



**BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING**  
*of the* **NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**  
**INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, KANSAS CITY**  
**April 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**MINUTES**

**1) Call to Order**

Troy Tucker, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. CST on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**2) Roll Call- April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

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); Marci 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 Ann Todaro (R20); Tommy Stewart (R21); Michelle Ivey (R22); Steve Martin (R23); Sander Atkinson (R23-Proxy); Ron Riggle (R24); Dr. Dan Kinney, Jr. (PC Central); Dr. Michael Heindl (PC Southeast-Proxy), Dr. Greg Hodges (PC East Central); Dr. Lenny Klaver (PC Northwest-Proxy); Dr. Pamela Monaco (PC Northeast-Proxy); Dr. Myles Shelton (PC Southwest); Melissa Grau (At-Large); Joe Scheuermann (At-Large - Proxy), Michelle Silcox (At-Large); Derrick Worrels (At-Large)

Absent: Dr. Larissa Littleton-Steib (At-Large); Dr. Margaret McMenamin (PC Northeast); Thomas Huebner (PC Southeast), Dr. Janelle Oberland (PC Northwest)

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); Wanda Bodey (Senior Director of Compliance & Eligibility); Tyler Broderick (Compliance Associate); Robert Alexander (Compliance Associate); Holly Steuerwald (NJCAA Membership Director)

**3) Recognition of Guests**

Kelsi Weeks (Region 11), Christina Hundley (Region 1), Nathan Werreyer (Region 23), Sander Atkinson (Region 23), Timothy Dal Bon (Region 2), Scott Lane (Region 10), Dan Blair (Region 21), Karen Johnson (Region 18), Geoff Hawkins (Region 18), Jonathan Sisk (N/A), Wendi Tostenson (Region 7), Alison Webster (Region 7), Justin McKinney (Region 7), Madelyn Woods (Region 7), Kelly Saenz (Region 14), Josh Gooch (Region 6), Dane Vos (Region 12), Shane Larson (Region 11), Brooks Warren (Region 23), Tim Johnson (Region 12), Matt Johnson (Region 12), Dennis Rittle (Region 2), Michael Calvert (N/A), Trevor Chintala (Region 9), Gary Addinton (Region 9), Albert Monge (Region 5), Brooke Brewer (Region 2), Matt Cartwright (Region 2), Jerod McCormick (Region 2), Alan Foster (Region 2), and Eric Francis (Region 11).

**4) Approval of Agenda**

**Tabled Items:**

- a. Sport Governance (Darin Monroe):
  - Item 5031 – Requirement of Game Day Administrator
- b. Championships and Alignment Committee (Mike Saddler):

- Proposal 5032 – Division I and Division II Cross Country Championships
- c. Committee Chairs (Mike Saddler):
- Doug Spiwak - Cross Country Committee
  - Mike Belfore - Division III Men's Soccer Committee

**Agenda Adjustments:**

- Chair Tucker requested that Item #2004 be moved on the agenda to occur between Items 16 and 17.
- Chair Tucker requested latitude for movement of agenda items as needed.

**MOTION** to approve amendments by Rob Chaney **SECONDED** by Dean Myrick  
**PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

**5) Consideration of January 2026 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION** to approve minutes by Tim Drain; **SECONDED** by Melissa Grau  
**PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

**6) Special Report – NCAA (Jenn Fraser, Senior Vice President for Governance and Member Services, NCAA)**

Jenn Fraser provided an update to the NJCAA Board of Regents on the future of college athletics. The report addressed the evolving governance landscape, including anticipated structural changes, ongoing legal and regulatory considerations, and the NCAA's continued focus on supporting member institutions and student-athletes. Emphasis was placed on adaptability, alignment among divisions, and maintaining the educational mission of intercollegiate athletics during a period of significant change.

**7) Recognition of Service (Troy Tucker, Board Chair)**

Chair Tucker recognized the following individuals for their service and retirement from the Board - Dr. Tim Drain; Dr. Myles Shelton; Dr. Michael Calvert and Deron Clark.

