



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
JUNE 17-18, 2026, MEETING**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- **Nonlegislative item.**
  - **Review of NCAA Division II institution reclassifying to NCAA Division I.** The NCAA Division I Membership Committee reviewed information from a NCAA Division II institution in year three of the reclassification process and recommends that the NCAA Division I Cabinet approve active Division I status for the following institution beginning August 1, 2026:
    - > Le Moyne College.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Review of membership application.** The committee reviewed and approved an application from an NCAA Division II institution to begin the Division I reclassification process.
  - University of West Florida was accepted into the Division II to Division I reclassification process beginning August 1, 2026.
2. **Review of reclassifying institutions' annual reports.** The committee reviewed information from each institution in the first and second year of the Division II to Division I reclassification process and took the following actions:
  - a. Advanced Mercyhurst University to the third year of the process.
  - b. Advanced University of New Haven to the second year of the process.
  - c. Advanced University of West Georgia to the third year of the process.
3. **Review of NCAA Division I Decision-Making Working Group referrals.**
  - a. **Creation of an autonomy subdivision.** The committee received an update on its charge to explore the creation of an autonomy subdivision and defining autonomy status such that criteria are established. The committee discussed the referral and agreed to pause on developing a recommendation for the Board of Directors at this time. The committee will continue to monitor the operation of the new Division I governance structure, changes to rules and processes, and the Division I membership's interest in an autonomy subdivision and defining autonomy status such that criteria are established.

- b. **Current membership reclassification standards.** The committee identified information to assist with completing the referral, including the reclassification fee, financial data, and championship access data, and charged NCAA staff with collecting and presenting that information during future meetings.
4. **Review and approval of tuition-inflation memo for minimum financial aid.** The committee completed its annual review and approved of the minimum aggregate tuition figure for institutional financial aid requirements outlined in NCAA Division I Bylaw 20.9.3.1-(b).
5. **NCAA Office of Legal Affairs update.** The committee received an update from the NCAA Office of Legal Affairs.
6. **Congressional engagement update.** The committee received a congressional engagement update from the NCAA Government Relations department.
7. **NCAA Division I Age-Based Collegiate Eligibility Model update.** The committee received an update on the Division I Age-Based Collegiate Eligibility Model.
8. **Legislative process recommendations.** The committee received an overview of a proposed legislative concept from the NCAA Division I Cabinet Legislative Processes Subgroup. Part of the proposed concept would provide the NCAA Division I Membership Committee with the authority to propose and adopt legislative proposals that impact portions of NCAA Division I Bylaw 20, subject to Cabinet review.
9. **Attestation overview and discussion.** The committee received an overview of the current attestation process for institutions in the upcoming attestation cycle.
10. **Update on the review of legislation for decentralization.** The committee received an overview of Cabinet's review of Division I legislation for decentralization and deregulation.
11. **Multisport conference meeting sport sponsorship requirements.** The committee reviewed whether a multisport conference should be precluded from meeting sports sponsorship requirements using affiliate members from other multisport conferences that sponsor the sport. The committee confirmed that NCAA legislation permits a multisport conference to use affiliate members to meet sport sponsorship requirements in a sport if the affiliate members are from one or more other multisport conferences that sponsor the sport.
12. **Recap of the 2026 NCAA Regional Rules Seminar presentations.** The committee received a brief recap of the presentations delivered at the seminar on membership-related issues.

13. **Acrobatics and tumbling discussion update.** The committee received a brief update on the progress related to the proposed change that would remove Division I legislated minimum-participant requirements in acrobatics and tumbling that the committee provided feedback during the May 26 videoconference.
14. **Report of the May 26 meeting.** The committee approved the report of its May 26 meeting.

*Committee Chair:* Nicki Moore, Cornell University; Ivy League.

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

<b>NCAA Division I Membership Committee June 17-18, 2026, Meeting</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
	Carray Banks, Norfolk State University.
	Janet Cone, University of North Carolina Asheville.
	Matt Harris, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Southeastern Conference.
	Shawna Jordan, Kansas State University; Big 12 Conference.
	Lisa Liotta, Canisius University.
	Sheila Vélez Martínez, University of Pittsburgh; Atlantic Coast Conference.
	Emily Moon, Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee.
	Nicki Moore, Cornell University.
	Christina Munger-Rivera, University of California, Los Angeles; Big Ten Conference.
	Jennifer Phillips, James Madison University.
<b>Absentees:</b>	
	None.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
	Kris Richardson, Jenn Samble, Sara Thurber and Angela Tressel.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:</b>	
	Dawn Buth, Dana Conner, Jenn Fraser, Jackson Marcotte, Leilyn Miles, Liz Suscha, Lynda Tealer and Jerry Vaughn.