



## SUMMARY OF SPRING 2026 QUARTERLY MEETINGS

### National Collegiate Athletic Association

April 13-14, 2026, Division II Management Council; and April 28, 2026, Executive Board

#### 1. Welcome and Announcements.

Management Council. The Management Council convened at 8:30 a.m. Monday, April 13. The chair welcomed those in attendance, and acknowledging the staff who were present.

The chair welcomed Josh Ealy, director of athletics at Tusculum University, as an observer to the meeting due to Pat Britz, former South Atlantic Conference representative, having resigned from the Council.

The chair highlighted the schedule for the meeting, after which the Council proceeded with its agenda.

Executive Board. The Executive Board convened its videoconference at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 28. The chair welcomed those in attendance, and acknowledging the staff who were present.

The chair highlighted the schedule for the meeting, after which the board proceeded with its agenda.

#### 2. Review of Previous Minutes.

##### a. Winter 2026 Management Council and Executive Board.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the summary of actions from its winter meeting.

Executive Board. The Executive Board approved the summary of actions from its winter meeting.

##### b. NCAA Board of Governors.

###### (1) January 15 In-Person Meeting.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the Board of Governors' report from its January 15 in-person meeting.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the Board of Governors' report from its January 15 in-person meeting.

###### (2) Board of Governors Consultative Process.

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Executive Board. The Executive Board discussed the key agenda items for the Board of Governors' April 30 meeting.

**c. Administrative Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the interim actions by the committee.

Executive Board. The Executive Board approved the interim actions by the committee.

**3. Management Council Policies and Procedures.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the updated Management Council Policies and Procedures, as noted. The chair also reminded the council about the importance of the Guiding Principle Related to Student-Athlete Well-Being contained within the policies and procedures.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**4. 2025-26 Division II Priorities.**

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the 2025-26 Division II Priorities, noting that a draft list for the 2026-27 priorities would be considered at the summer meeting.

Executive Board. The Executive Board was updated on the 2025-26 Division II Priorities, noting that a draft list for the 2026-27 priorities would be considered at the summer meeting.

**5. NCAA Convention and Legislation.**

**a. Governance-Sponsored Legislation for the 2027 Convention.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed NCAA Proposal No 2027-1 (financial aid -- maximum institutional grant-in-aid limitations by sport -- equivalency sports -- maximum equivalency limits -- men's sports -- overall limit -- elimination of overall limit) which was previously approved in legislative format. No action was necessary.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**b. Noncontroversial Legislation.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted in legislative form two noncontroversial proposals that had previously been approved in concept (Proposal Nos. NC-2027-7 through NC-2027-8), as presented. The proposals are listed below.

- (1) **Proposal No. NC-2027-7: Playing and Practice Seasons -- Acrobatics and Tumbling and Stunt -- First Date of Competition -- Exception -- February 1 on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday.** In acrobatics and tumbling and stunt, to specify that when February 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, an institution may engage in its first date of competition with outside competition the Friday before February 1.
- (2) **Proposal No. NC-2027-8: Playing and Practice Seasons -- Basketball -- Number of Contests – Annual Exemptions -- Region Challenge Event -- Out-of-Region Opponents -- Competition Between Institutions Considered In-Region for Championships Selections.** In basketball, to permit contests against any opponent that is considered as in-region for championships selection, except for teams from the same conference, to be exempted as part of a region challenge event.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

6. **Review of Committee Recommendations Affecting Division II.**

a. **Division II Committees.**

(1) **Academic Requirements Committee.**

- (a) **Noncontroversial Legislation -- NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.2.8.2.1 – Eligibility -- Academic Eligibility -- Freshman Academic Requirements -- Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition -- Qualifiers and Partial Qualifiers -- Qualifier- - Elimination of Natural or Physical Science Lab Course Requirement Offered by High School.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the natural or physical science lab course requirement from the qualifier core-course requirements.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

- (b) **Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 14.2.9.3.7.1 -- Eligibility – Academic Eligibility-- Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements -- Eligibility for Competition -- Exceptions to Progress-Toward-**

