



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I COUNCIL  
AUGUST 13, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

*In an effort to connect NCAA Division I Council items to the NCAA pillars of academics, fairness and well-being, items included in this report have an identifying pillar. There is an additional pillar, operational, that is used to denote items that relate to maintaining a stable and efficient Division I.*

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- **None.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Review of NCAA Division I Legislative Audit.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The NCAA Division I Council considered whether action (e.g., recommendation for expedited action or introduction into the legislative cycle) should be taken on items identified through an audit of Division I legislation. The audit was conducted to identify legislation to consider for deregulation or elimination and was assisted by separate reviews conducted by the National Association for Athletics Compliance as well as those recently guided by the Division I governance structure (e.g., NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee, Eligibility Review). The council agreed that the appropriate committees in the new governance structure should review the legislation identified in the audit and determine whether to recommend action pursuant to the applicable processes.
2. **NCAA Division I Board of Directors Update.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The council received an update from the August 5 Board of Directors meeting and recommendations from the NCAA Division I Decision-Making Working Group, including the adoption of the new Division I governance structure and the federation of NCAA playing rules. The recommendations streamline decision-making, increase student-athlete representation, maintain the tie between athletics and academics and decentralize regulatory areas.
3. **Update from NCAA President Charlie Baker.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The council received an update from President Baker on topics related to viewership numbers for NCAA championships, revenue generation from ticket sales and the NCAA's collaboration with Team Impact.
4. **Update From the College Sports Commission.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The council received an update from Bryan Seeley, chief executive officer of the College Sports Commission, which included an overview of the work the CSC has done since the *House* settlement was approved in June along with CSC staffing updates.
5. **Legal Update.** (Operational) The council received an update on litigation affecting Division I and the Association overall.

6. **Report of the June 24-25, 2025, Council Meeting.** (Operational) The council approved the report of its June meeting.

*Council Chair:* Josh Whitman, University of Illinois; Big Ten Conference.  
*Council Liaisons:* Geoff Bentzel, Division I Governance  
Amanda Conklin, Division I Governance  
Jennifer Fraser, Division I Governance  
Leeland Zeller, Division I Governance

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<b>Attendees:</b>	
Alisse Ali-Joseph, Northern Arizona University, Faculty Athletics Representative Association.	
Mark Alnutt, University at Buffalo, the State University of New York; Mid-American Conference.	
Nicole Kendall Arrighi, Tennessee State University; Ohio Valley Conference.	
Jeff Bacon; ASUN Conference (alternate).	
Kelly Barsky, University of California, Santa Barbara; Big West Conference.	
Amy Beggin, University of New Mexico; Mountain West Conference.	
Jackie Blackett, Columbia University-Barnard College; The Ivy League.	
Josh Brooks, University of Georgia; Southeastern Conference.	
Dan Butterly, Big West Conference (Division I Subdivision conference commissioner).	
Greg Christopher, Xavier University; Big East Conference.	
Tim Coffey, Longwood University; Big South Conference.	
Christine Copper, U.S. Naval Academy; Patriot League.	
Brad Corbin, Washington State University; Pac-12 Conference.	
John Currie, Wake Forest University; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Joey D'Antonio, Coastal Athletic Association (FCS conference commissioner).	
Tim Day, Iowa State University; Big 12 Conference (alternate).	
Marlon Edge; Western Athletic Conference (alternate).	
Terry Gawlik, University of Idaho; Big Sky Conference.	
Chad Hawley, Big Ten Conference (alternate).	
Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University; Coastal Athletic Association.	
Brad Hurlbut, Fairleigh Dickinson University; Northeast Conference.	
Jeff Jackson; Missouri Valley Conference.	
Michael Kelly, U.S. Naval Academy; American Athletic Conference.	
Jessica Kumke, Horizon League.	
Lisa Liotta, Canisius University; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.	
Brandon Martin, University of Missouri, Kansas City; The Summit League.	
Kimya Massey, University of San Diego; West Coast Conference.	
Scott McKenzie, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	

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Ed McLaughlin, Virginia Commonwealth University; Atlantic 10 Conference.	
Jennifer Phillips; James Madison University; Sun Belt Conference.	
Adeanah Pooler, Southwestern Athletic Conference (alternate).	
Elizabeth Rabb, Wofford College, Southern Conference.	
Allison Rich, University of New Hampshire; America East Conference.	
Greg Sankey, Southeastern Conference (FBS autonomy conference commissioner).	
Heath Schroyer, McNeese State University; Southland Conference.	
Jim Senter, University of Texas at El Paso; Conference USA.	
Brian Shannon; 1A Faculty Athletics Representative.	
Jon Steinbrecher, Mid-American Conference (FBS nonautonomy conference commissioner).	
Melody Webb, Norfolk State University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (alternate).	
Josh Whitman, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign; Big Ten Conference.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Braeden Pratt, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Bryan Seeley, College Sports Commission.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Geoff Bentzel, Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser, and Leeland Zeller.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:</b>	
Troy Arthur, Charlie Baker, Emily Capehart, Derrick Crawford, Jon Duncan, Michele Forte-Osborne, Terri Steeb Gronau, Brandy Hataway, Jennifer Henderson, Lynn Holzman, Charnele Kemper, Kevin Lennon, Haydyn Makins, Jobrina Marques, Karen Metzger, Binh Nguyen, Emma Potter, Greg Pottorff, Stephanie Quigg, Kris Richardson, Bridget Rigney, Dave Schnase, Geoff Silver, Shelby Sonnefeldt, Liz Suscha, Jerry Vaughn, Meghan Wright, and Quintin Wright.	