



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I BOARD OF DIRECTORS
APRIL 27, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Notification of Transfer and Institutional Settlement Related Contractual Provisions.** The NCAA Division I Board of Directors adopted NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-36 (recruiting – notification of transfer – release of obligations per settlement related benefits agreement) as emergency legislation, which specifies that an institution is not required to enter a student-athlete’s information into the national transfer database if the student-athlete and the institution have entered into a valid settlement related benefits agreement that releases the institution from the obligations of the notification of transfer process. The proposal is effective immediately. *(Unanimous vote.)*

2. **NCAA Division I Infractions Process Task Force Update.** At the recommendation of the Division I Infractions Process Task Force, the Board of Directors introduced a proposal to establish a presumption related to impermissible contact violations and recommended that the NCAA Division I Cabinet adopt it as expedited legislation during its June meeting. If adopted, a violation will be presumed to have occurred in cases involving impermissible contact if a reasonable person could infer through circumstantial information that one or more parties engaged in impermissible conduct. Impermissible contact with individuals who are not eligible to be permissibly recruited is a significant membership concern. Heightening the presumption associated with impermissible contact is one way to address these concerns associated with the Division I recruiting environment. *(Unanimous vote.)*

The board also affirmed its support for several approaches to device imaging and as appropriate, updates to relevant Internal Operating Procedures, to support the information gathering needs for a timely and responsive infractions process.

Specifically, the board affirmed the following:

- a. Affirm support for succinct device imaging timeline and consequences for failing to meet device imaging deadlines.
 - b. Affirm support for “expedited notice” phone imaging.
 - c. Clarify information to which enforcement has access.
 - d. Support a Practitioners’ Summit specific to phone imaging.
3. **Division I Collegiate Eligibility Review.** The Board of Directors discussed a Division I age-based eligibility model. The board reviewed and supported socializing the draft implementation plan with the broader membership.

The board supported maintaining existing rules — allowing four seasons of competition in five years of eligibility — for student-athletes competing in the 2025-26 academic year. New

rules are not expected to retroactively apply to student-athletes whose eligibility is or will be completed by the spring of 2026.

The board directed the cabinet to seek broad stakeholder feedback to inform further discussion during upcoming cabinet and board meetings in May.

4. **NCAA Division I Bylaw 12.9.4.2 (Restitution).** The Board of Directors discussed Division I Bylaw 12.9.4.2 (restitution) and provided initial feedback on possible modifications to the legislation. No action was taken and the topic will be revisited at future meetings.
5. **Congressional Engagement.** The Board of Directors received an update on the NCAA's latest congressional engagement efforts, including the recent Executive Order and updated information on the SCORE Act.
6. **NCAA Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee Update.** The Board of Directors received an update from the April 24 joint meeting of the Division I Finance Committee and the NCAA Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee, which included preliminary results from the Association's spending prioritization survey.
7. **College Sports Commission Update.** The Board of Directors received an update from College Sports Commission chief executive officer Bryan Seeley, who outlined the organization's ongoing work and collaboration with the NCAA.
8. **Legal Update.** The Board of Directors received a privileged and confidential update from Scott Bearby, chief legal officer, related to ongoing legal matters.
9. **Written Updates.** The Board of Directors received written updates from NCAA Governance entities.

Board of Directors chair: Tim Sands, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Atlantic Coast Conference

*Staff Liaisons: Amanda Conklin, Division I Governance and Member Services
Jenn Fraser, Governance and Member Services
Haydyn Makins, Division I Governance and Member Services*

Division I Board of Directors April 27, 2026, Videoconference
Attendees:
Glenn Boyce, University of Mississippi; Southeastern Conference.
Pam Bruzina, University of Missouri, Columbia; FARA.
Houston Davis, University of Central Arkansas; ASUN Conference.
Sam Edwards, Michigan State University.
Thomas Johnson, Virginia Military Institute.
Brian Noland, East Tennessee State University; Southern Conference.
Meredith Page, Radford University; Division I Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee.
Chris Pietruszkiewicz, University of Evansville; Missouri Valley Conference.
Darryll Pines, University of Maryland, College Park; Big Ten Conference.
Mark Reed, Loyola University Chicago; Atlantic 10 Conference.
Philip Rogers, East Carolina University; American Conference.
Quinton Ross, Alabama State University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.
Brian Sandoval, University of Nevada, Reno; Mountain West Conference.
Tim Sands, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Atlantic Coast Conference.
Josh Whitman, University of Illinois; Division I Cabinet.
Absentees:
Doug Girod, University of Kansas; Big 12 Conference.
Guests in Attendance:
Rakesh Kilaru, NCAA Lead Counsel.
Lindsey Reina, College Sports Commission.
Bryan Seeley, College Sports Commission.
Jon Steinbrecher, Mid-American Conference; Division I Cabinet.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser and Haydyn Makins.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Charlie Baker, Abbey Bales, Scott Bearby, Tim Buckley, Dawn Buth, Deena Casiero, Derrick Crawford, Jon Duncan, Michele Forte-Osborne, Dan Gavitt, Terri Steeb Gronau, Brandy Hataway, Jennifer Henderson, Brian Higgins, Lynn Holzman, Charnele Kemper, Katie Koenig, Felicia Martin, Mario Morris, Emma Potter, Greg Pottorff, Stephanie Quigg, Geoff Silver, Lynda Tealer, Jerry Vaughn and Meghan Wright.