

Para HPC Meeting

January 20, 2026

Present: Andrew Morrow, Eli Margolin, Andy Wigren, Ellen Minzner

Excused: Helmut Bertold, Chris Meyer, Judy Morrison

Ellen opened the meeting at 7:30 pm with an introduction of new athlete reps Andy Wigren and Eli Margolin.

A discussion was had about the composition of the Selection Panel for the 2026 PR3 Selection Camp, clarifying that the Panel would consist of the Chief High Performance Officer (or designee), a member of the Para HPC and a member of the Athlete's Council. The Selection panel would be named sometime after PR3 Selection Camp invitations go out in mid-May. Andy emphasized the need to communicate clearly about the invites to the PR3 Selection camp, including communicating to those who had not been invited.

A discussion was had regarding athlete development, and specifically U23 targeted recruiting, focussing on athletes with eligibility for the PR3 1x at the 2026 U23 World Championships. Andy Wigren is spearheading efforts to get video content in the form of athlete testimonials to build awareness of opportunities for collegiate athletes in Para. Ellen is coordinating communication with the USOPC and NCAA for additional video content about Para rowers from collegiate programs to be highlighted at the 2026 NCAA Rowing Championships.

Ellen noted that a notice for classification opportunities for 2026 had just been posted on the USRowing website and on Instagram. This reflects the strategy to have classifications become a more visible part of USRowing regattas, and to encourage more entries in Para events.

The Para HPC meeting schedule 2026 was set for the following dates: Tuesdays at 7:30 via zoom:

Jan 20

March 24

May 19

July 21

Sept 22

Nov 17

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM