



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I CABINET  
JANUARY 14, 2026, MEETING**

**KEY ITEMS.**

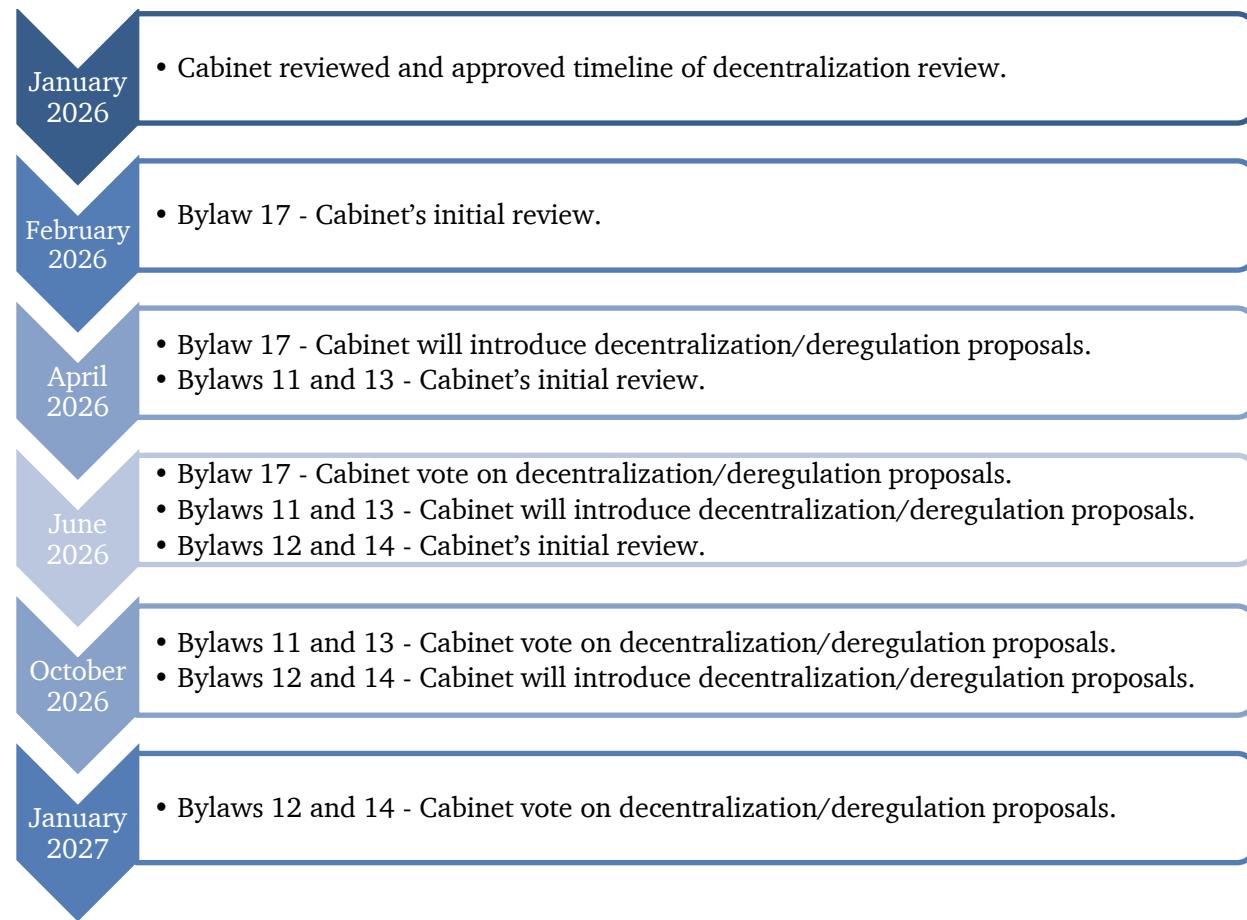
1. **NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2025-35 -- Use of Commercial Trademarks or Logos on Equipment, Uniforms and Apparel.** The NCAA Division I Cabinet discussed Proposal No. 2025-35 and will meet again within the next two weeks to discuss potential amendments and vote on the proposal.
2. **Legislative Actions.** The Division I Cabinet took the following key legislative actions, effective on the dates specified. Voting results are available in the Attachment.
  - a. **Division I Proposal No. 2025-32 -- Championships and Postseason Football -- National Collegiate Championships -- Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling.** The cabinet adopted Proposal No. 2025-32, to establish an NCAA National Collegiate Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling Championship beginning in Spring 2027 and the NCAA Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling Committee. The proposal is effective immediately.
  - b. **Division I Proposal No. 2025-33 -- Championships and Postseason Football -- National Collegiate Championships -- Women's Stunt.** The cabinet adopted Proposal No. 2025-33, to establish an NCAA National Collegiate Women's Stunt Championship beginning in Spring 2027 and the NCAA Women's Stunt Committee. The proposal is effective immediately.
  - c. **Division I Proposal No. 2025-34 -- Division Membership, Personnel, and Playing and Practice Seasons -- Emerging Sports for Women -- Women's Flag Football.** The cabinet adopted Proposal No. 2025-34, to add women's flag football as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to athletics personnel, playing and practice seasons, and membership, as specified. The proposal is effective immediately.
  - d. **Proposal No. 2025-41 -- Recruiting -- Notification of Transfer -- Basketball -- Undergraduate Window and Head Coach Departure Exception.** The cabinet adopted Proposal No. 2025-41, as expedited legislation, to modify the notification of transfer window in men's and women's basketball to a 15-consecutive-day period beginning the day after the Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Championship games, respectively, and to amend the head coach departure exception. Specifically, a student-athlete may initiate the notification of transfer process for a period of up to 15 consecutive days, as specified, if one of the following occurs between the opening of the notification transfer window (e.g., April 7) and January 2: (1) School hires or publicly announces the hire of new head coach, the 15-consecutive-day period begins five calendar days after the hire or public announcement (whichever occurs first); or (2) If school does not hire a new head coach within 30 days of departure or announcement of departure, the 15-consecutive-day period begins on the 31st day. The head coach exception may not

occur prior to the opening of the notification of transfer window (e.g., April 7, 2026), and the 15-consecutive-day window may not extend beyond January 2. The proposal is effective immediately.

- e. **Division I Proposal No. 2025-42 -- Recruiting -- Notification of Transfer -- Men's Wrestling -- Undergraduate Window.** The cabinet adopted Proposal No. 2025-42, as expedited legislation, to modify the notification of transfer window in men's wrestling to April 1-30. The proposal is effective immediately.
- f. **Division I Proposal No. 2025-43 -- Recruiting -- Notification of Transfer -- Track and Field -- Remove Undergraduate Window After Selections for the Indoor Championships.** The cabinet adopted Proposal No. 2025-43, as expedited legislation, to eliminate the undergraduate notification of transfer window that follows selections for the Division I Indoor Track and Field Championships. The proposal is effective immediately.
- g. **Proposal No. 2025-44 -- Recruiting -- Notification of Transfer -- Men's Ice Hockey -- Undergraduate Window and Head Coach Departure Exception.** The cabinet adopted Proposal No. 2025-44, as expedited legislation, to modify the notification of transfer window in men's ice hockey to a 15-consecutive-day period beginning the Monday following the conclusion of the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship and to amend the head coach departure exception. Specifically, a student-athlete may initiate the notification of transfer process during a 15-consecutive-day period beginning five calendar days after the hire or the public announcement of a new head men's ice hockey coach. If a new head coach is not hired or announced within 30 calendar days after the departure of the previous head coach, the 15-consecutive-day window begins on the 31st day, provided the 31st day occurs after the Monday following the conclusion of the NCAA championship. The head coach exception may not occur prior to the opening of the notification of transfer period (e.g., April 13, 2026) and the 15-consecutive-day window may not extend beyond January 1. The proposal is effective immediately. The cabinet did not amend the proposal to add women's ice hockey and directed the NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Committee to consider whether it supports similar changes to the head coach departure exception for Division I women's ice hockey student-athletes.

3. **Review of Legislation for Decentralization/Deregulation.** The cabinet approved a timeline for review of legislation for decentralization as directed by the NCAA Division I Decision-Making Working Group and the review of legislation included in a legislative audit that was conducted to identify areas for potential deregulation. The cabinet will be responsible for determining what legislation should be maintained as national standards and which may be considered for decentralization or deregulation based on the guidance from the Decision-Making Working Group. The cabinet will refer legislation to be reviewed to the appropriate subject-matter committees (e.g., NCAA Division I Academics and Eligibility Committee, sport oversight committees) as needed. Additionally, the cabinet

confirms that sports oversight committees may continue to review time-sensitive legislative changes deemed critical to their sport and develop concepts subject to risk assessment and review by the cabinet. Likewise, the cabinet and other relevant committees will continue to consider critical or time-sensitive legislative changes outside the comprehensive decentralization review. The cabinet approved the timeline listed below. Other areas of legislation or specific rules may be reviewed independent of this timeline based on the discretion of the cabinet.



**ACTION ITEMS.**

- **None.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Other Legislative Actions.** The Division I Cabinet took the following other legislative actions, effective on the dates specified. Voting results are available in the Attachment.

