



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
DECEMBER 23, 2024, ELECTRONIC VOTE**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- **Blanket Waiver – Seasons of Competition – Non-NCAA Competition.** The NCAA Division I Board of Directors approved a waiver to permit student-athletes who attended and competed at a non-NCAA school for one or more years to remain eligible and compete in 2025-26 if those student-athletes would have otherwise used their final season of competition during the 2024-25 academic year, and meet all other eligibility requirements (e.g., progress toward degree, five-year period of eligibility).

The Division I Board of Directors and NCAA Division I Council authorized a comprehensive eligibility review in June of 2024. The intent of that review is to create an eligibility framework that will be sustainable and can withstand scrutiny. That review already resulted in action to modernize collegiate sports. The review includes the number of seasons of competition a college student-athlete has, and Division I is committed to advancing the discussion considering a recent court decision. Time will be spent on this topic during January governance meetings.

*[For: 16 (Blais, Bravman, Bruzina, Cozad, Davis, Emmanuel, Livingstone, Mearns, Noland, Pietruszkiewicz, Pines, Ross, Sands, Stenger, Taylor, Whitman), Opposed: 2 (Boyce, Poser), Abstentions: 6 (Dampousse, Khosla, McPhee, Reed, Rogers, Tromp).]*

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

*Staff Liaisons: Geoff Bentzel, Division I Governance*  
*Amanda Conklin, Division I Governance*  
*Jenn Fraser, Division I Governance*  
*Leeland Zeller, Division I Governance*

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<b>Respondents:</b>	
Janna Blais, Northwestern University; Women Leaders in College Sports.	
Glenn Boyce, University of Mississippi; Southeastern Conference.	
John Bravman, Bucknell University; Patriot League.	
Pam Bruzina, University of Missouri, Columbia; FARA.	
Ashley Cozad, University of North Florida; Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
Houston Davis, University of Central Arkansas; ASUN Conference.	
Josh Emmanuel, University of Incarnate Word; Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
Linda Livingstone, Baylor University; Big 12 Conference.	
Geoff Mearns, Ball State University; Mid-American Conference.	
Brian Noland, East Tennessee State University; Southern Conference.	
Chris Pietruszkiewicz, University of Evansville; Missouri Valley Conference.	
Darryll Pines, University of Maryland, College Park; Big Ten Conference.	
Susan Poser, Hofstra University; Coastal Athletic Association.	
Quinton Ross, Alabama State University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.	
Tim Sands, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Harvey Stenger, Binghamton University; America East Conference.	
Jaime Taylor, Lamar University; Southland Conference.	
Josh Whitman, University of Illinois; Division I Council.	
<b>Non-Respondents:</b>	
Kelly Damphousse, Texas State University; Sun Belt Conference.	
Pradeep Khosla, University of California, San Diego; Big West Conference.	
Sidney McPhee, Middle Tennessee State University; Conference USA.	
Mark Reed, Loyola University Chicago; Atlantic 10 Conference.	
Philip Rogers, East Carolina University; American Athletic Conference.	
Marlene Tromp, Boise State University; Mountain West Conference.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons:</b>	
Geoff Bentzel, Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser and Leeland Zeller.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members:</b>	
Charlie Baker, Scott Bearby, Tim Buckley, Dan Gavitt, Terri Gronau, Brian Higgins, Kevin Lennon, Greg Pottorff, Dave Schnase and Lynda Tealer.	