

**NORTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025 – CONFERENCE CALL**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Aanenson call the meeting to order at 12:00 am CDT.

Members present: Aanenson, Lunde, Bakke, Berger, Berseth, Christensen, Derr, Jung, Martin, Simpfenderfer, Tescher.

Members absent: Hanson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Aanenson called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion by Derr to approve the agenda, seconded by Tescher. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

Aanenson presented the Executive Board report.

The Executive Board discussed the number of officials hired for the State Wrestling Tournament. NDHSAA, FargoDome, and Metro Tournament staff recently finalized the 2026 State Wrestling Tournament schedule, which will include a 9-mat arrangement to allow all three divisions (A boys, B boys, and girls) to have 3 designated mats at a time.

Currently two officials are assigned to work each match at the state wrestling tournament. The Executive Board recommended allowing Kevin Morast to hire two additional officials for this year's State Wrestling Tournament to allow all mats to be covered.

Motion by Berseth to approve allowing Kevin Morast to hire two additional officials for this year's State Wrestling Tournament.

Seconded by Martin.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Board discussed a request from Minot Public Schools to re-classify their current boys and girls swimming coops from cooperative agreements between Minot High School and Bishop Ryan and Our Redeemers to agreements between Minot Public Schools and Bishop Ryan and Our Redeemers.

The Executive Board recommended approving this request, effective immediately, and for the Constitution & By-Laws Committee to bring a recommendation regarding coop deadlines forward for full Board consideration at a future meeting.

Motion by Bakke to approve Minot Public Schools request, effective immediately, and for the Constitution & By-Laws Committee to bring a recommendation regarding coop deadlines forward for full Board consideration at a future meeting.

Seconded by Simpfenderfer.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Board discussed a self-report from Minot High School for the use of an academically ineligible participant during their first four varsity games of the 2025 season. It was discovered the student did not pass 2.5 credits the previous semester. Minot High School applied the prescribed penalty of forfeiture of the four games the student participated in, and the suspension from their 9/26/25 game vs. Bismarck High School.

The Executive Board authorized the issuing of a letter of reprimand and took no further penalty.

The Executive Board reviewed the current football classification guidelines and timeline. The NDHSAA is currently in the first year of a two-year classification cycle, which includes a corresponding schedule for teams during the 2026 football season. Several current 11A division teams have inquired about petitioning down to the 9-man division for the 2026 season. NDHSAA staff has communicated to the inquiring schools that there is no mechanism to petition down during the middle of a two-year classification cycle.

The Executive Board expressed no interest in teams petitioning their classification during the middle of a two-year plan.

Motion by Simpfenderfer to approve the Executive Board report.

Seconded by Berger.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HARDSHIP APPEALS

Fetsch presented the Hardship Appeals Committee report.

The Hardship Appeals Committee met on the morning of October 7, 2025, to hear an appeal.

The Hardship Appeals Committee denied the appeal.

Motion by Berger to approve the Hardship Appeals Committee report.

Seconded by Lunde.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETINGS – LOCATION, DATE & TIME

1. Thursday, December 4, 2025 – 10:00 am CST – Valley City – NDHSAA Office

ADJOURN

Aanenson adjourned the meeting at 12:22 pm CDT.

SIGNATURE

Respectfully submitted,
Nickolas Walton
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Date: _____