**Degree Requirements – Missed Term Exception -- Partial Qualifiers Not in Initial Year of Collegiate Enrollment.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to permit a partial qualifier, that is in their initial year of enrollment at the certifying institution but is not in their initial year of collegiate enrollment, to have access to the missed term exception.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**(2) Championships Committee.**

**(a) January 8 Videoconference.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's January 8 videoconference report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**(b) February 19-20 In-Person Meeting.**

**i. Amend the Division II Long-Range Budget Assumptions for Championships Travel Expenses.**

Management Council. The Management Council did not take action on this recommendation during this report as the same recommendation would be reviewed via the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee March videoconference report [see Item No. 5-a-(8)-(a)-ii].

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**ii. Men's and Women's Tennis Championships – Reduction to Men's Field and Adjustments to Men's and Women's Championship Format.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended the Executive Board approve amending the Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Championships, effective the 2027-28 academic year, as follows:

- Reduce the men's bracket from 34 to 32 teams, consistent with the access ratio policy adjustment the Division II Championships Committee recommended

during its December 2025 videoconference, which would require any bracket adjustment requests to not have an access ratio greater than 4.25;

- Reduce both the Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Championships to eight teams per gender at the finals site;
- Implement four super regions (Atlantic/East, Central/Midwest, South/Southeast, and South Central/West), with two hosting sites per super region for each gender; and
- Assign a site representative and additional officials to each regional site to support the increased number of matches and ensure proper championship administration.

Executive Board. The Executive Board approved amending the Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Championships.

**iii. Challenge Review System Specifications in Women's Volleyball.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved enhancing the challenge review system to host a regional round of the Division II Women's Volleyball Championship by requiring (a) a minimum of three cameras (one mounted net camera and two that can provide unobstructed views of all four lines); (b) a minimum frame rate of 60 per second (120 frames per second is preferred); and (c) video with a minimum resolution of 1080p, effective with the 2027 championship.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**iv. Men's and Women's Cross Country Selection Procedures – A-Team Definition.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved revising the Division II Cross Country A-Team definition by changing the requirement from five individuals to at least four of the seven student-athletes who represent the institution at the NCAA Regional Cross Country Championships and clarifying that all individuals who start

a race are counted in this number, regardless of the total number of entries and if they finish, effective September 1, 2026.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**v. Men's and Women's Cross Country Selection Procedures – Regional Point Gap Ratio.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved replacing the current regional point gap ratio with a regional team time gap in the second step of the selection process.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**vi. Division II Access Ratio Policy Clarification.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved updating the Division II championships policies and procedures to indicate that the automatic qualification (AQ) policy must be followed, even if that results in an inability to follow another policy (i.e., access ratio policy).

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**vii. 2027-30 Triennial Budget Requests.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with an update that the Championships Committee began deliberating requests for the 2027-30 budget cycle by reviewing both the general items that apply to all sports (e.g., officials fees, streaming enhancements, signage, banquets) as well as specific requests from Division II sport committees. The committee heard presentations on all of the requests but did not discuss their merits in detail at this time. However, the committee did break into small groups to begin discussing how these requests might be prioritized. The committee will continue the review during its June meeting before finalizing recommendations during its August and September meetings for the Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee, Management Council and Executive Board to formally consider in the fall.

Executive Board. The Executive Board received an update on the Championships Committee’s discussions regarding 2027-30 triennial budget requests.

**viii. Bracketing/Regionalization Review.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with an update on the Championships Committee’s progress to date on the bracketing/regionalization review, including the previously agreed upon bracketing principles, as well as the proposed timeline for continuing and completing this review. After extensive discussion, the committee reaffirmed its support for the principles and asked staff to keep preparing/testing brackets across all Division II team sports for consideration and continued refinement of the specific process at the committee’s June meeting.

Executive Board. The Executive Board received an update on the Championships Committee’s discussions regarding bracketing/regionalization review.

**ix. Implementation of NPI Dials for Fall Sports.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with an update that the Championships Committee reviewed and approved NPI dial recommendations from sport committees for field hockey, football, men’s soccer, women’s soccer, and women’s volleyball as reflected in the [NPI Division II Weights, FAQ and Guide](#).

