



BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING
of the **NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**
January 16, 2025
MINUTES

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1) Call to Order.

Troy Tucker, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. EST on January 16th, 2025.

2) Roll Call.

Present: Troy Tucker (Board Chair); Kerri-Ann McTiernan (Vice Chair); Mary Young (Women's Senior Administrator); Rob Nielson (Men's Senior Administrator); Jerry Smith (R1); Mike St. John (R2); Kristen Schuth (R3); Darin Monroe (R4); Deron Clark (R5); Mike Saddler (R6); Bobby Hudson (R7); Rob Chaney (R8); Lind Hartsell (R10); Thom McDonald (R11); Dale Vos (R12); Kurt Kohler (R13); Dr. Tim Drain (R14); Michael Belfiore (R15); Darren Pannier (R16); David Elder (R17); Joel Bate (R18); Katie Amundson (R19); Jo Ann Todaro (R20); Tommy Stewart (R21); Dean Myrick (R22); Steve Martin (R23); Ron Riggle (R24); Dr. Dan Kinney, Jr. (PC Central); Dr. Tony Miksa (PC East Central); Dr. Margaret McMenamin (PC Northeast); Dr. Michael Calvert (PC Northwest); Dr. Thomas Huebner; Dr. Myles Shelton (PC Southwest); Melissa Grau (At-Large); Michelle Ivey (At-Large); Michelle Silcox (At-Large); Derrick Worrels (At-Large)

Absent: Marci Henry (R9); Dr. Larissa Littleton-Steib (At-Large)

NJCAA Staff in Attendance: Dr. Christopher Parker (NJCAA President and CEO); Jeff White (Counsel to the Board of Regents, Chief Legal Officer and Senior Vice President-Internal Affairs); Christopher Haley (Senior Director of Partnerships and Development), Michelle Meadows (Senior Vice President-COO & CFO); Dr. Brett Monaghan (Vice President for Championships, Membership, and Sports Governance); Rod Lovett (Assistant Vice President for Sports Governance and Regional Leadership); Andrew Givens (Assistant Vice President for Marketing, Development, and Community Outreach); Kalyn Fetter (Championships and Events Manager); Jerry McCarty (Athletics Communication Associate); Wanda Bodey (Senior Director of Compliance & Eligibility); Tyler Broderick (Compliance Associate); Carly Pitts (Compliance Associate); Lauren Pritchett (Compliance Associate); Kerri Askew (Executive Assistant); Danielle Lafferty (Director of Championship and Event Operations)

3) Recognition of Guests.

Guests: Kevin O'Connor (R9 Proxy); Joseph Scheuermann (At-Large Proxy); Mark Tucker (Guest) Holly Steuerwald (NJCAA Membership Director)

4) Approval of Agenda.

MOTION to approve the agenda by Darren Pannier; **SECONDED** by Dr. Margaret McMenamin
PASSES

5) Consideration of October 2024 Meeting Minutes.

MOTION to approve minutes by Michelle Silcox; **SECONDED** by Dr. Michael Calvert.
PASSES

6) Board Chair Updates.

A. Discussion Items – Chair Troy Tucker

1. Chair Tucker welcomed the new Board of Regents members – Michael Belfiore (R15) & Joel Bate (R18)
2. Chair Tucker informed the board about the ongoing improvements he is collaborating on with the NJCAA Staff. These efforts include updates to the BOR website and archiving process, setting timelines for agendas and supplements, and increasing transparency for the entire membership. A timeline will be shared once all areas are completed.
2. The finance committee's supplements will be the only one not shared four weeks before the board meeting. This is to ensure the board receives the most current information at each BOR meeting.
3. The NJCAA Sports Grant Application has been updated to be more user-friendly, with the option to view a PDF version of the online form for colleges to prepare their submission.

7) NJCAA National Office Updates.

A. CEO Update – Dr. Christopher Parker

1. A warm welcome was extended to the new board members.
2. Dr. Parker provided an update on the ongoing discussions with the NCAA, emphasizing the protection of the NJCAA and its student-athletes.
3. There will be continued focus on student success data and the upcoming coaches' and foundation events.

