett (Bluearth Foundation)

17. SUCCEED Framework

TAFISA Senior Consultant Game Mothibi introduced the SUCCEED Framework to the General Assembly. Supporting Community Empowerment & Development through Sport for All (SUCCEED) is a global framework dedicated to fostering community empowerment and development through capacity building in Sport for All. Led by TAFISA in partnership with the IOC through the Olympism 365 strategy as well as various partners (Sportanddev, Sport for Life, Remedy, Espana se Mueve), SUCCEED aims to provide a unified and synergistic approach towards building the capacity of sport for all stakeholders to address the multifaceted implementation challenges and coordinate across many policies, programmes, and priorities.

Across the framework in 2025:

- 3,579 individuals were directly reached through trainings, workshops, and learning initiatives
- 120 capacity building activities were delivered across multiple regions
- 58 implementors actively contributed to programme delivery and outreach

- 5 community projects were implemented to translate learning into local action, directly engaging over 600 participants and targeting an additional 3,500 individuals through broader outreach. 28 other community projects are currently implemented.

These figures represent the collective work of initiatives operating under shared principles of collaboration, sustainability, and measurable progress. More capacity-building initiatives will be added in the coming months, with the launch of KESCAB as SUCCEED's hub.

SUCCEED has in two years only become TAFISA's number one framework and service to members and to the global Sport for All Movement at large. It will in future be our ongoing priority for development.

More details in the attachment ([Att.15](#)).

Decision

The General Assembly acknowledged the SUCCEED Framework and its relevance for the future development and empowerment of the global Sport for All Movement.

18. Report on the 3rd TAFISA European Sport for All Games 2026, Limerick, Ireland

Pat Quigley, a representative of the Limerick Sports Partnership gave an oral presentation ([Att. 16](#)) on the upcoming 3rd TAFISA European Sport for All Games, to be held in Limerick, Ireland, on 6 – 11 August 2026.

Decision

No decision required.

19. Report on the 30th TAFISA World Congress 2027, Gaborone, Botswana

Thuto Molebatsi, a representative of the Botswana National Sports Commission (BNSC) gave an oral presentation ([Att. 17](#)) on the upcoming 30th TAFISA World Congress 2027, to be held in Gaborone, Botswana, on 17 – 21 October 2027.

Decision

No decisions required.

20. Report on the 8th TAFISA World Sport for All Games 2028, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Alanood Alothaimeen, a representative of the Saudi Sports for All Federation (SFA) gave an oral presentation ([Att. 18](#)) on the upcoming 8th TAFISA World Sport for All Games 2028, to be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on 29 September – 5 October 2028.

Decision

No decisions required.

21. Election of the next TAFISA World Congress(es) Host(s)

With the deadline of 15 February 2026, three extremely professional applications from TAFISA Members were received to host the 31st TAFISA World Congress 2029.

Whilst two of the bidders withdrew from the process since then, one bid remained open:

| TAFISA Member | Venue |
|---|-------------|
| Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee (CTOC) | Taipei City |

CTOC's bidding dossier was shared prior to the General Assembly. The application was reviewed by the TAFISA Executive Office and Board of Directors, which certified that the applications meet the bidding guidelines and TAFISA statutes.

The provisional contract including the licence fee, was signed. The contract only becomes valid if the candidate is approved by the General Assembly.

Lisa Hsu, Secretary General of CTOC made a presentation of their bid ([Att.19](#)) to the General Assembly.

The following three TAFISA members requested to take the floor and expressed their opinions and recommendations:

