



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 17, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Discussion of referral from the NCAA Division I Decision-Making Working Group.** The committee continued to discuss its referral from the NCAA Division I Decision-Making Working Group to evaluate the current membership reclassification standards. Specifically, the committee reviewed Division I data including historical information on the number of new institutions added to full active Division I status, the application fee required for institutions reclassifying to Division I and average institutional revenue distributions. The committee recognized the pressures the membership may experience as additional members are added to the division and indicated interest in increasing the application fee to better reflect the impact of those pressures and the long-term value of the benefits received by members of the division. The committee anticipates finalizing its recommendation during its October meeting. The committee will review the entrance requirements and exit benchmarks for reclassifying schools after finalizing its reclassification application fee recommendation.
2. **Legislative update.** NCAA staff provided a brief update to the committee on NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-45, which the NCAA Division I Cabinet is expected to act on during its October meeting.
3. **Update from NCAA Office of Legal Affairs.** The committee received an update from the NCAA Office of Legal Affairs.
4. **Approval of the NCAA Division I Membership Committee report.** The committee approved the August 3, 2026, Division I Membership Committee report.

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.
Sara Thurber, NCAA Division I Governance and Member Services.
Angela Tressel, NCAA Division I Governance and Member Services.*

NCAA Division I Membership Committee September 17, 2026, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Carray Banks, Norfolk State University.	
Amanda Braun, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.	
Janet Cone, University of North Carolina Asheville.	
Shawna Jordan, Kansas State University; Big 12 Conference.	
Matt Harris, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Southeastern Conference.	
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.	
Absentees:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Kris Richardson, Jenn Samble, Sara Thurber and Angela Tressel.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Amanda Conklin, Jared Tidemann and Jerry Vaughn	