



## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Zoom® Videoconference

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025 – 18:00 to 19:30 SGT (Singapore time)

### MINUTES

#### EB members in attendance:

Ms Petra SÖRLING	President
Mr LIU Guoliang	Executive Vice-President
Mr Anthony MOORE	Executive Vice-President
Mr Paul CALLE	Executive Vice-President
H.R.H. Princess Zeina RASHID	Executive Vice-President
Mr Wahid OSHODI	Executive Vice-President
Ms Beatrice ROMANESCU	Executive Vice-President
Prof. Veli Ozan CAKIR	Executive Vice-President
Ms Virginia SUNG	Executive Vice-President
Ms LIU Shiwen	Athletes Commission (AC) Co-Chair
Mr ACHANTA Sharath Kamal	Athletes Commission (AC) Co-Chair

#### Staff in attendance:

Mr Steve DANTON	ITTF Group CEO
Mr Raul CALIN	ITTF Secretary General
Mr Chris TAM	ITTF Director of Operations
Mr Tristan LAVIER	ITTF Communications Director
Mr Andres CONSTANTIN	ITTF Governance Manager

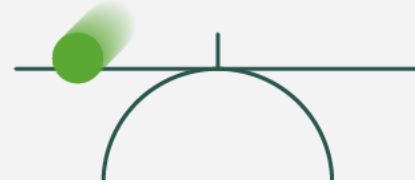
## 1. Welcome from the ITTF President

### 1.1. ITTF President's Welcome

Ms SÖRLING welcomed the Executive Board Members, thanking them for their participation despite the short notice, and hoped for the EB's work to start as soon as possible, given the six-month delay in completing the elections.

Ms SÖRLING started by indicating that this first meeting is the opportunity for everyone to introduce themselves, which is why a larger group of staff has been invited so they can also introduce themselves to the new EB.

Ms SÖRLING addressed the EB colleagues, expressing her happiness at having finally completed the AGM and elections and having now a renewed EB, ready for the work on the upcoming quadrennial. Ms SÖRLING reflected on the crucial moments table tennis is living through, getting closer to the Centenary, and noted the special momentum the sport is experiencing. Ms SÖRLING assured the EB members that the ITTF has kept table tennis alive, with events and development activities continuing despite internal problems, the work which has started in the Constitutional reform, and the planning for the next year.



Ms SÖRLING indicated that she will reach out to each EB member individually to check their areas of interest before assigning portfolios, and added that, although portfolios are assigned, everyone is welcome to contribute to all areas, as the EB will be working as a team.

Ms SÖRLING referred to her vision during the presidential campaign, citing unity, growth, and good governance, and her aim to be open to embracing the future and to find ways to incorporate Esports and AI into ITTF activities.

Ms SÖRLING added that during her consultation with Member Associations, the demand for the global success to be implemented locally was a common denominator, being curious to hear from the EB colleagues what messages they received from their respective consultations with the Membership.

Without further ado, Ms SÖRLING once again expressed her satisfaction at having the new EB in place and looked forward to working with each and every one of them.

#### 1.2. Roll Call

The Roll Call was conducted with nine out of the eleven EB members present at the moment of the roll call <sup>1</sup>.

### 2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted without any further items being added.

### 3. Introduction of each EB Member

Mr LIU Guoliang introduced himself to the EB colleagues, expressing his happiness for being part of this new EB and looking forward to the interactions with the EB colleagues.

Ms LIU Shiwen also expressed her satisfaction with meeting all the EB members, looking forward to the first opportunity to interact face to face.

Mr Sharath Kamal ACHANTA introduced himself, looking forward to working with the EB colleagues to take table tennis to new heights.

Mr Paul CALLE introduced himself, indicating it is an honour for him to be part of the new EB, adding that he looks forward to serving the institution and to contributing to the betterment of table tennis.

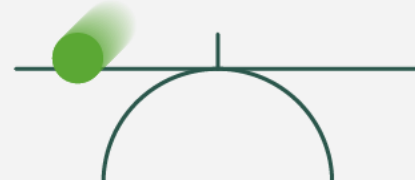
Mr Wahid Enitan OSHODI introduced himself to the EB colleagues, indicating that it is an honour for him to be re-elected to the EB, hoping that this good team can work together for a better future for the sport, being very confident about the progress that can be made.

H.R.H. Princess Zeina RASHID thanked Ms SÖRLING for the warm welcome, feeling honoured to be part of the EB, and added that she considers the group brings a diverse range of skills that complement each other, looking forward to working with everyone.

Ms Beatrice ROMANESCU expressed her pride in being part of this team, congratulating all the EB colleagues elected and looking forward to working with each and every one of them for a bright future for table tennis.

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<sup>1</sup> Mr Anthony MOORE and Mr Wahid OSHODI joined the meeting a few minutes later.



Prof. Veli Ozan KAKIR thanked Ms SÖRLING for the introduction, saluting all the colleagues from what he called the longest election in the ITTF history, adding that, particularly for him, it took almost half an hour more than for the rest of the elected EVPs, being very happy and proud to be part of the team and hoping to be able to do the best possible for the development of our sport together with the ITTF President and EB colleagues.

Ms Virginia SUNG thanked Ms SÖRLING for her warm welcome, congratulating all colleagues for their election, considering that the process, because of its length, has helped each of the EB members to learn more about the needs of each of the Member Associations, and hoping that this information will assist the EB in working better as a team at the service of the Membership.

