



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE  
MARCH 5, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and review of agenda.** Championships Committee Chair Regan McAthie welcomed the group to the videoconference and formally introduced Kristina Ortiz, who is serving in an ex officio capacity as the new vice chair of the Division II Management Council.
2. **Budget review.** As it does for every meeting, the committee reviewed whether the agenda includes any items with a potential budget impact and noted those items accordingly.
3. **Overview of streaming enhancements.** During the initial review of budget requests for the next triennium at the committee's February meeting, members noted several items related to streaming enhancements and asked staff to provide additional information. Accordingly, Nate Flannery, NCAA director of digital, joined the videoconference to explain each item and answer questions as needed.
4. **Preliminary-round host follow-up.** During its February meeting, the committee noted the Division II Men's Soccer Committee's correspondence to a 2025 preliminary-round host expressing concerns about its ability to meet prescribed standards, and that this institution also was previously cited for insufficiencies in another sport. The Championships Committee asked staff to contact the institution to determine whether it has taken measures to correct the concerns. The committee reviewed the institution's response, and while members appreciated that it shed some light on the circumstances, they requested the institution provide a more specific and detailed action plan for the committee to consider regarding the institution's ability to comply with hosting standards in the future. The institution will not be permitted to host in any sport until the action plan is reviewed and approved by the committee.
5. **Future meetings and videoconferences.**
  - April 2, 2-4 p.m. Eastern time (videoconference).
  - May 7, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (videoconference).
  - June 23-24 (in-person meeting; Indianapolis).
  - July 2, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (videoconference).
  - Aug. 6, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (videoconference).
  - Sept. 14-15 (in-person meeting; Indianapolis).

*Committee Chair:* Regan McAthie, Concordia University, St. Paul  
*Staff Liaison(s):* Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances

*Micaela Kapsalis, Championships and Alliances*  
*Chelsea Hooks, Division II Governance and Member Services*

<b>Division II Championships Committee March 5, 2026, Videoconference</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Sean Belzer, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.
Ben Cherry, California State University, San Marcos (Management Council chair).
Carlin Chesick, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.
Rebekah Gasner, Montana State University Billings.
Regan McAthie, Concordia University, St. Paul.
Ahleasha McNeal, Lincoln Memorial University.
Emma Neal, Maryville University of Saint Louis.
Kristina Ortiz, Georgian Court University (Management Council vice chair).
Jay Poerner, Lone Star Conference.
Cade Smith, University of Alabama in Huntsville.
Stan Wagon, University of Central Oklahoma.
Vaughn Williams, Bentley University.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Terry Beattie, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.
Neil Duval, Saint Anselm College.
Christina Paone, Walsh University.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>
Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.
Micaela Kapsalis, Championships and Alliances.
Chelsea Hooks, Division II Governance and Member Services.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Eric Breece, Jess Gaumer, Nate Flannery, Terri Steeb Gronau, Ryan Jones, Katie Mucci, Angela Red, Liz Suscha and Courtney Wengryn.