

NORTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2026 – CONFERENCE CALL

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Aanenson call the meeting to order at 9:01 am CST.

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

Members absent: Christensen, Jung

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

COOP APPLICATIONS

1. Kindred and Richland in boys wrestling, 7-12, 2026-27, no fee
2. Kindred and Richland in girls wrestling, 7-12, 2026-27, no fee
3. Larimore and Midway in boys wrestling, 7-12, 2026-27, no fee
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Motion by Martin to approve the consent agenda.

Seconded by Bakke.

Motion carried unanimously.

2026 WINTER TOURNAMENT SITES

Due to site availability, the following changes are necessary for the following 2025-26 winter events:

1. Region 1A Girls Basketball – February 23, 24, and 26, 2026
 - a. Original Site – W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse – Valley City – Calvin Kraft, Manager
 - b. New Site – Scheels Center at the SHAC – Fargo – Brent Wolf, Manager
2. Division A&B Girls Basketball State Qualifiers – February 28, 2026
 - a. Original Site – St. Mary's Central High School – Bismarck – Lane Voltz, Manager
 - b. New Site – Century High School – Bismarck – Dave Zittleman, Manager
3. Region 1B Boys Basketball – March 9, 10, and 12, 2026
 - a. Original Site – W.E. Osmon Fieldhouse – Valley City – Calvin Kraft, Manager
 - b. New Site – Hi-Liner Activities Center – Valley City – Calvin Kraft, Manager

Motion by Martin to approve the recommended 2025-26 site changes as presented.

Seconded by Simpfenderfer.

Motion carried unanimously.

MEMBER SCHOOL REQUESTS

Thompson High School requested the following changes to the Speech Regulations:

Page 20, Item 16. If a state qualifier cannot compete at his/her regional tournament, the coach must ~~request an exemption and must receive written approval from the NDHSAA~~ **notify their region manager their qualifier will not compete and list the tournament/date the competitor qualified**. Exemptions include: 1) hospitalization, extreme illness or crisis within immediate family; 2) academic/educational conflict. ~~No exemption will be granted if the student is ineligible for the region tournament because of academics or the drug/alcohol rule.~~ Students who have received an exemption must be registered and paid for on the region registration form, but these entries do not count as actual participants on the day of the tournament.

Motion by Hanson to approve the changes requested by Thompson High School to Page 20, item 16 of the Speech Regulations as presented.

Seconded by Bakke.

Motion carried unanimously.

Century High School requested an allowance for one of their athletes to compete in the following events:

1. Oregon Relays, April 4-5 (HS meet) (racing for Century High School)
2. Arcadia, April 11 (HS meet) (racing for Century High School)
3. Bryan Clay, April 16-18 (Open Meet) Unattached in the college division of the 5,000m race.

The high school meets do not need to be approved as they would count against the athlete's total meets for the season.

There is a similar request from Legacy High School to allow two of their athletes to compete at the New Balance Indoor Nationals on March 12 – 15, 2026. No action is necessary to approve this event as it has been previously approved by the Board of Directors

Motion by Lunde to approve the request to add the Bryan Clay meet as an approved event.

Seconded by Hanson.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETINGS – LOCATION, DATE & TIME

1. Tuesday, March 31, 2026 - 10:00 am CDT - Valley City - NDHSAA Office

ADJOURN

Motion by Lunde to adjourn.

Seconded by Tescher.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 am CST.

SIGNATURE

Respectfully submitted,
Nickolas Walton
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Date: _____