



BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING
of the **NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**
January 15, 2026



MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Troy Tucker, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. EST on January 15th, 2026.

2. Roll Call

Present: Troy Tucker (Board Chair); Kerri-Ann McTiernan (Vice Chair); Mary Young (Women's Senior Administrator); Dean Myrick (Men's Senior Administrator); Jerry Smith (R1); Chris Parker (R2), Kristen Schuth (R3); Darin Monroe (R4); Deron Clark (R5); Mike Saddler (R6); Bobby Hudson (R7); Rob Chaney (R8); Marcy Henry (R9); 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 Todaro (R20); Tommy Stewart (R21); Michelle Ivey (R22); Ron Riggie (R24); Dr. Dan Kinney, Jr. (PC Central); Dr. Michael Calvert (PC Northwest); Greg Hodges (PC East Central); Dr. Thomas Huebner (PC Southeast); Melissa Grau (At-Large); Dr. Myles Shelton (PC Southwest); Joseph Scheuermann (At-Large-Proxy); Michelle Silcox (At-Large)

Absent: Steve Martin (R23); Dr. Larissa Littleton-Steib (At-Large)

NJCAA Staff in Attendance: Dr. Christopher Parker (President and CEO); Jeff White (Counsel to the Board of Regents, Chief Legal Officer and Senior Vice President-Internal Affairs); Dr. Brett Monaghan (Vice President for Championships, Membership, and Sports Governance); Michelle Meadows (Senior Vice President - COO & CFO), Rod Lovett (Assistant Vice President for Sports Governance and Regional Leadership); Andrew Givens (Assistant Vice President for Marketing, Development, and Community Outreach); Wanda Bodey (Senior Director of Compliance & Eligibility); Carly Pitts (Senior Compliance Associate); Robert Alexander (Compliance Associate); Holly Steuerwald (Director of Membership), Brycen McKeehan (Sports Governance Associate), Christopher Haley (Senior Director for Partnerships & Development), Kerri Askew (Executive Assistant & Human Resources Coordinator), Jerry McCarty (Sport Operations and Championships Associate), Lydia Morris (Sport Operations and Championships Associate), Owen Brown (Sport Operations and Championships Associate), Wolf Brethorst (Sport Operations and Championships Associate), Kalyn Fetter (Sports Operations and Championships Manager), Diana Beltran (Accounting and Financial Manager), Kyle Eager (Marketing and Communications Manager)

3. Recognition of Guests

Guests:

4. Approval of Agenda

MOTION to approve by Darrin Pannier **SECONDED** by Michelle Silcox
PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes – October 2025

MOTION to approve by Darrin Pannier **SECONDED** by Michelle Silcox
PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

6. Board Updates – Chair Troy Tucker

Recognized Michelle Meadows, Dr. Parker, and the NJCAA staff for achieving what may have been the cleanest audit in the history of the NJCAA — an important and highly commendable milestone.

Expressed appreciation to all staff, coaches, and volunteers for a successful fall championship season and extended thanks as the association transitions into the winter championship schedule.

7. NJCAA National Office Updates.

CEO Report. Dr. Christopher Parker, President & CEO

Board Updates

Individual meetings held with all board members covering the championship model, governance/legal matters, and membership alignment.

Sponsorship

Continued progress in securing national sponsors. Due to growth with a key partner, Chris Haley will transition to a full-time role with Van Wagner.

NCAA Update

The new NCAA governance structure is now in place and recently met in Washington, D.C. The NJCAA submitted notes to the new Academic Committee, and board members have received copies. Follow-up meetings are scheduled for next week with NCAA liaison Katie Ethridge and with Jen Frasier, the new Vice President of Governance. Dr. Parker expressed appreciation for the continued support of the Same Game, Same Rules campaign.

8. Presidents' Commission. Dr. Dan Kinney, Jr., Commission Chair

General Updates:

A financial update was provided, including audit status and dues. The NCAA Same Game, Same Rules initiative was reviewed, and the DOJ/DOE transgender participation letter was discussed. The update also included an overview of training opportunities available to coaching staff across member colleges.

MOTION to approve minutes by Tommy Stewart **SECONDED** by Michael Calvert

PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

9. NJCAA Board Updates.

Treasurer's Report. Mr. Dale Vos, Board Treasurer

a. Audit Report:

The audit showed no material weaknesses, deficiencies, or internal control recommendations—one of the cleanest audits on record. Staff were thanked for their efforts. Key results: total assets up 34%, net assets up 18%, and net cash up 86%.

b. Quarterly Report:

Financials are tracking as expected through December. Van Wagner continues to outperform, and NJCAA Network income is strong. Expenses, including IT and healthcare, remain within normal operating levels. Overall financial position is very solid.

c. Convention Stipends:

Flights should be booked by March 15. Board and region stipends have been streamlined; members should review the report and check accuracy.

MOTION to approve minutes by Dale Vos **SECONDED** by Michele Ivey

PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

10. NJCAA Standing Committee/Council Reports.

a. Eligibility Committee. Rob Chaney, Committee Chair

No formal action items were presented at this time; the following information was shared:

Manual LOIs: In December, the eligibility committee approved following the bylaws as written, which do not address the use of manual LOIs. As a result, manual LOIs will be discontinued effective August 1, 2026, though they will still be used during the 2026–2027 cycle in practice.

Division III Eligibility Sub Committee: A Division III eligibility subcommittee has been established to support the handbook separation project.

