

# REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I BOARD OF DIRECTORS OCTOBER 28, 2025, MEETING

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Delayed Effective Date of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2025-20. The NCAA Division I Board of Directors <u>adopted</u> emergency legislation to delay the effective date of <u>Proposal No. 2025-20</u> to November 22, 2025.

This action allows the 30-day membership rescission period to close before the effective date. Pursuant to the legislative pilot process, an amendment adopted with less than a 75% majority vote of NCAA Division I Cabinet members present and voting is subject to a 30-day rescission period. An amendment shall be rescinded on submission of rescission requests from at least two thirds of all active Division I institutions that are eligible to submit a request. A rescission request must be approved by the institution's chancellor or president. The institution's chancellor or president or a designated representative may submit the rescission request to the national office. On submission of a rescission request, an automated email confirmation will be sent to the institution's chancellor or president. Rescission requests must be submitted electronically by using the Legislative Services Database for the Internet (LSDBi) not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time, November 21. (Unanimous voice vote.)

- 2. House Injunction Implementation Failure to Report Noninstitutional Name, Image and Likeness Activities. The Board of Directors <u>adopted Proposal No. 2025-38</u>, which establishes institutional obligations and potential implications for a student-athlete who fails to report a noninstitutional name, image or likeness deal within five business days of execution or agreement to payment terms, as specified. The proposal is effective immediately. (*Unanimous voice vote.*)
- **3. NCAA Division I Decision-Making Working Group Referrals.** The Board of Directors discussed the following referrals from the Decision-Making Working Group.
  - a. Evaluation of the infractions process.

The Board of Directors <u>introduced</u> <u>Proposal No. 2025-39</u> and recommended that the Division I Cabinet consider the proposal as expedited legislation. The proposal would amend NCAA Division I Bylaw 19.3.1 to specify that the NCAA national office may share information about a pending infractions case if there is an immediate need to prevent harm or address a potential ongoing violation.

The board also reviewed concepts to improve negotiated resolution procedures and communication strategies.

Lastly, the board recommended a working group be formed to study, among other things, the duration of cases, the complexity of resolution procedures, consistency of outcomes and timely communication about violations. The working group will include current members of the NCAA Division I Board of Directors Infractions Process Committee along with additional individuals identified by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors Executive Committee. (Unanimous voice vote.)

b. Evaluation of the NCAA's support of bowl subdivision football.

The Board of Directors <u>recommended</u> the appointment of a working group to evaluate the NCAA's support of bowl subdivision football. The working group will work closely with the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision and Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committees and other key constituents.

c. Establish an expectation to monitor the effectiveness of the revised structure.

The Board of Directors <u>recommended</u> a broadly inclusive survey of Division I membership be conducted in the fall of 2026. The board determined the revised structure should stand for at least a year before evaluating its effectiveness.

- 4. Proposed Threshold for Amendments to Legislation Governing Membership Requirements. The Board of Directors introduced Proposal No. 2025-37 for consideration as expedited legislation during its January 2026 meeting. This proposal specifies that adoption of an amendment to a membership provision requires a majority that is greater than the number of votes available to autonomy representatives, including autonomy student-athlete representatives, on the governance entity (e.g., Cabinet, Board of Directors) authorized to consider such an amendment. (*Unanimous voice vote.*)
- **5. House Injunction and Collegiate Sports Update.** The Board of Directors received an update on specifics related to the implementation of the House injunction and the collegiate sports landscape.
- **6. Legal Update.** The Board of Directors received a privileged and confidential update related to ongoing legal matters.
- 7. NCAA President's Report. The Board of Directors received an update from President Baker regarding several important issues facing Division I.
- **8. NCAA Board of Governors Update.** The Board of Directors received a preview of the agenda and anticipated action the Board of Governors would discuss in their October meeting, which occurred after the board met.
- **9. NCAA Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee Update.** The Board of Directors received an update on the joint meeting of the Board of Directors Finance Committee and the NCAA Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee.
- **10. Division I Cabinet Update.** The Board of Directors received an update on actions taken and issues reviewed by the Division I Cabinet in its recent meetings.
- 11. NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Update. The Board of Directors received an update on key items and issues discussed by the Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

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**12. Approval of the new NCAA Division I Board of Directors Policies and Procedures.** The Board of Directors approved the new Division I Board of Directors policies and procedures. Changes to the policies and procedures include the new governance structure, updated committee composition and appointment process information. (Unanimous voice vote.)

**13. Report of the August Board of Directors Meeting.** The Board of Directors approved the report of its August 27 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

# Division I Board of Directors October 28, 2025, In-Person Meeting

#### Attendees:

Charlie Baker, NCAA President.

Glenn Boyce, University of Mississippi; Southeastern Conference.

Pam Bruzina, University of Missouri, Columbia; FARA.

Houston Davis, University of Central Arkansas; ASUN Conference.

Riley Donahue, University of Maryland, Baltimore County; America East Conference.

Sam Edwards, Michigan State University; Big Ten Conference.

Doug Girod, University of Kansas; Big 12 Conference.

Meredith Page, Radford University; Division I Student-Athlete Advisory 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

#### **Absentees:**

Brian Noland, East Tennessee State University; Southern Conference.

Darryll Pines, University of Maryland, College Park; Big Ten Conference.

## **Guests in Attendance:**

Jessica Presnall, Big 12 Conference.

# NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:

Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser and Haydyn Makins.

## Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Scott Bearby, Tim Buckley, Dawn Buth, Deena Casiero, Derrick Crawford, Jon Duncan, Michele Forte-Osborne, Dan Gavitt, Terri Steeb Gronau, Brandy Hataway, Jennifer Henderson, Emma Potter, Greg Pottorff, Stephanie Quigg, Bridget Rigney, Geoff Silver, Carey Wheelhouse, Meghan Wright and Leeland Zeller.