

**NORTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
APRIL 23, 2026 – CONFERENCE CALL**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Aanenson call the meeting to order at 11:00 am CDT.

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

Members absent: Bakke

Aanenson called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion by Simpfenderfer to approve the agenda.

Seconded by Jung.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

COOP APPLICATIONS

1. Wahpeton and Fairmount in boys wrestling, 7-12, no fee
2. Velva and Westhope in girls wrestling, 7-12, 2026-27, no fee

Motion by Hanson to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Seconded by Berger.

Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

Aanenson presented the Executive Board report.

The Executive Board met virtually on April 16, 2026, to discuss the potential transition from out-of-office legal retainer to in-house counsel starting with the 2026-27 academic year. The Executive Board recommended that the Board of Directors approve the transition to in-house legal counsel effective on or after July 1, 2026, and authorize Executive Director Fetsch to negotiate the contract.

Motion by Martin approve the transition to in-house legal counsel effective on or after July 1, 2026, and authorize Executive Director Fetsch to negotiate the contract.

Seconded by Berseth.

Aanenson requested a roll-call vote.

Hanson, yes; Berseth, yes; Christensen, yes; Derr, yes; Jung, yes; Tescher, yes; Martin, yes; Berger, yes; Lunde, yes; Simpferfer, yes; Aanenson, yes.

The Executive Board also met virtually on April 9 to discuss a late region music registration request from Ray High School for a contest schedule for the following day (April 10). The Executive Board unanimously approved the entry for competition, contingent upon a \$500 late fee. The Executive Board directed the Fine Arts Committee to discuss formal options for late registrations during their next meeting.

Motion by Martin to approve the Executive Board Report as presented.

Seconded by Jung.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETINGS – LOCATION, DATE & TIME

1. Board of Directors Meeting – June 10, 2026 – Valley City – NDHSAA Office

ADJOURN

Aanenson adjourned the meeting at 11:33 am CDT.

SIGNATURE

Respectfully submitted,
Nickolas Walton
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Date: _____