**8) NJCAA Board Elections (Dean Myrick, Men's Senior Administrator and Mary Young, Women's Senior Administrator)**

Chair Tucker explained that although each executive position was unopposed, all executive candidates were provided the opportunity to address the Board with a brief statement prior to voting. Following the candidate remarks, votes were conducted.

Election Results:

Chair: Troy Tucker — 32-0

Vice Chair: Kerri Ann McTiernan — 35-0

Treasurer: Dale Vos — 30-0-1

Secretary: Kristen Schuth — 35-0

All candidates were approved.

**9) Board Chair Updates (Troy Tucker, Board Chair)**

The Chair emphasized focusing on items relevant for action and noted that while amendments are permitted, substantially altering a proposal may warrant delaying a vote until June. A brief update was provided on Handbook revisions, including efforts to clean up the document and involvement and membership of the Presidents Commission.

The Chair thanked Darin Monroe, Rob Chaney, and Mike Saddler for leadership in Sport Governance, Eligibility and, Championships and Alignment, as well as committee members. Appreciation was also extended to Brett Monaghan and the Membership Committee, the National Office staff, and Kerri Ann McTiernan, Dean Myrick, and Mary Young for their continued service.

## **10) NJCAA National Office Updates**

### **CEO Report – Dr. Christopher Parker**

The CEO thanked the Board and participants for their support and recognized Holly Steuerwald, Brett Monaghan, and Chris Haley for their leadership in planning and executing the annual convention. The impact of NCAA and NAIA participation at the convention was highlighted as a meaningful opportunity to engage the membership.

The CEO emphasized the importance of relationship building and encouraged continued collaboration, while also acknowledging the ongoing work needed in eligibility to remain adaptable to the future. Brett Monaghan was called upon to address the philosophy behind selecting championship sites, noting the value of long term, committed hosts.

Recognition was given to the memory of Mary Beth, with acknowledgment of Dr. McMenamin, before Andrew Givens shared the history of Kay Yow and announced a foundation contribution in her honor. Updates were provided on member education efforts, including compliance office hours, followed by Jeff White's reminder regarding the June Summer Seminar.

The CEO reflected on early financial management challenges upon assuming the role in 2017 and praised Michelle Meadows for her leadership in financial strategy and forecasting. The report concluded with commendation of the leadership team and JLC for their collective efforts over the past year.

### **Personnel Report – Michelle Meadows**

Michelle Meadows referenced Supplement No. 07, outlining the onboarding and welcome communication for Janelle Lewis Ford, who brings over 20 years of experience. A brief introduction of Janelle was provided.

## **11) Presidents Commission (Dr. Dan Kinney, Jr., Commission Chair)**

The President's Commission held two meetings and continues to be working closely with presidents across our regions and districts. Key discussion points included refining language, clarifying membership selection, addressing presidential turnover, and encouraging greater presidential participation - particularly from institutions that are exploring the addition of athletics programs. We also received an update from NATYCAA.

## **12) Sport Committee Chair Presentations for June Board of Regents Meeting**

### **a. Mr. Josh Gooch – on behalf of the D1 Men's and Women's Goff & D2 Men's Golf Committees**

He proposed an expansion of the championship tournament and provided an explanation outlining the rationale behind the proposed expansion for Board consideration in June.

## **13) NJCAA Standing Committee/Council Reports**

### **a. Appeals Committee (Kerri-Ann McTiernan, Committee Chair)**

Vice Chair, McTiernan, thanked the committee members and National Office staff for their work. She provided clarification to address circulating misconceptions, noting that a significant number of appeals

have been successful, with 10 of 20 cases resulting in revised or favorable rulings. Members were directed to the Appeals Digest available on the NJCAA website, emphasizing the committee's efforts as a benefit to the overall membership.

b. **Tiered Sanctions subcommittee. (Lind Hartsell, Subcommittee Chair)**

The committee hosted another successful Open Forum, noting that the process continues to function effectively. Discussion focused on four primary areas: reporting scores, reporting statistics, reporting ejections or non-collegial behavior, and the ejection reporting process.

**14) NJCAA Standing Committee/Council Voting Items**

a. **Finance Committee (Dale Vos, Committee Chair)**

i. **Treasurer's Quarterly Report - [Supplement No. 08]**

At the conclusion of Q2, the Association is projecting 74% of anticipated income and 49% of expenses. While health insurance claims exceeded expectations (87% utilization at Q2), adjustments are being made to absorb the impact this fiscal year, and discussions with the provider indicate future premium increases are expected to be moderate.

