



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OCTOBER 25, 2023, IN-PERSON MEETING**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Name, Image and Likeness Update.** The NCAA Division I Board of Directors received an update on the NCAA Division I Council's introduction of a proposal related to student-athlete name, image and likeness activities into the January legislative cycle. The proposal would establish a registration process for service providers, disclosure requirements, common contractual elements and a national education program related to NIL. In addition, the board received an update on the work of the NCAA Division I Council Working Group on Name, Image and Likeness subgroups focused on the recruiting environment and the role of institutions in name, image and likeness activities.
- 2. Membership Mobilization and Congressional Engagement Update.** The Board of Directors received an update on congressional engagement and membership mobilization efforts. The membership outreach strategy was outlined with an emphasis on the importance of membership voices advancing legislation by strategically communicating with members of Congress.
- 3. Update on Transfer Landscape and Waiver Data.** The Board of Directors received a comprehensive update on the transfer environment as well as a summary of transfer waiver data to date. The board charged staff and appropriate committees with developing legislative and/or policy modifications to improve the efficiency of the waiver process. A preliminary report on transfer topics is expected to be delivered to the board at the NCAA Convention in January, with potential recommendations to be considered in April. Any changes would be applicable to undergraduate transfer student-athletes seeking to compete during the 2024-25 academic year, including student-athletes who choose to transfer at midyear during the 2023-24 academic year.
- 4. Sports Wagering Report.** The Board of Directors received a report from NCAA staff regarding sports wagering and integrity, including sharing resources available for the membership and a review of the activity and efforts of the NCAA. The board also received an update on efforts to review NCAA legislation and student-athlete reinstatement guidelines related to sports wagering violations.
- 5. NCAA Sports Science Institute Update.** The Board of Directors endorsed the urgent work of the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports to address athletic trainer workforce challenges and expressed support for the importance of presidential-level leadership to promote solution-focused engagement.

The board also received a report on work to update the [Inter-Association Consensus Mental Health Best Practices Document](#). It is expected that CSMAS will request that the NCAA Board of Governors approve the updated document during its January meeting. Additionally, the Division I Board received a report on the legislative recommendation to remove cannabinoids from the NCAA list of banned substances and recent updates to the Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist.

6. **Board of Governors Update.** The Board of Directors received an update on actions taken and issues reviewed by the Board of Governors during their October 24 meeting, including, a status report on the ongoing media rights contract negotiations.
7. **NCAA Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee Update.** The Board of Directors received an update from the Finance Committee's October 24 meeting. The Finance Committee continued its discussions regarding potential changes to the Division I revenue distribution model. The Finance Committee agreed that, at a minimum, revenue distribution must be adjusted to address gender equity principles as soon as possible. Additional information is needed regarding various parameters before allocations can be recommended and the timeline for proposing changes must reflect when those elements, including the outcome of media rights negotiations, will be known.
8. **NCAA Division I Board of Directors Infractions Process Committee Update.** The Board of Directors received an update from the Infractions Process Committee. The Division I Board supported the Infractions Process Committee's plan to recommend that the Division I Council introduce legislation in January designed to further incentivize exemplary cooperation during an infractions case and ensure that the postseason competition ban is reserved for the most egregious cases. Additionally, the board received and engaged in discussion regarding the final report from the Independent Accountability Resolution Process.
9. **Division I Council Update.** The Board of Directors received an overview of actions taken and informational items discussed during the October 3-4 in-person council meeting.
10. **NCAA 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.
11. **NCAA Division I Committee on Academics Update.** The Board of Directors deferred the update from the October 17-18 Committee on Academics meeting to January.
12. **Legal Update.** The Board of Directors received a privileged and confidential update from Scott Bearby, vice president of legal affairs, related to ongoing legal matters.
13. **Report of the August Board of Directors Videoconference.** The Board of Directors approved the report of its August 2 videoconference. *(Unanimous voice vote.)*

Board of Directors chair: *Jere Morehead, University of Georgia, Southeastern Conference*  
Staff Liaisons: *Amanda Conklin, Division I Governance*  
*Jenn Fraser, Division I Governance*  
*Kevin Lennon, Governance and Policy*  
*Leeland Zeller, Division I Governance*

<b>Division I Board of Directors October 25, 2023, In-Person Meeting</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Janna Blais, Northwestern University; Women Leaders in College Sports.
Pam Bruzina, University of Missouri, Columbia; FARA.
Kelly Dampousse, Texas State University; Sun Belt Conference.
Houston Davis, University of Central Arkansas; ASUN Conference.
Kevin Guskiewicz, University of North Carolina; Atlantic Coast Conference.
Andrew Hsu; College of Charleston; Coastal Athletic Conference.
Marcus Jones, Northwestern State University; Southland Conference.
Linda Livingstone, Baylor University; Big 12 Conference.
Sidney McPhee, Middle Tennessee State University; Conference USA.
Geoff Mearns, Ball State University; Mid-American Conference.
Jere Morehead (chair), University of Georgia; Southeastern Conference.
Brian Noland, East Tennessee State University; Southern Conference.
Ora Pescovitz, Oakland University; Horizon League.
Chris Pietruszkiewicz, University of Evansville; Missouri Valley Conference.
Darryll Pines, University of Maryland, College Park; Big Ten Conference.
Taylor Randall, University of Utah; Pac-12 Conference.
Mark Reed, Loyola University Chicago; Atlantic 10 Conference.
Philip Rogers, East Carolina University; American Athletic Conference.
Peter Salovey, Yale University; The Ivy League.
Cody Shimp, St. Bonaventure; Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Harvey Stenger, Binghamton University; America East Conference.
Lynda Tealer, University of Florida; NCAA Division I Council.
Marlene Tromp, Boise State University; Mountain West Conference.
<b>Guest in Attendance:</b>
Nadja West, Independent Accountability Oversight Committee, vice chair.
<b>Absentees:</b>
John Bravman, Bucknell University; Patriot League.
Chris Paul, University of Tulsa, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser, Kevin Lennon and Leeland Zeller.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Charlie Baker, Scott Bearby, Tim Buckley, Dawn Buth, Michael Cioroianu, Joni Comstock, Derrick Crawford, Jon Duncan, Meghan Durham Wright, Brian Hainline, Clint Hangebrauck, Brandy Hataway, Mark Hicks, Brian Higgins, Jobrina Marques, Felicia Martin, Emanuel McGirt Jr., Mario Morris, John Parsons, Stephanie Quigg, Bridget Rigney, Anne Rohlman, Dave Schnase, Geoff Silver, Jerry Vaughn, Wendy Walters, Carey Wheelhouse and Stan Wilcox.