



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 10, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review of the application of the following institution to enter expedited provisional year one, effective September 1, 2026.** The NCAA Division II Membership Committee approved the following institution to enter provisional year one of the two-year expedited provisional membership process, effective September 1, 2026:

- Shawnee State University.

2. **Preliminary review of the institution that submitted an application for Division II membership in 2026.** The committee received an update regarding the institution that submitted an application for Division II membership by the February 1, 2026, deadline. The following institution was discussed:

- Texas A&M University - Texarkana.

[Note: James Reid, director of athletics, Angelo State University, recused themselves from this discussion.]

3. **Update regarding the progress of institutions in provisional years one, two and three of the membership process.** The committee received updates regarding the institutions in provisional years one, two and three of the membership process. The following institutions were discussed:

- a. Menlo College;
- b. Middle Georgia State University;
- c. Point Park University;
- d. Roosevelt University; and
- e. Sul Ross State University.

4. **Update regarding the progress of institutions in expedited provisional years one and two of the membership process.** The committee received updates regarding the institutions in expedited provisional years one and two of the membership process. The following institutions were discussed:

- a. Ferrum College;
 - b. University of California, Merced;
 - c. University of Jamestown; and
 - d. University of Texas at Dallas.
5. **Active member issues.** The committee received an update regarding Simon Fraser University's intent to pursue membership with U SPORTS beginning in the 2027-28 academic year. Further, the committee received an update that Azusa Pacific University applied for Division III membership by the February 1, 2026, deadline.

Finally, the committee continued its review regarding the merger between Ursuline College and Gannon University. Upon review of the additional information provided by the institutions, the committee requested information regarding the process the institutions will follow in situations where there are conflicting state law requirements between the two states. The committee will continue its review at a future meeting.

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

6. **Update regarding the inquiry from Utah State University Eastern.** The committee continued its discussion regarding the inquiry from Utah State University Eastern regarding the institution's potential interest in becoming a Division II member. Specifically, the committee reviewed the institution's response to the committee's additional information requested during its November 6, 2025, videoconference. Upon its review, the committee did not have any further requests for clarification and noted that the institution is welcome to submit an application for the Division II provisional membership process.
7. **Update on NCAA Student-Athlete Health and Safety Survey submissions.** The committee reviewed NCAA Student-Athlete Health and Safety Survey submissions for the 2025-26 academic year. One institution, Sonoma State University, failed to submit its data prior to the deadline and is subject to the legislated penalty. The committee reviewed the waiver request from the institution that triggered the penalty for failure to submit. The waiver request from Sonoma State was denied due to a lack of mitigating circumstances.
8. **Update on the NCAA Membership Financial Reporting data submissions.** The committee reviewed NCAA Membership Financial Reporting data submissions for the 2025-26 academic year. Two institutions failed to submit their data prior to the deadline and are subject to the legislated penalty. The committee reviewed the waiver request from one institution, Lane College, that triggered the penalty for failure to submit. The waiver request from Lane was denied due to a lack of mitigating circumstances.
9. **2026 NCAA Convention recap.** The committee discussed and provided feedback on the provisional member meeting conducted during the 2026 NCAA Convention.

10. **Update on the Division II Operating Plan.** The committee received an update regarding the Division II Operating Plan, which runs from January 2026 through 2032.
11. **Approval of the November 6, 2025, videoconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved its November 6, 2025, videoconference report.
12. **Update from the NCAA Board of Governors.** The committee received an update from the NCAA Board of Governors' most recent meeting.
13. **Update from the NCAA Division II Executive Board and NCAA Division II Management Council January 2026 meetings.** Staff provided an update from the January 2026 meetings of the Executive Board and Management Council.
14. **Future scheduled meetings/videoconferences.**
 - a. April 2026, videoconference; date and timing to be determined.
 - b. July 8-9, 2026, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.
 - c. September 2026, videoconference; date and timing to be determined.
 - d. November 2026, videoconference; date and timing to be determined.

Committee Chair: Melanie Brunsdon, Winona State University

Staff Liaisons: Jeremy Christoffels, Governance and Member Services

Jordan Lysiak, Governance and Member Services

Katelyn Skarr, Governance and Member Services

| NCAA Division II Membership Committee February 10, 2026, Videoconference | |
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| 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 & Technology. | |
| Robert Mallory, Missouri Southern State University. | |
| Jessica McIntyre, Lee University. | |
| Cindy McKnight, Ursuline College. | |
| James Reid, Angelo State University. | |

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| Lance Tatum, Northwest Missouri State University. |
| Christie Ward, Catawba College. |
| Absentees: |
| None. |
| Guests in Attendance: |
| Amy Mallett, Mallett Athletic Consulting. |
| NCAA Liaisons in Attendance: |
| Jeremy Christoffels, Jordan Lysiak and Katelyn Skarr. |
| Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance: |
| Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Angela Red and Jared Tidemann. |