- Dionysios Karakasis, representing the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, Culture & Sports of Greece, noted that several TAFISA Board members had discussed the matter and wished to convey their position: the CTOC bid had been discussed and the process followed by the outgoing Board of Directors, however more than 50% of that Board would not be reappointed given the forthcoming Board elections and the fact that some current Board members are not standing for re-election. On this basis, he expressed the opinion that the election of the next Congress host to the 2027 General Assembly in Botswana could be postponed.
NB: The General Assembly Chair clarified that this opinion was not an official position of the TAFISA Board of Directors, but an individual opinion from a TAFISA Board Member.
- The Sports Bureau of Macao SAR Government, Macao, China represented by Pun Weng Kun expressed the opinion that, in order to align with the incoming TAFISA Board and General Assembly, the election of the next Congress host could be postponed and the Congress be hosted in 2030.
- A representative of the All-China Sports for All Federation, Chen Xingnian, stated that the current bid goes against the Olympic movement and the Nagoya Resolution, as evidenced by an error in the electoral bid documents. The representative noted that this could pose serious threats to TAFISA given the complex situation surrounding Chinese Taipei at present, and expressed the opinion that it would be better to postpone the host selection in order to allow sufficient time to identify the most suitable host for the Congress. The representative added that, should no other host be identified, China would have the capacity to host the Congress 2029.

The General Assembly Chairperson noted that the Lausanne Agreement between CTOC and the IOC forms part of the Congress hosting contract signed with the Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee.

With no further interventions from the floor, the Chairperson proceeded with the opening of the voting for the election of the TAFISA World Congress 2029 Host.

Decision

Via Secret ballot, the General Assembly elected the Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee as host of the 31st TAFISA World Congress 2029, with 173 votes (83.98%) in favour, 33 against (16.02%), and 9 abstentions.

22. Approval of the TAFISA Board of Directors 2022-2026 and Executive Board 2022 – 2026 Actions

This item of agenda includes the motion submitted by the International Dance Organization to discharge from liability the Board of Directors and the Executive Board for the mandate 2022–2026.

The GA Chairman underlined that the current TAFISA Board of Directors and Executive Board have served TAFISA and its members to the best of their ability, and have fulfilled all formal requirements demanded of the Board. The General Assembly was requested to approve the 2022 to 2026 TAFISA Board of Directors and Executive Board actions, thus acknowledging that the Board members can no longer be held liable for decisions made during their term, other than infringements, resulting in legal action.

Decision

The General Assembly approved the actions of the 2022 – 2026 TAFISA Board of Directors and Executive Board, and discharged them from liability, with 171 votes (96.61%) in favour, 6 against (3.39%), and 8 abstentions.

23. TAFISA Board Nomination Committee Report

The TAFISA Board Nomination Committee was elected at the General Assembly 2023, which according to the TAFISA Statutes, has the task “to propose to the General Assembly persons for election” (Chapter XI, § 5). The Members of the Committee elected are:

- Keith Joseph, St Vincent and the Grenadines
- Germante Bartkute, Lithuania
- Maarit Larinen, Sweden

Keith Joseph gave an oral report regarding the nominations during the General Assembly. The report ([Att.20](#)) was published on the TAFISA website in the days before the General Assembly.

- Sodrznik's nomination was approved for the TAFISA President election
- The following nominations were approved for the Board of Directors' election (noting that the candidate from Iran was disqualified on the day of the General Assembly as membership dues were not up-to-date, a formal requirement according to TAFISA statutes):

| No. | Country/Territory | Candidates | Organisation |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| National Members | | | |
| 1 | Botswana | Ms. Boineelo Hardy | Botswana National Sport Commission |
| 2 | Canada | Mr. Richard Way | Sport for Life |
| 3 | Chinese Taipei | Ms. Mei-Yen Chen | Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee |
| 4 | Eswatini | Mr. Zama Didritch Tsabedze | Eswatini Sport & Recreation Council |
| 5 | Fiji Islands | Ms. Moira-Meree Rodan | Fiji National Sports Commission |
| 6 | Germany | Ms. Karin Fehres | German Olympic Sport Confederation (DOSB) |
| 7 | Hong Kong, China | Mr. Po Kee Wong | Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China |
| 8 | India | Mr. Neeraj Kumar Mehra | The Association for National Sports Federations (INDIA) |
| 9 | India | Mr. Saraf Aboobacker | All India Association of Sports For All (AIASFA) |
| 11 | Italy | Mr. Filippo Maria Capatti | Italian Federation of Traditional Sports and Games (FIGeST) |
| 12 | Netherlands | Ms. Jacqueline Kronenburg-Edelaar | Knowledge Centre for Sport & Physical Activity Netherlands / Kenniscentrum Sport & Bewegen |
| 13 | Republic of Korea | Mr. Wanshik Hong | TAFISA Korea |
| 14 | Romania | Ms. Natalia Iavin | Romanian Sport for All Federation (FRSPT) |
| 15 | Trinidad & Tobago | Ms. Catherine Forde | Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee |
| International Member | | | |
| 16 | Republic of Korea | Seok-Jae Kang | World Hangung Association (WHA) |
| 17 | Slovenia | Ms. Fiona Johnson | International Dance Organisation |
| Supporter Member | | | |
| 18 | Tunisia | Elyes Grar | KOLNA NEWCHIW |
| 19 | United Kingdom | Prof. Keith George | Liverpool John Moores University |