MOTION to approve by Darrin Pannier **SECONDED** by Michelle Silcox

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- **Tiered Sanctions subcommittee. Lind Hartsell, Subcommittee Chair**

No official report was provided at this time. It was noted that the committee will host an Open Forum at the convention, with a planning meeting scheduled for March to prepare for the April session.

- b. Appeals Committee. Kerri-Ann McTiernan, Committee Chair**

No official report was provided at this time. Appreciation was extended to the Eligibility Committee for their ongoing LOI work.

- c. Sports Governance Committee. Darin Monroe, Committee Chair**

No proposals were presented today. The committee is currently reviewing items that will be brought to the board in April, including Postseason roster limitations, non-collegial language, and language to denote the official start of the national tournament.

MOTION to approve by Rob Chaney **SECONDED** by Ron Riggle

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- d. Championship and Alignment Committee. Mike Saddler, Committee Chair**

The following sites were approved to host the respective NJCAA Championships listed:

Division III Men's Soccer

2027 – Genesee Community College – Batavia, NY

Division III Women's Soccer

2026 - Genesee Community College – Batavia, NY

Division I Men's Golf

2027 – Hardscrabble Country Club – Ft. Smith, AR

2028 – Sand Creek Station – Newton, KS

2029 – Hardscrabble Country Club – Ft. Smith, AR

2030 – Sand Creek Station – Newton, KS

Division I Women's Golf

2028 – Distinctly Fayetteville & Gates Four Golf & Country Club – Fayetteville, NC

Men's Volleyball

2026 – College of DuPage – Glen Ellyn, IL

2027 – Finger Lakes Community College – Canandaigua, NY

2028 – College of DuPage – Glen Ellyn, IL

2029 – Finger Lakes Community College – Canandaigua, NY

The committee is also working on Championship Pathways, including the format for piloting a new postseason model for Division I and II baseball and softball.

MOTION to approve by Kurt Kohler **SECONDED** by Thom McDonald
PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

e. Membership Committee. Dr. Brett Monaghan

Site visits will take place in the coming weeks to assess quality and help guide participating colleges in the right direction.

Chair Tucker will submit a proposal to establish this group as a standing committee, including the appointment of a chair and vice chair. This proposal will be brought forward for approval at the June meeting.

The committee will also review a proposal to adjust the current due date for the receipt of annual dues.

MOTION to approve by Kurt Kohler **SECONDED** by Ron Riggle
PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

11. Action Items.

a. Item #5009 – Removal of Clay Target Shooting - Melissa Grau, Rod Lovett, and Dr. Brett Monaghan [Supplement No. 10]

It was decided to no longer sponsor Clay Target shooting as an NJCAA Sanctioned Sport. Institutions may still offer the sport independently through other national organizations.

MOTION to approve by Rob Chaney; **SECONDED** by Kurt Kohler
PASSES 31-0

b. Item #4003 - NJCAA Board of Regents Bylaw Proposal - Troy Tucker and David Elder [Supplement No. 11]

The proposed changes expand and clarify proxy voting rules for the Board of Regents by allowing region leaders to serve as proxies, requiring PAC and At-Large members to designate annual proxies, and ensuring each Board Member has a unique proxy. The revisions also formalize procedures for proxy availability, prohibit Board Members from serving as proxies for one another, and outline how proxies are assigned when a seat is vacated.

MOTION to approve by Darrin Pannier; **SECONDED** by Rob Chaney
PASSES 33-0

c. Item #4004 – Student Success Data Reporting - Troy Tucker [Supplement No. 12]

The proposal requests suspending the bylaw requiring NJCAA members to submit aggregated student-athlete success data (derived from IPEDS) within five months of each academic year's end. The suspension would last for the duration of the Lumina Grant, with reevaluation at the grant's conclusion.

MOTION to approve by Michelle Silcox; **SECONDED** by Michelle Ivey
PASSES 33-0

d. Item #4005 – Oversight and Vetting of Proposals - Troy Tucker [Supplement No. 13]

The proposed change expands the bylaw so that any submissions related to student-athlete eligibility, sports governance, or championships and alignment are routed to their appropriate committees before reaching the Board of Regents. This ensures each proposal is thoroughly vetted by the committee best suited to review its subject matter.

MOTION to approve by Michelle Silcox; **SECONDED** by Michelle Ivey

PASSES 31-2

12. Discussion Items

- a. **Item #1001 – Hardship Appeal Fee** - Kristen Schuth - This discussion item is to discuss the possibility of refunding fees or partial fee if an appeal is granted.
- b. **Item #1002 – Coaches Association Representatives** - Kristen Schuth - This discussion item is to propose the creation of separate Coaches Association Presidents for scholarship and non-scholarship divisions.
- c. **Item #2002 – District Ball and Plaque Shipping Request Document** - Dr. Brett Monaghan - This discussion item is to consider changes to the process of requesting and shipping district balls and plaques.
- d. **Item #2003 – USCAH Partnership** - Jeff White, Dr. Brett Monaghan, Andrew Givens - This discussion item is to review the current relationship between the NJCAA and USCAH.

13. Executive Session.

MOTION to enter Executive Session was made by Troy Tucker and **SECONDED** by Michelle Silcox. The Board entered Executive Session at 2:21 p.m.

14. Closing Remarks, Next Meeting.

Pre-January Board Meeting Q&A session - Thursday, April 9 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern via Zoom

Board of Regents Meeting - Thursday, April 16th at 3:00 p.m. Central and Friday April 17th at 9:00am (In Person, NJCAA Convention)

15. Adjournment.

MOTION to adjournment by Troy Tucker, **SECONDED** by Kristen Schuth at 3:25PM

PASSES UNANIMOUSLY