Income is forecasted to finish approximately 11% above goal, driven primarily by a 25% increase in event and corporate sponsorships, with championship related revenue remaining stable year over year. Expenses are projected to increase by approximately 10%, largely due to health insurance, IT, convention costs, increased travel expenses related to global conflicts, and costs associated with the student success data project and Lumina grant, which are offset by grant funding and budget allocations.

Overall, the current projection reflects a balanced budget from both net operating and net income perspectives. Work has begun on the Fiscal Year 2027 budget, which will be presented at the June meeting.

**MOTION** to approve by Dale Voss; **SECONDED** by Dean Myrick  
**PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

ii. **Item #5011 – [Supplement No. 09] Dues Proposal 2027-2030**

**MOTION** to approve by Dale Voss; **SECONDED** by Tim Drain  
**PASSES 24-11**

b. **Eligibility Committee (Rob Chaney, Committee Chair)**

Items 5012-5020 reflect proposals from the Eligibility Committee

i. **Item #5012 – [Supplement No. 13 Amended] Entrance Eligibility**

**MOTION** to approve by Dean Myrick; **SECONDED** by Dr. Tim Drain  
**PASSES 32-2**

ii. **Item #5013 – [Supplement No. 14] Enrollment Eligibility/Full-Time Requirement**

**MOTION** to approve by Dean Myrick; **SECONDED** by Michelle Ivey  
**PASSES 34-0**

iii. **Item #5014 – [Supplement No. 15] Enrollment Eligibility/Last Academic Term Full-Time Enrollment**

**MOTION** to approve by Dean Myrick; **SECONDED** by Mike Saddler  
**PASSES 35-0**

iv. **Item #5015 – [Supplement No. 16] Recertification**

**MOTION** to approve by Michelle Ivey **SECONDED** by Mike Saddler

**PASSES 34-0**

- v. Item #5016 – **[Supplement No. 17] Eligibility Audits**  
**MOTION** to approve by Darin Monroe; **SECONDED** by Mike Saddler  
**PASSES 34-1-1**
  - vi. Item #5017 – **[Supplement No. 18 Amended] Transfers**  
**MOTION** to approve by Ron Riggle; **SECONDED** by Jerry Smith  
**PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**
  - vii. Item #5018 – **[Supplement No. 19] Amateur Status/Compensation and Employment**  
**MOTION** to approve by Darin Monroe; **SECONDED** by Dr. Tim Drain  
**PASSES 35-0**
  - viii. Item #5019 – **[Supplement No. 20] Impermissible Aid/Employment**  
**MOTION** to approve by Michelle Ivey; **SECONDED** by Jerry Smith  
**PASSES 35-0**
  - ix. Item #5020 – **[Supplement No. 21] Sports Procedures/Multi-Sport Participants**  
**MOTION** to approve by Dan Kinney; **SECONDED** by Ron Riggle  
**PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**
- c. **Student Athlete Welfare and Safety Committee (Jeff White and Dr. Brett Monaghan)**
- i. Items 5021- **[Supplement No. 22] – Safety Bylaw Proposal**  
**MOTION** to approve by Ron Riggle; **SECONDED** by Dean Myrick  
  
**AMENDMENT** was offered by Kurt Kohler change the word “shall” to “should” and “must” to the word “should” in the document. **SECONDED** by Tommy Stewart  
**PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**  
  
**MOTION** to approve as amended by Ron Riggle **SECONDED** by Dean Myrick  
**PASSES 30-5**
- d. **Sports Governance Committee (Darin Monroe, Committee Chair)**
- i. Item #5022 – **[Supplement No. 26 Amended] Committee Selection**  
**MOTION** to approve by Dean Myrick; **SECONDED** by Jerry Smith  
**PASSES 33-1**
  - ii. Item #5023 – **[Supplement No. 27] Non-Collegial Language**  
**MOTION** to approve by Dean Myrick; **SECONDED** by Mike Saddler  
**PASSES 34-0**
  - iii. Item #5024 – **[Supplement No. 28] Non-Gameday Related Meals Update**  
**MOTION** to approve by Dean Myrick; **SECONDED** by Ron Riggle  
**PASSES 33-1**
  - iv. Item #5025 – **[Supplement No. 29] Offseason Funds**  
**MOTION** to approve by Dean Myrick; **SECONDED** by Dr. Tim Drain  
**PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**
  - v. Item #5028 – **[Supplement No. 32 Amended] Termination of Sport or Season**  
**MOTION** to approve by Dean Myrick; **SECONDED** by Mike Saddler