Decision

No decision required.

24. Election of Election Committee

For the supervision of the election procedure an Election Committee consisting of three persons not standing for election of the board were to be elected, according to TAFISA Statutes.

Decision

The following three persons were elected by the General Assembly to form the Election Committee, with 194 votes (97.49%) in favour, 5 against (2.51%), and 6 abstentions.

- Max Tamazawa, Sasakawa Sports Foundation
- Martin Chlumsky, Sokol
- Robert "Nob" Rauch, World Flying Disc Federation

25. Election of TAFISA President 2026-2029

One candidacy has been received for the position of TAFISA President 2026 – 2029.

- Janez Sodrznik, Sports Union of Slovenia, Slovenia

The presidential candidate gave a short oral introduction.

Decision

The General Assembly unanimously and by acclamation elected Janez Sodrznik as TAFISA President 2026 – 2029.

26. Election of TAFISA Board Members 2026 – 2029

The list of candidates for election to the 2026 to 2029 TAFISA Board of Directors was posted on the TAFISA website according to the nomination committee's report and for reference for the TAFISA members in due time before the General Assembly. Additionally, introductory information about each candidate was posted on the Congress mobile application.

The voting process was explained to the General Assembly before the vote.

A secret ballot was held to elect the twelve TAFISA Board of Directors members 2026 - 2029.

Decision

Via secret ballot, the General Assembly elected the following candidates as 2026 – 2029 TAFISA Board Members. The results were ascertained by the Election Committee. The ranking in the list below is in accordance with the number of votes received by each new Board member. Positions within the Board, as decided by the Board members during their first meeting on 17 May, are shown in brackets.

National Members:

- Mei-Yen Chen, Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee, Chinese Taipei
- Karin Fehres, German Olympic Sport Confederation, Germany
- Richard Way, Sport for Life, Canada (Vice President - Americas)
- Filippo Maria Capatti, Italian Federation of Traditional Sports and Games, Italy
- Boineelo Hardy, Botswana National Sport Commission, Botswana (Vice President - Africa)
- Natalia Iavin, Romanian Sport for All Federation, Romania
- Moira-Meree Rodan, Fiji National Sports Commission, Fiji Islands (Vice President - Oceania)
- Jacqueline Kronenburg, Knowledge Centre for Sport & Physical Activity, Netherlands (Vice President - Europe)
- Po Kee Wong, Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, Hong Kong, China (Vice President - Asia)
- Wanshik Hong, TAFISA Korea, Republic of Korea

International Members:

- Fiona Johnson, International Dance Organisation (Board Member – International Member)

Supporter Members:

- Prof. Keith George, Liverpool John Moores University (Board Member – Supporter members, Treasurer)

27. Election of Honorary Members

In line with the TAFISA Statutes, the TAFISA Board of Directors recommended the following to be elected as TAFISA Honorary Members in recognition of their substantial contribution to the development of TAFISA as a professional and successful organisation.

Decision

The General Assembly unanimously and by acclamation elected the following four as TAFISA Honorary President and Honorary Board Members.

| Name | Position | Contribution |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Wolfgang Baumann | Honorary President | President |
| Catherine Forde | Honorary Board Member | Board Member |
| Herzel Hagay | Honorary Board Member | Board Member |
| Dionysios (Denis) Karakasis | Honorary Board Member | Board Member |

28. Any Other Business

No other business was raised.

Prague, Czech Republic, 15 May 2026



Jean-François Laurent
Minutes Taker



Keith George
General Assembly Chairperson