

March 9, 2025

Dear Selection Committee,

Please accept this letter of support for Dean Myrick, who is a candidate for NJCAA Men's Senior Administrator. I have known Dean professionally for nearly 13 years and can attest to his ability to serve in this role with excellence.

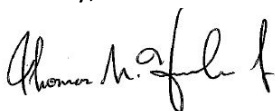
I first met Dean when he became the commissioner for the Alabama Community College Conference in 2012. As the Dean of Students at Shelton State Community College, athletics were in my direct report, and Myrick's selection as our conference commissioner was an absolute game-changer for Alabama. He engaged his constituents and brought clarity, relevance, and a sense of "process" to the position of commissioner like we hadn't seen previously. One of my first interactions with Dean was after an altercation on the basketball court involving our student-athletes and those from another college. He was swift, clear, fair, and thorough in his review, and his decision was one he could defend and we all could support. More importantly, his process engendered a strong sense of trust and thoroughness that communicated Dean's understanding of policy, his sensitivity to students, and his desire to "do things right." From that point, I became a fan of Dean Myrick.

Dean has served the NJCAA in a variety of capacities. He has been a coach, an athletic director, and a conference commissioner. He has served as the director from NJCAA regions 10 and 22, as well as serving separately as both men's and women's directors. He has served on multiple NJCAA committees, including D1 Men's Basketball, D1 Men's Golf, D1 Softball, D1 Men's Soccer, DII Men's Basketball, DIII Men's Basketball, DIII Baseball, Sports Governance, Tiered Sanctions, NJCAA Excellence, Eligibility, Districting, Division by College, Division I Philosophy Group, and Championship Events.

As commissioner, he is responsible for all facets of operations associated with a large, multi-division, multi-institution conference affiliated with the NJCAA. From overseeing conference-wide insurance policy selection to restructuring bylaws and selecting and hosting conference championships in multiple events, Dean has done a fantastic job of ensuring community college athletics in Alabama are relevant, growing, and competitive.

Dean has a strong understanding of the NJCAA, believes in the value of the organization, and approaches his work with integrity and a vision for excellence. Athletics are changing and are likely to continue changing, and I believe Dean Myrick is well-equipped to serve as the Men's Senior Administrator for our organization. As a member of the NJCAA President's Advisory Council and the Board of Regents, I recommend Dean without reservation.

Sincerely,



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