



BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING
of the NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
July 29th, 2025



MINUTES

1) Call to Order.

Troy Tucker, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. EST on July 29th, 2025.

2) Roll Call.

Present: Troy Tucker (Board Chair); Kerri-Ann McTiernan (Vice Chair); Mary Young (Women’s Senior Administrator); Jerry Smith (R1); Chris Parker (R2), Kristen Schuth (R3); Darin Monroe (R4); Deron Clark (R5); Jake Ripple (R6 Proxy); Bobby Hudson (R7); Rob Chaney (R8); Marci Henry (R9); Lind Hartsell (R10); Dan Haugo (R11 Proxy); 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. Michael Calvert (PC Northwest); Dr. Thomas Huebner; Melissa Grau (At-Large); Michelle Ivey (At-Large); Michelle Silcox (At-Large);

Absent: Dr. Margaret McMenamin (PC Northeast); Dr. Tony Miksa (PC East Central); Rob Nielson (Men’s Senior Administrator); Thom McDonald (R11); Dr. Myles Shelton (PC Southwest); Dr. Larissa Littleton-Steib (At-Large); Dr. Derrick Worrels (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); 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); Tyler Broderick (Senior Compliance Associate); Carly Pitts (Senior Compliance Associate); Robert Alexander (Compliance Associate); Holly Steuerwald (Membership Director)

3) Recognition of Guests.

Guests: Mark Tucker (Region 10); Cole Higgins (Region 11); Jerrett Mills (Region 11); Todd Rima (Region 11); Shane Larson (Region 11); Mike Brown (Region 11)

4) Approval of Agenda

MOTION to approve by Tim Drain **SECONDED** by David Elder

PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

5) Action Items

- a.* **Item #5095 – Amateur Bylaw Update Language – (Jeff White, Counsel to the Board of Regents)**
Article V – Student-Athlete Eligibility
Section 4 – Amateur Status of NJCAA Student-Athletes
C – Loss of Amateur Status

Add Section 4.1.a.ii to C– *“Receives remuneration in any form as approved by the NCAA for participation in any sport from any organization deemed a collegiate governing body or entity by the NJCAA”*

MOTION to approve by Michelle Silcox **SECONDED** by Rob Chaney
PASSES 28-0, with 0 abstentions.

- b. **Item #5096 – New Membership Language** (Mr. Ron Riggle and Ms. Marci Henry, Membership Committee)

Article 1 – Membership Dues and Responsibilities

Section 1 – Dues

E – New Membership

Section 1. Dues (Proposed Language)

E. New Membership: By majority vote of the Board of Regents, membership may be awarded or denied to any institution. The national office will determine region placement for new members. New members must meet the following guidelines:

- a. Accredited by one of six regional accrediting agencies.*
- b. Online colleges are not eligible for membership. The NJCAA defines an online college as an entity that offers less than 20% of their courses in a traditional, in-person, and synchronous setting.*
- c. Member institutions must designate a full-time employee to serve as Director of Athletics. This individual may hold other titles within the institution.*
- d. Additional items to be considered for NJCAA membership include but are not limited to facilities, budgets, personnel, safety and student welfare, and athletic department strategic plan.*
- e. An official NJCAA Membership Application should be accompanied by a check for \$10,000.00 made payable to the NJCAA, which is nonrefundable, to begin the membership process. The membership fee is not applicable to future NJCAA membership dues which are approved by the NJCAA Board of Regents.*

MOTION to approve new membership language by Melissa Grau **SECONDED** by Tim Drain.

MOTION TO AMEND by Dean Myrick, **SECONDED** by Rob Chaney, to separate the proposal and vote on each section individually.

PASSED by Voice vote

The following votes were taken on each section:

1. Section 1.E.a - Accredited by one of six regional accrediting agencies.
PASSES 29-0
2. Section 1.E.b - Online colleges are not eligible for membership. The NJCAA defines an online college as an entity that offers less than 20% of their courses in a traditional, in-person, and synchronous setting.
PASSES 27-0
3. Section 1.E.c - Member institutions must designate a full-time employee to serve as Director of Athletics. This individual may hold other titles within the institution.
PASSES 26-0
4. Section 1.E.d - Additional items to be considered for NJCAA membership include but are not limited to facilities, budgets, personnel, safety and student welfare, and athletic department strategic plan.
PASSES 24-0

5. An official NJCAA Membership Application should be accompanied by a check for \$10,000.00 made payable to the NJCAA, which is nonrefundable, to begin the membership process. The membership fee is not applicable to future NJCAA membership dues, which are approved by the NJCAA Board of Regents.

MOTION to approve the amendment of Section 1.E.e to be a \$2,500 base fee with a \$500 per sport fee by Dean Myrick **SECONDED** by Rob Chaney
DOES NOT PASS 6-24, with 0 abstentions.

MOTION to approve Section 1.E.e as originally written by Dr. Dan Kinney **SECONDED** by Michele Ivy
PASSES 27-3, with 0 abstentions.

MOTION to approve new membership language as amended by Melissa Grau **SECONDED** by Tim Drain.
PASSES 26-1, with 0 abstentions.

6) Discussion Items.

Review of the NJCAA Handbook (Chair Tucker)

Discussion was held regarding the hiring of an outside group to rewrite the handbook, which reflects 87 years of accumulated updates and revisions. The project would be scheduled to be completed by August 2026 and is expected to impact daily operations across the organization. There was strong support for this initiative. Chair Tucker will report back to the group and coordinate next steps.

Adjournment.

MOTION to adjournment by Troy Tucker, **SECONDED** by Kristen Schuth at 1:57PM EST.

PASSES UNANIMOUS