B. Operations – Michelle Meadows

1. January Personnel Report
2. Convention Stipends have been allocated per Region and will go out March 1st

C. Championships, Membership, and Sports Governance – Dr. Brett Monaghan

1. Joint Meetings & Sport Committee Meetings – Joint meetings took place last week and Sport Committee meetings, in preparation for the convention, are scheduled for the first week of February
2. 2025 Convention Planning – convention schedule will be shared with the membership by the end of January
3. Fall Championship Review – reviewed those who won national championships during the fall season

D. Marketing, Development, & Community Outreach Update – Andrew Givens

1. Marketing – Kyle Eager
 - a. Division and Non-Division Sport Associate Coverage
 - Jerry McCarty – DI Sports, Indoor Track & Field, Women's Wrestling, Men's Volleyball and Cheerleading (Kyle will assist with Cheer)
 - Amanda Cover – DII Sports, Bowling, Men's Lacrosse, and Flag Football
 - Rebekah Cook – DIII Sports, Swimming & Diving, Wrestling and Beach Volleyball
2. Media – Zach McKinstry
 - a. 2024 Content Recap and Update
 - Content reached new highs with 61,000 YouTube views for the DI Football Championship, 230,000 views for Dr. Parker's NCAA Waiver statement, 150+ videos, 200+ content pieces, and 24 Selection Shows, growing YouTube by 37%, with plans for new winter/spring sports content.

- b. NJCAA Network Studio Update
 - The NJCAA Network Studio is progressing with rent waived for the first three months, naming rights sponsorship being pursued, and a local set design company identified.
- 3. Partnerships – Andrew Givens
 - a. Nufabrx – Convention Title Sponsor and Foundation Awards Events Sponsor
 - b. \$430,000 in renewals beginning in January
- 4. NJCAA Foundation Update – Chris Haley
 - a. Andrew Givens named Executive Director

 - b. Upcoming deadlines for the Sport Opportunity Grant (Jan 17), Student-Athlete of the Year nominations (Jan 27), Coaches Legacy Award nominations (Feb 14), and Foundation Awards/Coaches Legacy Event on June 17.

E. Compliance and Government Relations – Jeff White

- 1. Government Affairs Update – Jeff White
 - a. Transgender Legislation Update
 - The bill passed in the House and is led by Tuberville's office; a call and in-person meeting are scheduled. While securing enough votes for passage remains challenging, it is expected to pass if it reaches the floor. Additionally, a recent court decision invalidated the 2024 Title IX amendments, easing compliance for campus Title IX offices.
 - b. House v NCAA Update
 - Acknowledged the case and settlement, with a March 1 NCAA deadline for members to opt in or out of direct payment. Dartmouth and USC withdrew their claims, mainly due to timing and the new administration, to preserve the initial findings and avoid a shift in NLRB precedent.
 - c. Pavia Update
 - No changes for current NJCAA members. The NCAA granted a blanket waiver for student-athletes with expiring eligibility at non-NCAA institutions. Pavia's attorneys are in mediation but have low expectations.
- 2. Compliance & Eligibility Reminders – Wanda Bodey
 - a. Reminder of football signing date (February 5th) and dead period, time to recertify for two-term sports, and updates available in the monthly newsletter. The board discussed separating the newsletter from compliance, and the NJCAA will explore how to make this happen.
- 3. Audit and Tiered Sanctions – Carly Pitts
 - a. Fall auditing concluded with a total of 85 audits – 39 being mandatory.
 - b. Winter auditing: 51 have been requested, 38 being mandatory.
 - 14 of the 38 mandatory audits were requested this week due to failure of recertification.
 - c. Tiered Sanctions: Since August 1, a total of 104 violations have occurred.
 - 45 self-reports
 - 59 not self-reported
 - Out of the 104 violations, 47 have been due to Late Eligibility Submission/Recertification.

d. Reprimands:

- 15 schools have reached 12 or more points, resulting in mandatory audits in all sports.
- 1 school is in the process of an action plan, meaning they have 20 or more points.
- 2 schools are currently members not in good standing, meaning they have 30 or more points.

4. Hardships – Lauren Pritchett

a. Rulings - 319 total since August 1st.