Executive Board. The Executive Board received an update on the Championships Committee’s review and approval of NPI dials for fall sports.

**x. Championship Ticket Prices.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update on a data-informed review of championships ticket pricing and provided feedback regarding proposed Championships Committee will potentially act during its June meeting to implement ticket price minimums effective in 2026-27.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(c) **March 5 Videoconference.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's March 5 videoconference report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(d) **April 2 Videoconference.**

i. **Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 18.4.3.1 – Criteria for Selection in Team Sports – Rowing Exception.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to specify that the use of the NCAA Power Index (NPI) is not required for championship selections in the sport of women's rowing, effective August 1, 2026.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

ii. **Use of NPI When Reseeding at the Championship Finals Site.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved requiring, as championships policy, that sport committees that reseed teams advancing to the championship finals site (or, in football the semifinals) use the updated NPI that includes all postseason results to date, effective September 1, 2026.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(3) **Degree-Completion Award Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's March 3 meeting report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(4) **Legislation Committee**

(a) **January 22, February 6 and February 13 Electronic Votes.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's January 22, February 6 and February 13 electronic vote reports.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**(b) March 10-11 In-Person Meeting**

- i. **Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 13.6.5 -- Recruiting -- Athletics Aid Agreements -- Contact on Day of Signing -- On-Campus Press Conference and Celebratory Events.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to permit on-campus contact on the day of signing once a prospective student-athlete signs an athletics aid agreement or other written form of commitment to attend the institution.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

- ii. **Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 17.1.10 -- Playing and Practice Seasons -- General Playing-Season Regulations -- Use of Logos on Equipment, Uniforms and Apparel -- Increase Size of Logo to Four Square Inches.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to increase the size of the permissible manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark to four square inches.

Executive Board. The Executive Board was updated that the Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to increase the size of the permissible manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark to four square inches.

- iii. **Request for Feedback Regarding Use of Commercial Logos Concept – Division II Athletics Directors Association, Division II Conference Commissioners Association, Division II Conference Commissioners Association Compliance Administrators and NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved a request that the Athletics Directors Association, Conference Commissioners Association, Conference Commissioners

Association Compliance Administrators and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee provide feedback on whether amending Bylaw 17.1.10 (use of logos on equipment, uniforms and apparel) as follows is appropriate:

<b>Equipment:</b>	<p>One (1) manufacturer’s normal label or trademark.</p> <p>One (1) additional commercial or nonprofit trademark or logo in non-NCAA championships competition.</p>
<b>Uniforms and Apparel (including pre- and postgame):</b>	<p>One (1) manufacturer’s or distributor’s normal label or trademark.</p> <p>Two (2) additional commercial or nonprofit trademark or logos in non-NCAA championships competition.</p> <p>One (1) additional commercial or nonprofit trademark or logo during a conference championship.</p> <p>Name of the corporate sponsor (sole title sponsor of the competition).</p>

Executive Board. The Executive Board was updated on the feedback request.

**(c) Discussion Regarding Notification of Transfer Window in Football.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Executive Board adopt emergency legislation to establish a transfer window in the sport of football, as specified.

Under current legislation, an athletics staff member or other booster may not communicate or make contact with a Division II student-athlete, or any individual associated with the student-athlete (e.g., family member, scholastic or nonscholastic coach, advisor), directly

or indirectly, without first obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process. Further, a Division II student-athlete may initiate the notification of transfer process by providing their institution with written notification of transfer at any time. Once a Division II student-athlete provides written notification of transfer and completes the educational module, a Division II institution must place the student-athlete into the NCAA Transfer Portal within seven-consecutive calendar days.

The ability for Division II football student-athletes to enter the Transfer Portal at any time has created a competitive disadvantage for Division II football programs. Amending the legislation and creating a transfer window in the sport of football that aligns with the Division I transfer window, will assist Division II football coaches with retention and roster management.

