

**National Speleological Society, Inc.
Minutes of the Special Meeting
of the Board of Governors**

**Virtual
June 29, 2026
8PM EST**

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COD, Josh Schultz, called the meeting to order at 8:00PM EST, June 29, 2026.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Directors

Sarah Arpin - PRESENT
Mike Backe - PRESENT
Zach Englebert- PRESENT
Pete Johnson - PRESENT
Miki Kalber - PRESENT
Mike Mansur - PRESENT
Nina Martin - ABSENT
Rebecca McNabb - PRESENT
Dennis Melko - PRESENT
Aria Mildice - ABSENT
Anna Pearce - PRESENT
Josh Schultz – PRESENT

1. Minutes to Approve

NONE

2. Division Head & Board Reports

NONE

3. Comments from the Membership

- **Emily Davis – collaborative efforts**

- Bert Ashbrook – membership support needed before moving forward

4. Unfinished Business

4.1. Schultz moves to approve NSS Museum Board Members

Rebecca McNabb (NSS #61475), NSS Board of Directors
 Dr. Matthew L. Niemiller (NSS #53235), University of Alabama-Huntsville
 Emily P. Davis (NSS #62810) Conservation & Science Division Head
 Dr. Annette Engel (NSS #31319), NSS Executive Director

Schultz: calls roll call vote

Sarah Arpin - NAY
 Mike Backe - NAY
 Zach Englebert- NAY
 Pete Johnson - NAY
 Miki Kalber - NAY
 Mike Mansur - NAY
 Nina Martin - NAY
 Rebecca McNabb - NAY
 Dennis Melko - NAY
 Aria Mildice - NAY
 Anna Pearce – NAY
 Josh Schultz – NAY

Roll Call Vote:

UNANIMOUS DENIAL

5. New Business

5.1. Arpin moves to rescind the motion adopted on March 14, 2026, authorizing a \$190,000 promissory note from the Beech Fund to fund museum costs upon signing of a lease agreement with the NSS Cave and Natural History Museum.

Arpin moved to amend:

Arpin moves to rescind the <<motion>> >>directive<< adopted on March 14, 2026, authorizing a \$190,000 promissory note from the Beech Fund to fund museum costs upon signing of a lease agreement with the NSS Cave and Natural History Museum.

McNabb: seconds

Schultz: calls roll call vote

Sarah Arpin - YAY

Mike Backe - YAY

Zach Englebert- YAY

Pete Johnson - YAY

Miki Kalber - YAY

Mike Mansur - YAY

Nina Martin - YAY

Rebecca McNabb - YAY

Dennis Melko - YAY

Aria Mildice - YAY

Anna Pearce – YAY

Josh Schultz – YAY

Roll Call Vote:

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

6. Closed Session of the Board

Schultz moves to enter closed session at 8:15PM EST

7. Open Session

Kalber moves to reconvene open session at 10:08PM EST

8. Report to Membership from Closed Session:

- The Board voted unanimously to terminate the Executive Director's contract without cause. The Board will not comment further on the substance of the confidential personnel discussion.

9. Adjournment

McNabb: motions to adjourn

Johnson: seconds

Schultz adjourns at 10:09 PM EST