



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
APRIL 27, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Discussion of referral from the NCAA Division I Decision-Making Working Group.** The NCAA Division I Membership Committee continued to discuss the first of two referrals from the NCAA Division I Decision-Making Working Group. Specifically, as part of its exploration of the possible creation of an autonomy subdivision and defining autonomy status such that criteria are established, the committee discussed the current areas of autonomy identified by the Division I. The committee acknowledged that the current governance structure, unlike the previous structure, allows any subdivision to adopt legislation in those areas. The committee continued to discuss this referral in light of the evolving collegiate landscape and the recent changes to the governance structure. The committee agreed to review conference-focused data during its next meeting.
2. **Approval of a waiver of the Division I membership requirements.** The committee approved a waiver of NCAA Division I Bylaw 20.9.8.2 (one-third of contests in home arena) for an institution whose home arena is under construction. The waiver permits the institution's men's and women's basketball teams to use a facility other than the arena regularly used to host men's and women's basketball home contests if needed during the 2026-27 season or until the institution's home arena is available for home contests, whichever is earlier. During its review of the waiver request, the committee considered feedback from the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees.
3. **Review of June 2026 Reclassification Subgroup meetings.** The committee received information on the process to schedule and conduct subgroup meetings for reclassifying institutions prior to its June in-person meeting. The committee reviewed the timeline for the submission of annual reports and the due date for any Division II or Division III institution that satisfies the exception to the current moratorium to submit their application requesting reclassification.
4. **Approval of the NCAA Division I Membership Committee report.** The committee approved the April 13 Division I Membership Committee report.
3. **Future meeting schedule.**
  - a. 1 to 2 p.m. Eastern time, Monday, May 11; videoconference.
  - b. 1 to 2 p.m. Eastern time, Tuesday, May 26; videoconference.
  - c. 1 to 2 p.m. Eastern time, Monday, June 8; videoconference.
  - d. June 17-18, 2026, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.

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*Committee Chair: Nicki Moore, Cornell University.*

*Staff Liaisons: Kris Richardson, NCAA Division I Governance and Member Services.  
Jenn Samble, NCAA Division I Governance and Member Services.  
Angela Tressel, NCAA Division I Governance and Member Services.*

<b>NCAA Division I Membership Committee April 27, 2026, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Janet Cone, University of North Carolina Asheville.	
Matt Harris, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Southeastern Conference.	
Shawna Jordan, Kansas State University; Big 12 Conference.	
William Maher, Canisius University. (alternate)	
Sheila Vélez Martínez, University of Pittsburgh; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Emily Moon, Lamar University.	
Nicki Moore, Cornell University.	
Christina Munger-Rivera, University of California, Los Angeles, Big Ten Conference.	
Jennifer Phillips, James Madison University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Carray Banks, Norfolk State University.	
Lisa Liotta, Canisius University.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Kris Richardson, Jenn Samble and Angela Tressel.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Audrey Capannari.	