Finally, an effective date of June 1 will provide notice to Division II football student-athletes and provide them with an opportunity to initiate written notification of transfer from the adoption of this proposal through June 1. After June 1, a Division II football student-athlete will only be able to enter the Transfer Portal as outlined by Division I legislation.

Executive Board. The Executive Board adopted the emergency legislation to establish a transfer window in the sport of football, as specified.

**(5) Legislative Relief Committee.**

- **NCAA Division II Legislative Relief Committee Previously Approved Incidental Expense Waiver List.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the updated Legislative Relief Committee previously approved expense waiver list, as specified.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**(6) Membership Committee.**

- (a) Review of the Application of Shawnee State University to Enter Year One of the Expedited Provisional Membership Process, Effective September 1, 2026.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an update that Shawnee State University was approved to enter provisional year one of the two-year expedited provisional membership process, effective September 1, 2026.

Executive Board. The Executive Board was provided an update that Shawnee State University was approved to enter provisional year one of the two-year expedited provisional membership process, effective September 1, 2026.

**(b) Preliminary Review of Texas A&M University-Texarkana's Application for Division II Membership.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an update that Texas A&M University-Texarkana submitted an application by the February 1, 2026, deadline to enter the Division II three-year provisional process.

Executive Board. The Executive Board was provided an update that Texas A&M University-Texarkana submitted an application by the February 1, 2026, deadline to enter the Division II three-year provisional process.

**(7) Nominating Committee.**

**(a) February 10-11 Videoconference (Immediate Appointments).**

• **Committee Appointment.**

Management Council. The Management Council was updated that the Administrative Committee approved the following appointment, effective immediately:

- **NCAA Division II Committee on Infractions (one immediate vacancy).** David Hansburg, director of athletics, Colorado School of Mines, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

[Note: This appointment was approved February 25 by the Administrative Committee. It is included in the document for ease of reference.]

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(b) **February 10-11 Videoconference (September 2026 Appointments).**

i. **Reappointment Requests.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the following reappointments, effective September 1, 2026:

- a) **Division II Committee on Infractions. Amber Feldman**, deputy commissioner, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; and **Brook Parsons**, member of the general public for their second term (years four, five and six).
- b) **Division II Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee. Chad Williams**, associate athletic director, Pennsylvania Western University, Edinboro, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; and **Denise Wisniewski**, associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator/compliance coordinator, Chestnut Hill College, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference for their second term (years four, five and six).

Executive Board, No action was necessary.

ii. **Committee Appointments.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the following appointments, effective September 1, 2026:

- a) **Division II Academic Requirements Committee. Jason Stock**, associate director of athletics, compliance, California State University, San Marcos, California Collegiate Athletic Association.
- b) **Division II Championships Committee. Abby Davis**, athletic director, Arkansas Tech University, Great American Conference; and **Jamie Joss**, director of athletics, Florida Institute of Technology, Sunshine State Conference.
- c) **Division II Committee on Infractions. Kathleen Heitzman**, associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator, Bloomsburg University of

Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.

- d) **Division II Infractions Appeals Committee.** **Jim Glovach**, associate athletic director for compliance, East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; and **Tracy Jackson**, faculty athletics representative, Virginia State University, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
- e) **Division II Legislation Committee.** **Doug Blais**, faculty athletics representative, Southern New Hampshire University, Northeast 10 Conference; **Lynn Griffin**, vice president for athletics and athletic facilities, Coker University, South Atlantic Conference; and **Brittany Lauritsen**, director of athletics, Bemidji State University, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.
- f) **Division II Legislation Relief Committee.** **Kristen Milne**, associate director of athletics for compliance/senior woman administrator, Saint Michael's College, Northeast 10 Conference.
- g) **Division II Membership Committee.** **Quin Monahan**, director of athletics, Francis Marion University, Conference Carolinas; and **Kimberly Pate**, director of intercollegiate athletics, University of Indianapolis, Great Lakes Valley Conference.
- h) **Division II Nominating Committee.** **Jessica Harbison Weaver**, deputy commissioner and senior woman administrator, Great Midwest Athletic Conference; and **Kendall Rainey**, director of athletics, The University of Virginia's College at Wise, South Atlantic Conference.
- i) **Divisions II and III Playing Rules Oversight Panel.** **Carol Rivera**, associate commissioner, compliance and internal operations/senior woman administrator, California Collegiate Athletic Association.

j) **Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee.** **Marcus Clarke**, senior associate commissioner for athletic administration & external operations, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; and **Holly Sheilley**, executive director of athletics, University of Missouri-St. Louis, Great Lakes Valley Conference.

k) **Division II Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.** **Jessica Woods**, associate athletic director for internal operations and compliance, University of South Carolina Aiken, Peach Belt Conference.

