# U.S. Masters Swimming Meeting Minutes

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| **Committee Name:** | Investment Committee | **Session #:** | |
| **Committee Chair:** | Ralph Davis | **Vice Chair:** | Chris Eckerman |
| **Minutes recorded by:** | Phil Dodson | **Date/time of meeting:** | 7/21/26 @ 7 PM EDT |

## MSA:

1. Approved Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2026
2. MSA: Move $40K out of equities: $20K from large cap IWF and $20K from Int'l Developed (NOINX), with $40K redeployed into Cash
3. MSA: Approve Minutes of our April 21, 2026 meeting

**Number of committee members present: 5** **Absent: 3** **Other USMS present: 0**

**Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):** Ralph Davis, Phil Dodson, Robin Smith, Denise Dombay (Ex-officio ), Gary Keehner (Ex-officio), **Other USMS representatives Present:** None

**Absent:**, Brandon Johnson (Ex-officio), Chris Eckerman, Guy Davis,

**Guests:** Jim Gregory, Northern Trust Investment Manager

# Minutes

The meeting was called to order at about 7:01 PM EDT. Ralph began the meeting asking if there were any conflicts of interest. None were noted. Ralph welcomed Jim Gregory, our Northern Trust (NT) Investment Advisor, who described recent changes in the NT tactical allocation weightings and outlook, followed by a brief review of both the USMS and SSL Investment portfolios' performances for quarter ended 6/30/2026. These are the highlights:

- NT remains positive on the US economy. Their expectations are 75% towards expansion, their base case and 25% towards possible recession. These positions were recently changed from 70/30 ratio.
- The NT Tactical monthly meeting made NO adjustments to the model asset allocation. Their preference remains equities over bonds and overweight US equities and EM, underweight fixed income because their base case is expansion.
- Jim reviewed "The case for Diversification" YTD: EM equities are # 1 at 24.0%, with US Equities #2 at 10.1%. He highlighted that gold was # 1 for last two years, is currently last at -7.4%. The 10 year average, US Equities still leads all categories.
- Jim gave a brief review of inflation stats which remain above the Fed's target of 2%, and trending slightly higher, but the charts do not populate with more recent stats which would show an offsetting decline.
- GPD growth; NT forecasts 2% for remainder of 2026.
- Volatility is up in 2026. It does not take much to move the market 1%.
- Jim reviewed the USMS assets allocation as of 7/14/26: 61.4% in equities mainly focused in US at 39.8%, Int'l developed at 13.5% is 50 basis points above target. Our largest variance to target is EM at 2.6% versus target of 7.5%
- Jim recommended a minor reallocation: move $40K out of equities: $20K from large cap IWF and $20K from Int'l Developed (NOINX), with the $40K redeployed into Cash.
- MSA was made on Jim recommendation. The committee briefly discussed whether to redeploy into slightly higher yielding Ultra Short money market, but went with the recommendation for cash to more closely align with the NT target allocation for investment grade fixed income.

- Jim presented a similar review of the SSL portfolio which follows the NT model portfolio. YTD performance was slightly better than the USMS portfolio due to its higher allocation for Emerging Markets, 8.1% versus 2.6%, and that EM was up over 21% YTD. For context:
    - USMS Portfolio YTD up 6.8% net of fees and 14.36% for 12 months
    - SSL Portfolio YTD up 7.5% net of fees and 15.00% for 12 months
- Next meeting will be October 20th, 2026, at 7:00 PM EDT.

Meeting adjourned 7:35 EDT