**MOTION** to Call the question by Dean Myrick; **SECONDED** by Mike Saddler  
**PASSES 27-8**

vi. Item #5029 – **[Supplement No. 33 Amended] Travel Roster Limitations – National Tournament**  
**MOTION** to approve by Mik Saddler; **SECONDED** by Michelle Ivey  
**PASSES 26-8**

vii. Item #5030 – **[Supplement No. 34] National Tournament Start Date**  
**MOTION** to approve by Dean Myrick; **SECONDED** by Jerry Smith  
**PASSES 33-2**

e. **Championship and Alignment Committee (Mr. Mike Saddler, Committee Chair)**

i. Item #5033 – **[Supplement No. 37] – DI/DII Baseball Postseason Model**  
**MOTION** to approve by Dean Myrick; **SECONDED** by Mary Young  
**PASSES 32-1, with 1 abstention**

ii. Item #5034 – **[Supplement No. 38] – DI/DII Softball Postseason Model**  
**MOTION** to approve by Dean Myrick; **SECONDED** by Lind Hartsell  
**PASSES 33-1, with 1 abstention**

iii. Item #5035 – **[Supplement No. 39] – Bowling Tournament/Championship Format Change**  
**MOTION** to approve by Rob Chaney; **SECONDED** by Joann Todaro  
**PASSES 25-0, with 10 abstentions**

f. **Membership Committee (Dr. Brett Monaghan)**

i. Item #5036 – **Canadian and Puerto Rican Membership Requests Discussion**  
Board agreed to allow National Office to move forward with discussion of whether to pursue if they become a part of us.

ii. Item #5037 – **[Supplement No. 40] - Membership Bylaw Change**  
**MOTION** to approve by Meliss Grau; **SECONDED** by Marci Henry  
**PASSES 31-2**

iii. Item #5038 – **[Supplement No. 41] – Hudson County Community College Membership Application**  
**MOTION** to approve by Tim Drain; **SECONDED** by Darin Monroe  
**PASSES 35-0**

iv. Item #5039 – **[Supplement No. 42] – Valley Forge Military College Membership Application**  
**MOTION** to approve by Dean Myrick; **SECONDED** by Michelle Ivey  
**PASSES 33-0**

v. Item #5040 – **[Supplement No. 43] – Wor-Wic Community College Membership Application**  
**MOTION** to approve by Mary Young; **SECONDED** by Michelle Ivey  
**PASSES 34-0**

**15) Action Items**

a. Item #2006 – **[Supplement No. 44] - Appealing an NJCAA National Office Ruling** (Tyler Broderick and Kerri-Ann McTiernan)  
**MOTION** to approve by Rob Chaney; **SECONDED** by Darin Monroe  
**PASSES 32-0**

- b. Item #2004 - **[Supplement No. 02] - Definition of Suspension and Process for Reinstatement.** (Jeff White and Dr. Brett Monaghan)

The Board reviewed the proposed policy changes and expressed its support for the revised definition and reinstatement process. Given that this was a policy, no vote was required.

#### **16) Executive Session**

**MOTION** to enter Executive Session was made by Dan Kinney and **SECONDED** by Kerri Ann McTiernan. The Board entered Executive Session at 6:02 p.m.

Executive Session adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

#### **17) Closing Remarks, Next Meeting:**

Thursday, June 11 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern via Zoom (Pre-April Board Meeting Q&A session—non-mandatory).

Thursday, June 18 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern via Zoom

#### **18) Adjournment**

**MOTION** to adjournment by Troy Tucker, **SECONDED** by Kerri Ann McTiernan  
**PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**