Executive Board, No action was necessary.

(c) **April 8 Videoconference.**

• **Committee Appointment.**

Management Council. The Management Council was updated that the Administrative Committee approved the following appointments, effective as noted:

a) **NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee.** **Joseph Chillo**, president, Thomas More University, Great Midwest Athletic Conference; and **David Barrowclough**, university registrar, Hawaii Pacific University, Pacific West Conference.

b) **NCAA High School Review Committee.** **Kevin Coy**, secondary school member, effective July 1, 2026.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(8) **Strategic Planning and Finance Committee.**

(a) **March 25 Videoconference.**

i. **Division II Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2026-27.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended the Executive Board approve the budget requests for the 2026-27 fiscal year (FY27) as noted below.

The rationale for each request is listed alongside the amount requested.

Category	Budget Request	Amount	Description
Championships	Women’s Bowling	\$15,000	Initial amount to begin implementing the new Division II championship, to include some operational costs and chair travel to the National Collegiate championship in 2027.
Revenue Distribution	Conference Sports Sponsorship Fund	\$315,486	A 5% increase per the division’s long-range budget.
Revenue Distribution	Institutional Equal Distribution Fund	\$105,163	A 5% increase per the division’s long-range budget.
Initiatives	Membership Education	\$20,000	Additional dollars to support the compliance blueprint program for the Division II membership.
Initiatives	Additional Expenses to Division II	\$6,981	Per the new NCAA Constitution and starting in FY23, an annual review is conducted to validate additional Association service expenses that Division II pays for directly from its 4.37 percent allocation. The \$6,981 reflects a 3% inflationary increase to this budget line item, per the division’s long-range budget.
Initiatives	Drug Testing	\$3,216	A 2% inflationary increase to pay for Division II’s portion of the Drug Free Sport contract, per the division’s long-range budget.
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$465,846</b>	

Division II’s 4.37 percent allocation of new Association revenue for FY27 has not yet been determined by the NCAA finance staff. Additional information will be available this summer. Additionally, due to a recent review of the Division II championships budget, it was determined that there is no

need to request additional funds for championships per diem and championships travel increases planned in the long-range budget for this fiscal year as they have been accounted for with a “true up” exercise (See next item). Finally, this is not an exhaustive list of requests for FY27, as additional requests are expected to be considered during the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee’s June meeting.

Executive Board. The Executive Board approved the budget requests for FY27.

**ii. Division II Long-Range Budget – Travel Expense Increases.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended the Executive Board approve amending the Division II long-range budget to reflect a 2% annual increase to championships travel rather than the current 5%.

As a result of extensive discussion and review of the division’s long-range budget in coordination with the development of the division’s new Operating Plan, the SPFC recommended, and the Division II Management Council and Executive Board subsequently approved, increasing the division’s allocation to the championships program from 62% to 65% and maintaining, among other allocations, an annual 5% increase to the championships travel budget to cover travel expenses.

As part of the Operating Plan action steps, the NCAA finance staff reviewed the current Division II championship budgets, analyzing the budget-to-actuals for the division’s 25 championships over the last three years to evaluate where the division needed to allocate additional financial resources and where there may be opportunities to reallocate dollars in cases where the average spend is less than what is currently budgeted. For example, while game operations costs continue to increase at a higher pace than the budgeted 3% increase for each triennial cycle, travel costs have not increased at the projected rate of 5% annually. Over the last three years, travel has increased approximately 2% annually.

