



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE
MARCH 13, 2026, VIRTUAL MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM.

- **2028 Joint Divisions I, II and III Women's Basketball Championships.** In October 2020, Indianapolis was announced as host of the 2028 Divisions I, II and III Women's Basketball Championships. At that time, Gainbridge Fieldhouse was identified as the competition venue for Division I, with the understanding that the competition venues for Divisions II and III would be determined at a later date.

Since the announcement, several significant developments have occurred that meaningfully shaped the joint championship landscape. Most notably, the NCAA introduced the WBIT in 2024 and recently announced the 2028 WBIT semifinals and finals would also be conducted in Indianapolis. Additionally, following its 2025 summer meeting, the Division I Women's Basketball Committee announced the Women's Final Four games will be moved to Lucas Oil Stadium. During this same period, the James T. Morris Arena ("The Jim"), located on the campus of Indiana University Indianapolis and adjacent to the NCAA national office, broke ground, providing an ideal venue option for Divisions II and III and WBIT that aligns with the objectives respectively for each championship. Additional information about the venue can be found at [James T. Morris Arena - Facilities - IU Indy Athletics](#).

Using The Jim provides greater flexibility, operational efficiencies across basketball events, cross-divisional financial considerations and represents the continued growth being experienced in women's basketball. Additional factors supporting the move include The Jim's location within the Women's Final Four footprint, ideal venue size (4,500+) based on historical event attendance respectively and amenities (locker rooms, training facilities, concourse spaces, concessions, restrooms) of The Jim are in line with (or elevated) compared to recent facilities hosting Division II and III women's basketball championships and WBIT.

The committee is looking forward to the elevated experience of being in a brand-new facility that will showcase these championship events and will provide an enriching experience for the student athletes as part of the NCAA women's basketball.

Committee Chair: Kristin Hughes, Smith College, New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference.

Staff Liaison: Kelly S. Whitaker, Championships and Alliances.

Division III Women's Basketball Committee March 13, 2026, Virtual Meeting	
Attendees:	
	Shawna Armstrong, Elmhurst University.
	Meg Barber, New York University.
	Tom Emberley, Farmingdale State College.
	Diane Gilbert, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.
	Kristin Hughes, Smith College.
	Sam Jones, Waynesburg University.
	Michael Kobylanski, Albertus Magnus College.
	Rebecca Mullen, Atlantic East Conference.
	Kendra Whitehead, Hardin-Simmons University.
	Victoria Wilson, Randolph-Macon College.
Absentees:	
	None.
Guests in Attendance:	
	None.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
	Ethan Walker, Championships and Alliances.
	Kelly S. Whitaker, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
	None.