



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 22, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Presentation from vendor regarding the progress of institutions in the provisional membership process.** The committee received a vendor presentation regarding the on-campus visits conducted in spring 2026 to institutions in the membership process. The following institutions were discussed:

- a. Ferrum College;
- b. Menlo College;
- c. Middle Georgia State University;
- d. Point Park University;
- e. Roosevelt University;
- f. Sul Ross State University;
- g. University of California, Merced;
- h. University of Jamestown; and
- i. University of Texas at Dallas.

[NOTE: Melanie Brunson, senior woman administrator, Winona State University, recused themselves from the discussion regarding Jamestown; Kris Dunbar, commissioner, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, recused themselves from the discussion regarding Roosevelt; and James Reid, director of athletics, Angelo State University, recused themselves from the discussion regarding Sul Ross State and Texas-Dallas.]

2. **Discussion on the minimum requirements to form a new Division II conference.** The committee continued its discussion regarding the minimum requirements to form a new Division II conference. Specifically, the committee reviewed potential concepts intended to provide greater flexibility to form a new Division II conference, which included modifications to application deadlines to the new conference and applicant institution processes as well as the establishment of a candidate conference designation. Additionally, the committee received an update from the NCAA Division II Championships Committee's discussion, which reaffirmed that the current application of access to automatic qualification remains appropriate and that a new Division II conference should continue to

be subject to a five-year waiting period before earning access to automatic qualification for NCAA championships. Based on committee feedback, staff will make the necessary updates to the new conference and applicant institution processes for the committee to review during its July 8-9, 2026, in-person meeting.

3. **Active member issues.** The committee received an update that Azusa Pacific University has been accepted into the Division III reclassification process and will begin the reclassification process on September 1, 2026.

Additionally, the committee received an update regarding the merger between Ursuline College and Gannon University (PA). The committee reviewed additional information that was provided by the institutions and engaged in discussion whether the change in structure has any impact on either Ursuline College's or Gannon University's membership status as an active Division II member. Upon its review, the committee affirmed that although the overall structure has changed, each institution is still recognized and operating as an independent, stand-alone institution. As a result, each institution will remain an active member of Division II following the merger with access to full benefits of NCAA Division II membership. Further, the committee noted that each institution is required to independently meet NCAA Division II membership requirements and maintain rules compliance. In addition, the committee noted that should circumstances surrounding the merger change, the committee reserves the right to revisit each institution's membership status.

Lastly, the committee received an update that the University of West Florida has announced their intention to apply for reclassification to Division I.

[Note: Cindy McKnight, director of athletics, Ursuline College, recused themselves from the discussion regarding Ursuline's merger with Gannon.]

4. **Approval of the Membership Committee February 10, 2026, videoconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its February 10, 2026, videoconference.
5. **Future scheduled meetings/videoconferences.**
 - a. July 8-9, 2026, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.
 - b. September 17, 2026, videoconference; timing to be determined.
 - c. November 17, 2026, videoconference; timing to be determined.
 - d. February 2027, videoconference; date and timing to be determined.

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Staff Liaisons: Jeremy Christoffels, Division II Governance and Member Services
Jordan Lysiak, Division II Governance and Member Services
Katelyn Skarr, Division II Governance and Member Services

NCAA Division II Membership Committee April 22, 2026, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Michael Bazemore, Montana State University Billings.	
Molly Belden, Northeast-10 Conference.	
Melanie Brunsdon, Winona State University.	
Bennett Cherry, California State University, San Marcos (Management Council chair).	
Kris Dunbar, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.	
Jessica Grasso, East Coast Conference.	
Cassie Kosiba, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.	
Robert Mallory, Missouri Southern State University.	
Jessica McIntyre, Lee University.	
Cindy McKnight, Ursuline College.	
James Reid, Angelo State University.	
Lance Tatum, Northwest Missouri State University.	
Christie Ward, Catawba College.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Jill Willson, Double L Consulting.	
NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:	
Jeremy Christoffels, Jordan Lysiak and Katelyn Skarr.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Taylor Koper and Angela Red.	