After reviewing necessary reallocations to right-size championships game operations and travel budgets, combined with a 2% annual increase projection on

championships travel, approximately \$2.2 million could be reallocated to other championships priorities.

Amending the annual championships travel increase does not change the number of travel opportunities (bracket/field sizes and travel party numbers) for Division II championships. The annual increase will continue to be evaluated each year based on changes within the travel industry.

Executive Board. The Executive Board approved amending the Division II long-range budget to reflect a 2% annual increase to championships travel rather than the current 5%.

**iii. Division II Budget Guidelines and Principles.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended the Executive Board approve the updated Budget Guidelines and Principles that include references to the new Division II Operating Plan.

The Strategic Planning and Finance Committee reviews and approves the budget guidelines and principles annually to ensure that they are kept up to date and meet the Division II philosophy, operating plan and positioning platform. The guidelines and principles document required updating after the release of the division's new Operating Plan at the January Convention.

Executive Board. The Executive Board approved the updated Budget Guidelines and Principles.

**iv. Division II Long-Range Budget and Assumptions.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended the Executive Board approve the updated Division II long-range budget assumptions document and the long-range budget.

The documents have been updated to reflect the formula for projecting the revenue for the division, as well as the division's contribution the Division II Executive Board authorized as part of the Ray settlement, among other adjustments.

Executive Board. The Executive Board approved the updated Division II long-range budget assumptions document and the long-range budget.

**v. Mental Health First Aid Training.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended the Executive Board provide funding for each active and eligible Division II school to facilitate mental health first aid training for up to 30 members per institution.

Mental health and related resources are a key component in the new Division II Operating Plan and have consistently been cited as a priority by the Division II membership. The mental health first aid training teaches individuals how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health challenges and substance use disorders. The training is designed to provide the skills necessary to offer initial support to someone experiencing a mental health crisis or developing a mental health condition, such as anxiety or depression. The training equips participants with the knowledge to recognize symptoms, provide appropriate assistance, and connect individuals with professional help when needed.

The 30 participants in the training session may be designated at the institution's discretion; however, all participants must either be part of or integrally affiliated with the athletics department to help ensure the greatest benefit to student-athletes. The training to be offered has been vetted through the NCAA Sport Science Institute. Division III also agreed to provide similar funding for its membership last year. Division II institutions are free to use training offered through a different vendor; however, costs for doing so will not be reimbursed.

Executive Board. The Executive Board approved providing funding for each active and eligible Division II school to facilitate mental health first aid training for up to 30 members per institution.

**(b) 2025-26 Year-to-Date Budget-to-Actual Report.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the budget-to-actual report for the period ending February 28, 2026.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the budget-to-actual report for the period ending February 28, 2026.

**(9) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's January 12-14 in-person report, and received a verbal recap regarding the April 11-12 videoconference.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**b. Division II Project Teams, Subcommittees and Working Groups.**

**(1) Convention Planning Project Team.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the project team's report, along with the survey results from the 2026 Convention. The Management Council discussed the 2027 Convention proposed schedule and potential educational sessions.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the 2027 Convention proposed schedule and educational program suggestions.

**(2) Management Council Identity Subcommittee.**

• **Enhanced Photography Coverage at Division II Championships.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved providing expanded photography coverage at the final site for all NCAA Division II championships by adding daily photography coverage and an on-site editor who will provide live transmission of the images to the NCAA staff and Division II membership. The budget recommendation will be reviewed in June by the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee, for final approval by the Management Council and Executive Board during the summer meetings.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**c. Association-Wide Committees.**

**(1) Committee on Access, Opportunity and Impact.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's February 4 videoconference report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**(2) Committee on Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's December 8 videoconference report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**(3) Divisions II and III Playing Rules Oversight Panel.**

• **February 12 and March 11 Meetings.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the panel's February 12 and March 11 meeting reports.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**(4) Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's March 4 videoconference report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**(5) Walter Byers Scholarship Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's March 12-13 videoconference report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**7. Breakout Sessions to Discuss NCAA National Office Spending Priority Survey.**

Management Council. The Management Council participated in a closed session to receive the results from NCAA national office spending priority survey. The council also participated in breakout sessions Monday afternoon, which gave members the opportunity to provide feedback on the results of the survey.

