



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OCTOBER 29, 2024, IN-PERSON MEETING**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Future State of Division I.** The NCAA Division I Board of Directors continued its discussion on the future decision-making structure for Division I. In addition, the board debriefed conversations held during the October 17 consultative call and October 18 NCAA Division I Board of Directors Administrative Committee meeting. The board encouraged innovative and creative solutions and did not prescribe elements for concepts being developed. Submissions should be sent to NCAA governance staff liaisons by November 22.
2. **Congressional Engagement.** The Board of Directors received an update on congressional engagement efforts.
3. **NCAA Sport Science Institute and NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports Update.** The Board of Directors received a report from the Sport Science Institute and the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports regarding Sport Science Institute goals and resources relating to mental health best practices, hiring and retaining athletic trainers, and substance misuse. Additionally, the Board of Directors received an update on sports wagering and discussions on potential deregulation of the sports wagering legislation to permit wagering on professional sports.
4. **NCAA Pilot Study Regarding Online Abuse in College Sports.** The Board of Directors received an update on a partnership between the NCAA and Signify and the results of a [pilot study](#) regarding online abuse directed at student-athletes, coaches and officials.
5. **NCAA Relationships with Professional Sports Leagues, National Governing Bodies and Non-Profits.** The Board of Directors received a presentation on potential policy modifications to engage with professional sports leagues, national governing bodies and non-profit entities to reflect the emerging regulatory environment. The opportunities for engagement include collaboration on joint initiatives, financial contributions, reciprocal marketing and brand building. Recommended guardrails were presented in connection with the opportunities to build relationships with professional sports leagues, national governing bodies and non-profits.
6. **NCAA Board of Governors Update.** The Board of Directors received an update on anticipated agenda items for the October 30 meeting of the Board of Governors.
7. **NCAA Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee Update.** The Board of Directors Finance Committee agreed that settlement liability, as calculated by the NCAA, will follow any institution that changes its conference affiliation or departs Division I during the period of the settlement. This would apply to institutions that move from one Division I conference to another, reclassify to Division II or Division III, discontinue athletics or depart the NCAA for another athletics association. If conference agreements include a liability calculation that differs from the NCAA calculation, the management of those agreements, and any additional liability assigned to the institution by the conference, would be the responsibility of the institution and the conference to manage.

The Finance Committee also approved two permanent changes to the revenue distribution policy. The committee approved an amendment to the Division I revenue distribution policy to specify that all funds will be distributed through NCAA Division I conference offices. In addition, the committee approved an amendment to the revenue distribution policy to align the timing of distributions so that all funds are distributed at one time rather than distributing funds in three waves in April, May and June. Assuming the proposed settlement of student-athlete compensation cases is approved, the combined distribution would occur in early to mid-May.

The Finance Committee also approved a two-year pause, effective immediately, on policy-based restrictions on the usage and associated reporting requirements the Academic Enhancement Fund, Conference Grants and the Student Assistance Fund. A report of uses will not be required for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 fiscal years. This temporary pause will provide conferences and institutions with more flexibility in the use of distribution funds during the period of settlement reductions. The pause will also give the NCAA finance team the opportunity to explore enhancements to the current financial reporting system to better capture the total amount that institutions and conferences are dedicating to student-athlete support and benefits.

8. **NCAA Division I Board of Directors Infractions Process Committee Update.** The Board of Directors received an update from the Infractions Process Committee.
9. **NCAA Division I Council Update.** The Board of Directors received an overview of actions taken and informational items discussed during the October 8-9 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. **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 and the [question-and-answer document](#) that was released on Monday, October 28 regarding the impact of the proposed settlement on Division I institutions.
12. **Report of the August Board of Directors Videoconference.** The Board of Directors approved the report of its August 6 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.	
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.	
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.	
Pradeep Khosla, University of California, San Diego; Big West Conference.	
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.	
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:	
Sidney McPhee, Middle Tennessee State University; Conference USA.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Geoff Bentzel, Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser, and Leeland Zeller.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Charlie Baker, Scott Bearby, Tim Buckley, Dawn Buth, Deena Casiero, Michael Cioroianu, Jon Duncan, Michelle Forte-Osborne, Dan Gavitt, Clint Hangebrauck, Brian Higgins, Ethan Hite, Katie Koenig, Kevin Lennon, Felicia Martin, Mario Morris, Stephanie Quigg, Bridget Rigney, Lynda Tealer, Stan Wilcox, and Meghan Wright.	