- 248 – Approved; 71 – Denied
- 216 - Medical Hardships
- 49 - Hardship #2
- Non-Participation Approvals – 20

b. New Situational requests since August 1st

- 11- Hardships categorized as Mental Health Hardships
- 23 - Academic Term Hardships
- Most common sport request – Baseball
- Most common medical provider on Hardship #1 – Medical Doctor

5. Ejection/Non-Collegials – Tyler Broderick

Ejections			
Sport	23-24	24-25	Change (% Increase or Decrease)
Total	738	815	+77 (9.5%)
MSOC	438	521	+83 (16%)
WSOC	111	105	-6 (-5.7%)
FB	22	40	+18 (45%)
WVB	1	2	+1
WR	2	3	+1
MBB (1/14/25)	114	84	-30 (-35.7%)
WBB (1/14/25)	46	48	+2 (4.2%)

Non-Collegials			
Sport	23-24	24-25	Changed (% Increase or Decrease)
Total	45	53	+8 (15%)
MSOC	14	17	+3 (17.6%)
WSOC	7	6	-1
FB	3	8	+5
MBB	13	13	N/A
WBB	8	9	+1

8) NJCAA Board Updates.

1. Treasurer’s Report – Dale Vos

- Although the final audit isn't ready, the quarterly financial statement for the first quarter of FY25 was outstanding. Membership renewals include 514 returning members and 7 new applications to date, corporate sponsors are estimated 20% above budget, and licensing has increased by 21% compared to the average of the last three first quarter distributions.

MOTION to approve the financial report as presented by Dr. Dan Kinney; **SECONDED** by Kurt Kohler.
PASSES

9) NJCAA Standing Committee/Council Reports.

A. Eligibility Committee – Rob Chaney, Chair

1. Action Items:
 - a. None
2. Discussion Items:
 - a. Draft of all proposals will continue to be circulated prior to the April Meeting. Committee will have a broader presentation for the board in Texas.

MOTION to approve by Jerry Smith; **SECONDED** by Darren Pannier.
PASSES

B. Sports Governance Committee – Darin Monroe, Chair

1. Action Items:
 - a. Item #5002 - Division I and II Men's and Women's Golf National Tournament Fee Increase

MOTION to approve by Rob Chaney; **SECONDED** by Dr. Dan Kinney.
PASSES 33-2-3

2. Discussion Items:
 - a. Committee will have final wording for all proposals for a vote in April.

C. Championship Events Committee – Jerry Smith, Chair

1. Division I Outdoor Track & Field Championship Bid
 - a. New Mexico Junior College to host in 2026 and 2028
 - b. Hutchinson Community College to host in 2027

MOTION to approve by Rob Chaney; **SECONDED** by Ron Riggle.
PASSES 35-0-1

D. Presidents' Commission - Dr. Dan Kinney

1. Ongoing discussions on national and federal issues, with plans to support the NJCAA in navigating challenges as athletics and higher education face tough times, including advocacy in DC.

10) Action Items.

A. Item #2003 – Submission of Compliance Designee - Jeff White

PASSES 34-2-0

B. Item #2005 – Review of membership applications – Dr. Brett Monaghan

1. Tidewater Community College
Virginia Beach, VA | Region 10

PASSES 36-0-0

2. Berkshire Community College
Pittsfield, MA | Region 21

PASSES 36-0-0

Action Item:

Dr. Monaghan to work with Board Chair and appointed ad hoc committee members to develop application process and membership expectations for discussion at April meeting.

C. Item #2006 – Selecting the official NJCAA ball for Tennis – Dr. Brett Monaghan

PASSES 34-1-0

11) Discussion Items.

A. Item #2004 – Discussion on Member Not-In-Good Standing – Jeff White

1. Discussion of timeline of points accrued and explanation of process for reinstatement.

12) Executive Session.

MOTION to move into Executive Session by Troy Tucker; **SECONDED** by Darin Monroe.

13) Adjournment.

MOTION to adjourn by Dean Myrick, **SECONDED** by Tim Drain, the meeting adjourned 3:11pm.

A. Chair Tucker announced the Board's next meeting information

1. Thursday, April 10 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern via Zoom (Pre-April Board Meeting Q&A session—non-mandatory).
2. Wednesday, April 16 at 3:00 p.m. Central and Thursday, April 17th at 9:00 a.m. Central (In Person, NJCAA Convention)