Executive Board. The Executive Board was provided with an overview of the results from NCAA national office spending priority survey, as well as the Management Council's feedback. The Board provided feedback on the priority items from the survey responses.

**8. Division II Management Council.**

**a. Election to Fill the South Atlantic Conference Vacancy.**

Management Council. The Management Council elected Julia Rowland, deputy director of athletics/senior woman administrator, Coker University, as the new South Atlantic Conference representative on the Council, effective immediately for a four-year term concluding at the January 2030 Convention.

Executive Board. The Executive Board ratified the election.

**b. Management Council Committee and Project Team Assignments.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed its committee and project team assignments.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**c. Management Council/Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Summit.**

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the anticipated activities for the joint summit of the Management Council and SAAC in July.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**9. Division II Executive Board.**

**a. Update on Next Steps for Name, Image and Likeness.** The Executive Board was provided with an overview of the next steps for the NIL discussion by the Legislation Committee.

**b. Update on the Planning for the October 26 Meeting on Higher Education Trends.** The Executive Board was provided with an update on the planning for the October 26 meeting on higher education. The purpose of the joint meeting of Divisions II and III presidents and chancellors is to identify, discuss, and evaluate trends in higher education that have an impact on existing and potential Divisions II and III members. The meeting's goals are to focus on higher education trends and the impact on institutions generally; and develop and prioritize a list of the top trends in higher education. Following the identification of the top higher education trends at the October meeting, the Executive Board and the Division III Presidents Council will review the trends at future meetings (e.g., January and/or April 2027) and determine potential opportunities and challenges associated with the trends and determine whether any have an impact on athletics and/or if there is a role for athletics. A working group that is assisting with the planning of the meeting will continue to meet throughout the spring and summer to develop the content.

- c. **Update Regarding Membership Committee’s Discussions on the Minimum Requirements to Form a New Division II Conference.** The Executive Board was provided with an overview of the Membership Committee’s discussions on the minimum requirements to form a Division II conference and whether to amend the current legislation and policy to create a pathway that provides greater flexibility in forming a new conference. The Membership Committee will continue to discuss at future meetings.
- d. **Division II Academic Success Rate and Federal Graduation Rates.** The Executive Board received information on the trends in Academic Success Rates and Federal Graduation Rates at Division II institutions.
- e. **Division II Streaming Update.** The Executive Board received a streaming update on fall sports.

**10. National Office Updates.**

**a. Executive.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update from the NCAA president on issues surrounding the NCAA.

Executive Board. The Executive Board received an update on issues surrounding the NCAA from the NCAA president.

**b. Legal.**

Management Council. The Management Council received a legal update from the NCAA managing director of legal affairs on issues surrounding the NCAA.

Executive Board. The Executive Board received a legal update on issues surrounding the NCAA from the NCAA managing director of legal affairs.

**c. Sport Science Institute.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update from Sport Science Institute staff on some initiatives that the office and the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports are working on, including, sports betting, mental health, performance technologies; prevention and harm reduction advisory group; and athletic training workforce.

Executive Board. The Executive Board received an update from Sport Science Institute staff on some initiatives that the office and the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports are working on, including sports betting,

mental health, performance technologies; prevention and harm reduction advisory group; and athletic training workforce.

**d. Division II Make It Yours Brand/Marketing Outreach.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with a summary of the Make It Yours brand/marketing outreach campaign.

Executive Board. The Executive Board was provided with a summary of the Make It Yours brand/marketing outreach campaign.

**e. Review of National Collegiate Championships.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with an overview of a review of the National Collegiate Championships currently being conducted.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**f. Recap of Joint Men's Basketball Championships.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with a recap of the joint men's basketball championships.

Executive Board. The Executive Board was provided with a recap of the joint men's basketball championships

**11. Affiliated Association Updates.**

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the activities of the following affiliated associations.