- a. **Division I Proposal No. 2025-30 -- Recruiting -- Tryouts and Sports Camps and Clinics -- Local Sports Clubs, Private Lessons and Attendance Restrictions at Camps and Clinics – Fencing.** The cabinet adopted Proposal No. 2025-30, in fencing, to (a) Eliminate the requirement that all prospective student-athletes participating on a local sports club an institution's coach is involved with live within a 50-mile radius of the institution; (b) Permit an institution's athletics department or an institution's athletics booster group to sponsor a local sports club that includes prospective student-athletes; (c) Permit an institution's coach to provide private lessons to prospective student-athletes; and (d) Eliminate camp and clinic attendance restrictions. The proposal is effective immediately.
  - b. **Division I Proposal No. 2025-31 -- Playing and Practice Seasons -- Women's Stunt -- First Date of Competition.** The cabinet adopted Proposal No. 2025-31, in stunt, to specify that if February 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, an institution may engage in its first date of competition with outside competition on the Friday preceding February 1.
- 2. **Division I Proposal No. 2025-39 -- Infractions Program -- Public Disclosure -- Immediate Need Exception.** The cabinet did not consider Proposal No. 2025-39, as expedited legislation. The proposal was introduced into the April 2026 legislative cycle will be considered by the cabinet during its April 14-15 meeting.
- 3. **Discussion on Issues Related to Agents.** The cabinet discussed issues related to the actions of agents who represent student-athletes in their name, image and likeness activities. It was noted that enforcement of the Sports Agent Responsibility and Trust Act (SPARTA) would help address many issues. The cabinet will continue to discuss issues related to agents and receive updates on issue of enforcement of SPARTA.
- 4. **Discussions on Impermissible Contacts with Student-Athletes (Tampering).** The cabinet discussed issues related to impermissible contacts with student-athletes (tampering). It was noted that contact by an institution with a student-athlete of another institution whose name is not in the transfer portal is an NCAA violation and the NCAA enforcement staff is processing such violations. The College Sports Commission enforces legislation related to name, image and likeness activities. The enforcement staff and the College Sports Commission may work together to determine the appropriate adjudication of situations that involve impermissible contact and impermissible actions related to student-athlete's name, image and likeness. The cabinet will continue discussions and receive updates related to impermissible contact with student-athletes.
- 5. **Update and Discussion of National Division I and Associate-Wide Issues.** The cabinet received an update from NCAA President Baker, the NCAA office of legal affairs, and an update on congressional engagement efforts.
- 6. **NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Update.** The cabinet received an update from the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

7. **Update from the College Sports Commission.** The cabinet received an update from the Collegiate Sports Commission on issues related to the implementation of the *House* injunction.

*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*

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**Attendees:**

Alisse Ali-Joseph, Faculty Athletics Representative Association.

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.

Betsey Walkowiak, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (alternate).

Josh Whitman, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Big Ten Conference.

**Absentees:**

Lauren Beach, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

**Guests in Attendance:**

Cali Arat, Wilkinson Stekloff.

John Bramlette, College Sports Commission.

Rakesh Kilaru, Wilkinson Stekloff.

Katie Medearis, College Sports Commission.

Bryan Seeley, College Sports Commission.

Max Warren, 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, Tim Buckley, Dawn Buth, Deena Casiero, Michael Cioroianu, Amanda Conklin, Derrick Crawford, Jon Duncan, Michelle Forte-Osborne, Jenn Fraser, Dan Gavitt, Jennifer Henderson, Mark Hicks, Gretchen Miron, Greg Pottoroff, Bridget Rigney, Geoff Silver, Liz Suscha, Lynda Tealer, Jared Tidemann, and Meghan Wright.

## NCAA Division I Cabinet Voting Results

January 14, 2026

ATTACHMENT

Group Represented -- Voting Delegate	Conference Type	Voting Weight	Timeline for review of legislation	Proposal Nos. 2025-30, 2025-31, 2025-32, 3025-33, 2025-34	Proposal No. 2025-41 as Expedited	Proposal No. 2025-41	Proposal No. 2025-42 as Expedited	Proposal No. 2025-42	Proposal No. 2025-43 as Expedited	Proposal No. 2025-43	Proposal No. 2025-44 as Expedited	Proposal No. 2025-44
Atlantic Coast Conference -- J. Jordan	FBSA	2.75	Approved	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Atlantic Coast Conference -- J. Currie	FBSA	2.75		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Big 12 Conference -- R. George	FBSA	2.75		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Big 12 Conference -- D. Reed-Francios	FBSA	2.75		Y				N	Y	N	Y	Y
Big Ten Conference -- J. Whitman	FBSA	2.75		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Big Ten Conference -- J. Smith	FBSA	2.75		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Southeastern Conference -- J. Donati	FBSA	2.75		Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Southeastern Conference -- M. Boyer	FBSA	2.75		Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
FBS NA Conferences -- J. Steinbrecher	FBSNA	1		Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
FBS NA Conferences -- B. Corbin	FBSNA	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
FCS Conferences -- T. Gawlik	FCS	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
FCS Conferences -- S. Heilbron	FCS	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
FCS Conferences -- B. Hurlbut	FCS	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Division I Subdivision -- D. Butterly	DI	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Division I Subdivision -- M. Larsen	DI	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Division I Subdivision -- A. Rich	DI	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y
FARA -- A. Ali-Joseph		1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y
SAAC -- S. McKenzie		1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y
WBB SA - B. Walkowiak (alternate)		1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y
FB SA -- D. Kaelin		1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Yes/Adopt (Y)				34	31	31	30	26	29	23	34	34
No/Defeat (N)				0	0	0	0	8	5	11	0	0
Abstain (A)				0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
No Vote Cast (Blank)				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total				34	31	31	31	34	34	34	34	34
A = Autonomy; NA = FBS Nonautonomy			Y Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	75.74%	85.29%	68.38%	100.0%	100.0%