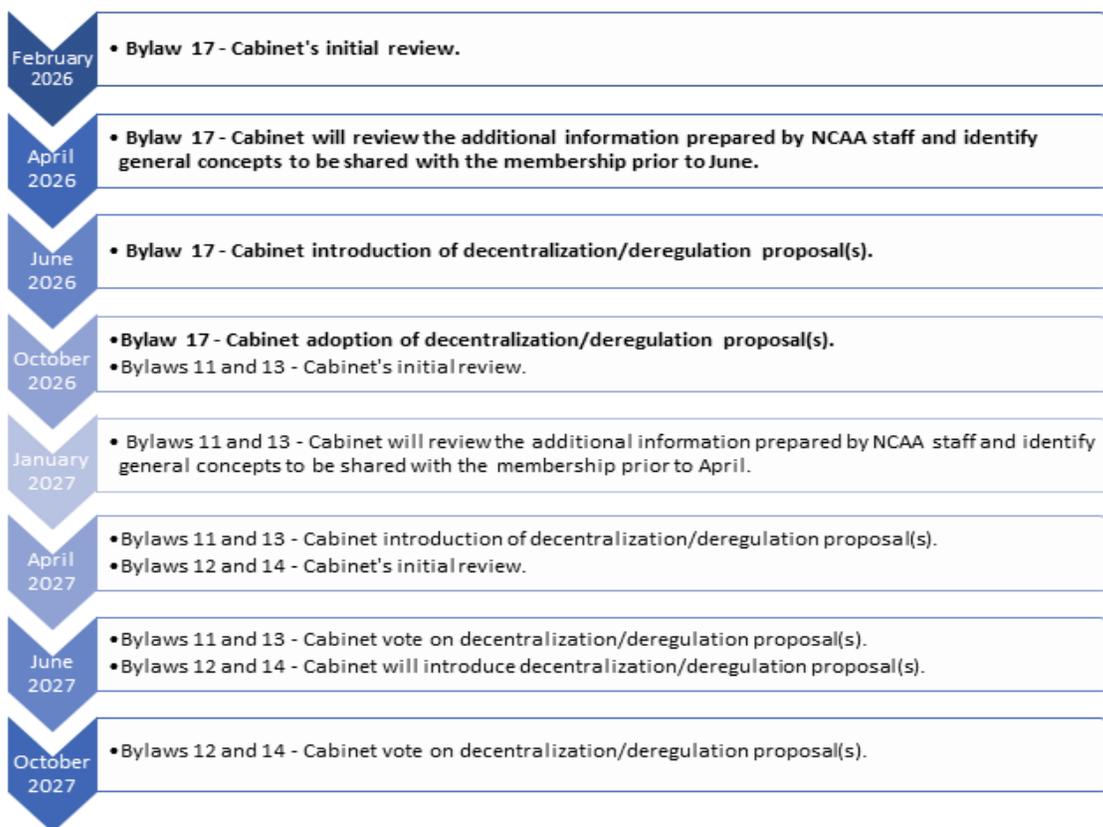




REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I CABINET
FEBRUARY 27, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

KEY ITEM.

1. **Discussion of the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee’s Recommendation for Emergency Legislation.** The NCAA Division I Cabinet discussed the [Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee’s recommendation](#) that the cabinet adopt emergency legislation to apply penalties to situations in which an institution does not obtain authorization to contact a four-year college transfer student-athlete through the notification of transfer process and the student-athlete transfers to a new school and participates in an athletically related activity. The cabinet expanded the recommendation to apply to all sports and plans to vote on the recommendation no later than its April meeting after providing the opportunity for membership review and feedback. If adopted, the legislation would apply to a situation in which a student-athlete transfers on or after February 25, 2026, to an institution that did not obtain authorization to contact the student-athlete through the notification of transfer process, and the student-athlete participates in athletically related activities at the new school.
2. **Initial Review of NCAA Division I Bylaw 17 Concepts and Approval of Updated Timeline for the Review of Legislation for Decentralization/Deregulation.** The cabinet reviewed initial concepts to decentralize and deregulate Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons) and approved an updated timeline for the overall review of legislation as directed by the NCAA Division I Decision-Making Working Group and included in a legislative audit that was conducted to identify areas for potential deregulation. The updated timeline is listed below. Additionally, the cabinet charged NCAA staff with modeling a new Bylaw 17 structure and refining the list of bylaws for decentralization for cabinet review during its April meeting.



ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Update on Review of Preenrollment Athletics Eligibility.** The cabinet received an update from the NCAA Division I Academics and Eligibility Committee on its review of NCAA bylaws and policies that apply to a prospective student-athlete's athletics activities prior to initial, full-time enrollment. Specifically, the review includes legislation that governs prize money, compensation/benefits received, involvement with professional teams and the use of agents prior to initial, full-time collegiate enrollment. The Academics and Eligibility Committee anticipates recommending proposals for the cabinet to consider as emergency legislation during its April 14-15 meeting.
2. **Update on the Development of Policies Related to the Use of Commercial Trademarks and Logos in NCAA Championships Competition.** The cabinet received an update on the development of policies on the use of commercial trademarks or logos on student-athletes' uniforms, apparel and equipment during NCAA championships. The cabinet emphasized the importance of finalizing and communicating the policies to the membership as soon as possible.
3. **Report of the January 7, January 14 and January 23 Cabinet Meeting.** The cabinet approved the reports of its January 7, January 14 and January 23 meetings.

Cabinet Chair: Josh Whitman, University of Illinois; Big Ten Conference.
Cabinet Liaisons: Brandy Hataway, Division I Governance and Member Services
Charnele Kemper, Division I Governance and Member Services
Leeland Zeller, Division I Governance and Member Services

NCAA Division I Cabinet February 27, 2026, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Alisse Ali-Joseph, Faculty Athletics Representative Association.	
Lauren Beach, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
Matt Boyer, Southeastern Conference.	
Dan Butterly, Big West Conference, Basketball Subdivision conferences.	
Brad Corbin, Washington State University; Pac-12 Conference, FBS nonautonomy conferences.	
John Currie, Wake Forest University; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Jeremiah Donati, University of South Carolina; Southeastern Conference.	
Terry Gawlik, University of Idaho; Big Sky Conference, FCS conferences.	
Rick George, University of Colorado; Big 12 Conference.	
Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University; Coastal Athletic Association.	
Brad Hurlbut, Fairleigh Dickinson University; Northeast Conference, FCS conferences.	
Jenna Jordan, Georgia Institute of Technology; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Daniel Kaelin, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
Matt Larsen, North Dakota State University; Summit League, Basketball Subdivision conferences.	
Scott McKenzie, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
Desiree Reed-Francois, University of Arizona; Big 12 Conference.	
Allison Rich, University of New Hampshire; America East Conference, Basketball Subdivision conferences.	
Jennifer Smith, Michigan State University; Big Ten Conference.	
John Steinbrecher, Mid-American Conference, FBS nonautonomy conferences.	
Josh Whitman, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Big Ten Conference.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Cali Arat, Wilkinson Stekloff.	
Rakesh, Kilaru, Wilkinson Stekloff.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Audrey Capannari, Emily Capehart, Brandy Hataway, Charnele Kemper, Karen Metzger, Shelby Sonnefeldt, and Leeland Zeller.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:	
Charlie Baker, Scott Bearby, Geoff Bentzel, Tim Buckley, Deena Casiero, Amanda Conklin, Jon Duncan, Michele Forte-Osborne, Jenn Fraser, Dan Gavitt, Terri Steeb Gronau, Jennifer Henderson, Lynn Holzman, Greg Pottorff, Kris Richardson, Bridget Rigney, Rachel Seewald, Geoff Silver, Liz Suscha, Lynda Tealer, Jared Tidemann, Wendy Walters, Meghan Wright, and Janell Zimmer.	