- a. Division II Athletics Directors Association.**
- b. Division II Conference Commissioners Association.**
- c. College Sports Communicators.**
- d. Faculty Athletics Representative Association.**
- e. Minority Opportunities Athletics Association.**
- f. National Association for Athletics Compliance.**
- g. Women Leaders in Sports.**

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**12. Other Business.**

Management Council. The Management Council revisited previous discussions regarding the review of a potential Division I eligibility concept, the Division II eligibility review and transfer windows in football and potentially in all other sports.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**13. Meeting Recap/Things to Report Back to Conferences.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with a list of topics/issues to report to its member institutions. These topics included the emergency proposal to establish a transfer window in the sport of football; mental health first aid training; discussion on Division II eligibility review; Championships Committee updates including the reduction to men's field and adjustments to men's and women's championship format in tennis; challenge review system specifications in women's volleyball; men's and women's cross country selection procedures – A-team definition; adopted noncontroversial legislation to specify that the use of the NPI is not required for championship selections in the sport of women's rowing; and use of NPI when reseeding at the championship finals site; Legislation Committee updates including noncontroversial legislation to increase the size of the permissible manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark to four square inches and request for feedback regarding use of commercial logos concept; new SSI resources; 2027 Convention information; and the post-meeting article.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**14. Future Meetings.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the upcoming meetings through October 2027.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the upcoming meetings through October 2027.

**15. Adjournment.**

Management Council. The Management Council adjourned at 11:02 p.m. April 14.

Executive Board. The Executive Board adjourned at 3:49 p.m. April 28.

<b>April 13-14, 2026, Division II Management Council; and April 28, 2026, Executive Board</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
<b>Management Council</b>	<b>Executive Board</b>
Femi Alao, Roberts Wesleyan University	Bennett Cherry, California State University, San Marcos
Jackie Armstrong, Point Loma Nazarene University	Tim Collins, Walsh University
Kristy Bayer, Rockhurst University	Edward Hjerpe, Independent Member
Jennifer Bell, Converse University	Ryan Lovelace, Lee University
Kevin Buisman, Minnesota State University, Mankato	Rita-Marie Masi, Mercy University
Bennett Cherry, California State University, San Marcos	Thomas Newsom, Pittsburg State University
Carlin Chesick, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	Larry Parkinson, Independent Member
Robert Coleman, St. Mary's University	Bill Pink, Ferris State University
Peter Crabb, Northwest Nazarene University	Doug Searcy, Barton College
Jeremy Elliott, University of Alabama in Huntsville	Blake Thompson, Mississippi College
Jennifer Flowers, Winona State University	Jim Wohlpert, Central Washington University
Eric Gobel, Assumption University	Sandra Woodley, University of Texas Permian Basin
Theresa Grosbach, Missouri Western State University	Frank Wu, Queen College (New York)
Kim Hancock, Ferris State University	
Shane Hansen, Northwestern Oklahoma State University	
Jerry Haywood, Fort Valley State University	
Denisha Hendricks, Johnson C. Smith University	
Andrew Howard, Florida Southern College	
Diana Kling, Peach Belt Conference	
Cassie Kosiba, South Dakota School of Mines	
Rachel McCool, Ashland University	
Kristina Ortiz, Georgian Court University	
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	
Sarah Ramey, University of Texas Permian Basin	
Darius Satterfield, Elizabeth City State University	
Rubin Stevenson, Frostburg State University	

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Vaughn Williams, Bentley University	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Cindy McKnight, Ursuline College	Dwaun Warmack, Claflin University
<b>Guests in Attendance</b>	
Josh Ealy, Tusculum University	
<b>NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Charlie Baker, Deena Casiero ( <i>April 28</i> ), Rachel Denton, Jenn Fraser, Terri Steeb Gronau, Chelsea Hooks, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Micaela Kapsalis ( <i>April 13-14</i> ), Karen Kirsch, Katie Koenig ( <i>April 13-14</i> ), Jordan Lysiak, Katie Mucci, Mariah Murdock, Nicki Pieart ( <i>April 13-14</i> ), Angela Red, Rachel Seewald ( <i>April 13-14</i> ); Jared Tidemann, Jill Waddell and Courtney Wengryn.	