



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUGUST 4, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **College Sports Commission.** The NCAA Division I Board of Directors received an update from Bryan Seeley, chief executive officer of the College Sports Commission, including an overview of activity on the NIL Go platform and implementation of the *House* settlement.

The Board of Directors adopted the following proposals as emergency legislation:

- a. [NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-63](#), which specifies that the refusal to provide sufficient information or documentation to permit review of noninstitutional name, image and likeness activities is grounds for the contract or payment terms to not be cleared by the College Sports Commission and provide for notice to the student-athlete and the student-athlete's institution prior to such action.

Voting results:

- Consider as emergency legislation. For: 14 (Boyce, Davis, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Noland, Page, Pietruszkiewicz, Reed, Rogers, Ross, Sandoval, Sands, Whitten); Opposed: 0; Abstentions: 0.
- Merits of proposal. For: 14 (Boyce, Davis, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Noland, Page, Pietruszkiewicz, Reed, Rogers, Ross, Sandoval, Sands, Whitten); Opposed: 0; Abstentions: 0.

- b. [Proposal No. 2026-64](#), which specifies that cap overages due to incremental athletics scholarships do not count against the institution's benefits cap in the immediately following annual period.

Voting results:

- Consider as emergency legislation. For: 12 (Boyce, Davis, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Noland, Page, Pietruszkiewicz, Rogers, Ross, Sandoval, Sands); Opposed: 2 (Reed, Whitten); Abstentions: 0.
- Merits of proposal. For: 12 (Boyce, Davis, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Noland, Page, Pietruszkiewicz, Rogers, Ross, Sandoval, Sands); Opposed: 2 (Reed, Whitten); Abstentions: 0.

Both proposals are effective immediately, with Proposal No. 2026-64 applicable to incremental athletics scholarships provided on or after July 1, 2026.

2. **NCAA Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee Update.** The Board of Directors received a report from the July 30 joint meeting of the NCAA Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee and Division I Board Finance Committee, as well as an overview of FY26

results and FY27 budgets. At the Finance Committee's recommendation, the board approved the following waivers for fiscal year 2026 through fiscal year 2028:

- a. Approved a waiver of NCAA legislation that requires enforcement fines to be distributed to the Student Assistance Fund (SAF);

Voting results. For: 14 (Boyce, Davis, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Noland, Page, Pietruszkiewicz, Reed, Rogers, Ross, Sandoval, Sands, Whitten); Opposed: 0; Abstentions: 0.

- b. Approved a waiver of the DI Revenue Distribution Policy language requiring enforcement fines to be directed through the SAF.

Voting results. For: 14 (Boyce, Davis, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Noland, Page, Pietruszkiewicz, Reed, Rogers, Ross, Sandoval, Sands, Whitten); Opposed: 0; Abstentions: 0.

The board's actions will allow the national office to retain funds received from enforcement fines to help offset legal costs for a period of three years.

3. **NCAA Division I Infractions Process Task Force Matters.** The Board of Directors received an interim report from the Division I Infractions Process Task Force. At the recommendation of the Infractions Process Task Force, the board took the following actions:

- a. Introduced legislative proposals: (1) To simplify the resolution selection process; (2) To allow for the appointment of a neutral administrator to resolve investigative disputes; and (3) To permit approved negotiated resolutions to be used in an advisory capacity in future negotiated resolutions; and recommended that the NCAA Division I Cabinet adopt them as expedited legislation during its October meeting.

Voting results. For: 14 (Boyce, Davis, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Noland, Page, Pietruszkiewicz, Reed, Rogers, Ross, Sandoval, Sands, Whitten); Opposed: 0; Abstentions: 0.

- b. Affirmed its support for: (1) Providing earlier access to case file information for involved individuals; (2) Simplifying allegation review board processes; (3) Sharing infractions-related information consistent with confidentiality rules; and (4) Extending the duration of the task force to allow time to finalize their recommendations.

Voting results. For: 14 (Boyce, Davis, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Noland, Page, Pietruszkiewicz, Reed, Rogers, Ross, Sandoval, Sands, Whitten); Opposed: 0; Abstentions: 0.

Additionally, the Board of Directors reviewed membership feedback on the draft engagement period concept. The board referred the concept to the Infractions Process Task Force for further conceptualization.

4. **NCAA Division I Decision-Making Working Group.** The Board of Directors received the following updates on the progress of certain referrals of the Division I Decision-Making Working Group:
 - a. Interim report from the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Working Group. The Board of Directors approved a request to extend the life cycle of the Football Bowl Subdivision Working Group to allow time to finalize its recommendations. (*Unanimous voice vote.*)
 - b. Status report from the NCAA Division I Membership Committee, including its decision to pause on developing any recommendations related to the development of membership criteria for autonomy conferences and the possible creation of an autonomy subdivision while they continue to monitor the evolution of the Division I landscape.
 - c. Overview of the updated approach and timeline for the decentralization review.
 - d. Update and discussion of the upcoming survey to monitor the effectiveness of the revised governance structure. NCAA staff are developing questions for the survey and will share those questions with the board for review. The survey is anticipated to be sent in fall 2026.
5. **Report from the NCAA Government Relations Office.** The Board of Directors received a report on congressional engagement efforts, including the current state of the Protect College Sports Act and the international student visa rule that will take effect on September 15.
6. **Implementation of the Division I Age-Based Eligibility Rule.** The Board of Directors discussed matters related to the new age-based eligibility rule, including waiver submission data and recent cabinet action to eliminate legislated exceptions to the season of competition legislation.
7. **Legal Update.** The Board of Directors received an update from NCAA Chief Legal Officer Scott Bearby regarding ongoing legal matters.
8. **NCAA President's Report.** The Board of Directors received an update from President Baker about national office initiatives in championships and important issues facing Division I.
9. **Division I Cabinet Update.** The Board of Directors received an update on actions taken and issues reviewed in recent meetings of the cabinet.

10. **NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee Update.** The Board of Directors received an update on key items and issues discussed by the Division I Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee.
11. **Faculty Athletics Representatives Association Update.** The Board of Directors received an update from recent meetings of FARA, including a review of the Association's congressional engagement efforts and responsibilities under the new governance structure.
12. **Report of the June Board of Directors Meeting.** The Board of Directors approved the report of its June 11 meeting. (*Unanimous voice vote.*)

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

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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.	
Doug Girod, University of Kansas; Big 12 Conference.	
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.	
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.	
Pam Whitten, Indiana University; Big Ten Conference.	
Guests in Attendance:	
John Bramlette, College Sports Commission.	
David Cleary, TheGROUP DC.	
Diego Diaz, Division I Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee.	
Colleen Hanycz, Xavier University; BIG EAST Conference.	
Corey Jackson, College Sports Commission.	
Rakesh Kilaru, Wilkinson Stekloff.	
Bryan Seeley, College Sports Commission.	
Kenny Thompson, College Sports Commission.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser and Haydyn Makins.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Charlie Baker, Scott Bearby, Tim Buckley, Dawn Buth, Emily Capehart, Derrick Crawford, Claire Cummings, Jon Duncan, Michele Forte-Osborne, Dan Gavitt, Terri Steeb Gronau, Brandy Hataway, Jennifer Henderson, Brian Higgins, Charnele Kemper, Katie Koenig, Felicia Martin, Mario Morris, Greg Pottorff, Stephanie Quigg, Bridget Rigney, Geoff Silver, Lynda Tealer, Jerry Vaughn, Meghan Wright and Leeland Zeller.	