



REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
SUBDIVISION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 6-7, 2025, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **NCAA Division I Football Championship Committee.** The committee received an update from the Division I Football Championship Committee regarding the current landscape of the FCS Championship, including the selection process and metrics used by the championship committee to select the field. Updates were provided on programming and events that will occur in Nashville, the championship site for the next two years. The committee was also advised that the host portal is open from October 6 – November 6 for institutions submitting bids to serve as a host site for the 2025-26 NCAA Division I Football Championship.
2. **Division I Football Rules Subcommittee.** The committee received an overview of the NCAA Division I Football Rules Subcommittee, including the subcommittee's composition, charge and authority.
3. **Identify FCSOC Strategic Priorities.** The committee identified championship subdivision football strategic priorities for the 2025-26 academic year. Priorities identified by the committee included a review of the playing season (i.e., spring and summer calendars), the four-game participation exception, the impact of conference realignment on scheduling, and potential referrals to the football rules subcommittee.
4. **Joint meeting with the NCAA Division I Academics and Eligibility Committee, NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee, NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee and NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee.** The FCSOC received an update from the NCAA Office of Legal Affairs, NCAA Government Relations, and the Collegiate Sports Commission.
5. **Appointment of new members.** The committee appointed new committee representatives for FCSOC vacancies. Notifications to the appointees will follow the established process and rosters will be updated in accordance with the start date for service.
6. **American Football Coaches Association update.** The committee received an update from the AFCA.
7. **Review of draft committee policies and procedures.** The committee received an update from NCAA staff on draft committee policies and procedures, which will be reviewed in further detail and approved at a future meeting.
8. **NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee update.** The committee received an update on the recent work of the FBSOC, including potential modification of the head coaching change exception to the notification-of-transfer period.
9. **Future meeting dates.**
 - TBD.

Committee Chair: Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University.
Staff Liaisons: Geoff Bentzel, NCAA Division I Governance and Member Services.
 Jenn Fraser, NCAA Division I Governance and Member Services.
 Ty Halpin, NCAA Championships and Alliances.
 Kris Richardson, NCAA Governance and Member Services.

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Attendees:	
Jim Curry, East Texas A&M University; Southland Conference.	
Sherryta Freeman, Lafayette College; Patriot League.	
Jean Gee, University of Montana; Big Sky Conference.	
Anton Goff, Prairie View A&M; Southwest Athletic Conference.	
Kyle Grooms, Missouri Valley Football Conference.	
Mike Harrity, Dartmouth College; The Ivy League.	
Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University; Coastal Athletic Association.	
Melvin Hines, Morgan State University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. (alternate)	
Thomas Michael, Eastern Illinois University, Ohio Valley Conference.	
Kyle Moats, Eastern Kentucky University, Atlantic Sun Conference	
Bob Nielson, University of South Dakota; The Summit League.	
Jeff Roberts, Tennessee Technological University.	
Benjamin Shove, Northeast Conference.	
Jermaine Truax, Bucknell University; Patriot League.	
Greg Walter, Pioneer Football League.	
Jamaal Walton, Virginia Military Institute; Southern Conference.	
Mark Wharton, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.	
Absentees:	
Dena Freeman-Patton, Morgan State University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.	
Curt Mallory, Indiana State University; Missouri Valley Football Conference.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Anthony Egbo, former student-athlete.	
Josh Emmanuel, former student-athlete.	
Emily Fulton, Virginia Military Institute; NCAA Pathway Program participant.	
Brittney Johnson, Florida A&M University; NCAA Pathway Program participant.	
Ariel Pesante, Georgetown University; NCAA Pathway Program participant.	
Davon Robb, Rice University; NCAA Pathway Program participant.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Geoff Bentzel and Ty Halpin.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
DJ Brown, Brittney Jackson, Travis Johnston and Greg Pottorff.	