Mr Anthony MOORE introduced himself, indicating that he is very pleased to be part of this call and this EB group, and is excited about working together. Mr MOORE highlighted the importance of always making the right decisions in the ITTF's best interests. To conclude, Mr MOORE expressed his hope to learn from EB colleagues about the specificities of different regions of the world and to exchange knowledge.

#### 4. CEO Update

Mr DANTON started by congratulating the EB members for their election, thanked them for their patience during the long wait to complete the AGM, and provided a verbal update on the status of the institution.

Mr DANTON indicated that table tennis is living a very exciting time, with the ITTF Centenary in 2026. He encouraged the EB members to share any ideas that could help enhance the 100-year celebrations.

The EB noted that since the superb Paris 2024 Olympic Games, with the World Cups coming back, with WTT rising, the sport is in a position never seen before. At the same time, Mr DANTON expressed his hope for more resources and energies being made available to support the development and ITTF Foundation programmes.

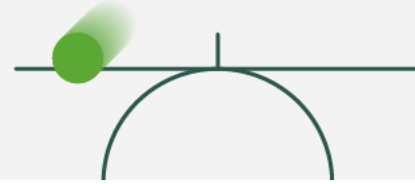
Mr DANTON stated everyone will agree that nobody wants to see an AGM like the one in 2025 again, and that the Governance work and the revised Constitution to guide the ITTF for the future are very important projects, and that the full support of the EB members will be very important, hoping everyone pushes for the highest standards in IFs governance. Mr DANTON took the opportunity to thank Mr CALIN for the work he has been doing over the past years pushing for the ITTF to improve its governance.

Mr DANTON referred to the financial aspects, noting that 2025 will not be an easy year, but hoping that the investments being made will yield results in the future, being very positive about what the future can bring.

To conclude, Mr DANTON encouraged the EB members, indicating this is probably the most exciting time for the sport, with the Centenary and the Olympic Games coming up during their mandate, and looking forward to working together.

#### 5. Introduction of the ITTF staff present

Mr Raul CALIN, ITTF Secretary General, thanked Ms SÖRLING and Mr DANTON for the opportunity, and introduced himself to the EB members, mentioning how the first EB member he got to know was Mr LIU Guoliang, 30 years ago, through television, and that the first EB member he met in person was



HRH Princess Zeina RASHID as a cadet player at the Spanish Youth Open some 20+ years ago. Since then, having had the opportunity to get to know every EB member in different moments, Mr CALIN expressed his satisfaction to see their willingness to contribute to the sport development.

Mr CALIN added that, having started in the ITTF officially in 2024, having worked eleven years in Competitions, followed by ten years in administration, and is ready to assist the EB members in the days to come.

Mr Chris TAM, ITTF Director of Operations, congratulated the EB members for their election or re-election, introduced himself, and gave a background of his duties in the areas of operations, finances, policies, and IT support, indicating he will be reaching out to each EB member for their individual onboarding.

Mr Tristan LAVIER, ITTF Communications Director, congratulated the EB members for their election/re-election, thanked them for their commitment, indicating he has been in the ITTF for four years, and is looking forward to sharing more about the work being done in the communications department with everyone. Mr LAVIER added that the unity of EB messaging and the strategy of communications are important elements which he hopes to discuss further with everyone in the group.

Mr Andres CONSTANTIN, ITTF Governance Manager, congratulated everyone on their election/re-election and thanked them for their patience over the past few months. Mr CONSTANTIN provided background on himself, having joined the ITTF in 2025, and is currently leading the ITTF Constitutional Reform, for which he will be reaching out to each EB Member.

## **6. Information on EB Members onboarding**

Mr CALIN gave a brief update on the onboarding process, which will be held as soon as possible, and listed the areas that will be addressed during it.

## **7. Other Business**

### **7.1. Appointment of the ITTF Deputy President**

Ms SÖRLING indicated her satisfaction with the work that Mr LIU Guoliang had undertaken since his appointment as ITTF Deputy President in 2022 and therefore had no reason to delay such appointment for this new term.

Ms SÖRLING therefore announced the appointment of Mr LIU Guoliang as the ITTF Deputy President for the period 2025-2029.

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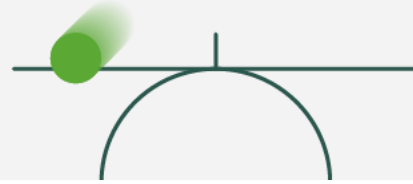
**Mr LIU Guoliang was appointed as the ITTF Deputy President for the period 2025-2029.**

Ms SÖRLING congratulated Mr LIU on the re-appointment, looking forward to working together.

Mr LIU Guoliang thanked Ms SÖRLING and the EB colleagues for their trust, and expressed that he is looking forward to continuing to support Ms SÖRLING, the ITTF, WTT, and to working collaboratively with all the new EB Members.

Ms SÖRLING also indicated that after consultation with the other EB colleagues, the decision on the appointment of the EVP Finance will be made.

Ms ROMANESCU referred to the World Youth Table Tennis Championships, which are about to start in Cluj, Romania, and invited everyone to follow it either in person or online, noting that the event will be



broadcast throughout all eight days.

**8. Next Meeting**

Ms SÖRLING indicated that the next meeting will be held in December, in a hybrid format, on a date and time to be confirmed as soon as possible.

**9. Adjournment**

Not having any other business, Ms SÖRLING thanked everyone once again for their participation, and the meeting was adjourned at 18:45 SGT.

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**Petra SÖRLING**  
ITTF President

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**Steve DANTON**  
ITTF CEO

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