



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 16, 2025, IN-PERSON MEETING**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Future Division I Decision-Making Structure.** The NCAA Division I Board of Directors discussed the charge, timeline and roster for the NCAA Division I Decision-Making Working Group. The working group is tasked with developing a recommendation to redesign the Division I decision-making structure. The recommendation will be presented to the Board of Directors, which has authority to adopt changes to the governance structure. The working group is asked to make a final recommendation not later than June 2025. It was noted that board action may be required sooner to allow the new structure to be populated and operational by the time the proposed settlement is effective in July 2025. The working group will collaborate with autonomy conferences as they are preparing to develop a revised autonomy structure, which will also be acted on by the Board of Directors. The scope of the working group is limited to the decision-making structure for elements that are not currently, or which will be in the future, identified as areas of autonomy. It is anticipated that throughout the concept development process, the working group will seek feedback from the membership.
2. **Update on Proposed Settlement Logistics.** The Board of Directors received an update on the specifics regarding the implementation of the proposed settlement of student-athlete compensation cases. Resources regarding the settlement include the [Proposed Settlement Q&A](#) and the [Student-Athlete Proposed Settlement Q&A](#).
3. **Conference Membership Requirements Overview.** The Board of Directors received an educational overview of the current multisport conference membership requirements. The board agreed that given the current collegiate athletics landscape, the conference membership requirements should be reviewed. The board charged the NCAA staff with developing additional information for discussion during its April meeting.
4. **Review of Sports Wagering Legislation.** The Board of Directors engaged in a discussion on topics related to NCAA sports wagering legislation. The discussion was supplemented by a review of related topics and questions that were discussed with the NCAA Division I Council and NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee prior to the meeting. The board will continue to review the issues related to sports wagering during its April meeting.
5. **Update on Congressional Engagement.** The Board of Directors received an update on congressional engagement efforts.
6. **Update on Application of Interim Regulatory Flexibility.** The Board of Directors received an update on how NCAA staff has exercised interim regulatory flexibility during the period prior to the final settlement approval in student-athlete compensation cases.
7. **NCAA Board of Governors Update.** The Board of Directors received an update on anticipated agenda items for the January 16 Board of Governors meeting.

8. **NCAA Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee Update.** The Board of Directors received an update from the January 8 Board of Directors Finance Committee meeting.
9. **NCAA Division I Board of Directors Infractions Process Committee Update.** The Board of Directors received an update from the Infractions Process Committee, which highlighted the committee's approach to follow the Board of Directors' direction on the four categories of legislative and policy priorities during the interim period through July 2025.
10. **Division I Council Update.** The Board of Directors received an overview of actions taken and informational items discussed during the January 15 in-person council meeting.
11. **Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Update.** The Board of Directors received an update on recent activities of the Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
12. **NCAA Division I Committee on Academics Update.** The Board of Directors received an update from the October Committee on Academics meeting. The update included data on Division I graduation rates, a progress report on the development of the NCAA Division I Transfer Academic Progress Rate and development of the NCAA Division I Graduation Passport.
13. **Legal Update.** The Board of Directors received a privileged and confidential update related to ongoing legal matters and the impact of the proposed settlement on Division I institutions.
14. **Report of the November Board of Directors Videoconference.** The Board of Directors approved the report of its November 14 videoconference. (*Unanimous voice vote.*)

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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Attendees:	
Janna Blais, Northwestern University; Women Leaders in College Sports.	
Glenn Boyce, University of Mississippi; Southeastern Conference.	
Pam Bruzina, University of Missouri, Columbia; Faculty Athletics Representative Association.	
Ashley Cozad, University of North Florida; Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
Kelly Dampousse, Texas State University; Sun Belt Conference.	
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.	
Sidney McPhee, Middle Tennessee State University; Conference USA.	
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.	
Mark Reed, Loyola University Chicago; Atlantic 10 Conference.	
Philip Rogers, East Carolina University; American Athletic Conference.	
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.	
Marlene Tromp, Boise State University; Mountain West Conference.	
Josh Whitman, University of Illinois; Division I Council.	
Absentees:	
John Bravman, Bucknell University; Patriot League.	
Pradeep Khosla, University of California, San Diego; Big West Conference.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Anil Gollahalli, Big Ten Conference.	
Pearlynn Houck, Atlantic Coast Conference.	
William King, Southeastern Conference.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Geoff Bentzel, Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser and Leeland Zeller.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Charlie Baker, Scott Bearby, Lydia Bell, Tim Buckley, Dawn Buth, Deena Casiero, Derrick Crawford, Jon Duncan, Michelle Forte-Osborne, Dan Gavitt, Haydyn Gibson, Ethan Hite, Michelle Hosick, Kevin Lennon, John Macrina, Felicia Martin, Mario Morris, Binh Nguyen, Tom Paskus, Greg Pottorff, Stephanie Quigg, Bridget Rigney, Dave Schnase, Lynda Tealer and Stan Wilcox.	