



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
JULY 8-9, 2025, IN-PERSON MEETING

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Review of annual reports from institutions in the membership process.** The NCAA Division II Membership Committee reviewed the annual reports submitted by the 11 institutions in the membership process. The committee agreed to the following actions:

- a. **Move the following institutions to active member status, effective September 1, 2025:**

- (1) Jessup University;
- (2) Thomas More University;
- (3) University of South Carolina Beaufort; and
- (4) Vanguard University.

[NOTE: Cindy McKnight, director of athletics and senior woman administrator, Ursuline College, recused themselves from the discussion and voting regarding Thomas More University. Christina Whetsel, associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator, Augusta University, recused themselves from the discussion and voting regarding the University of South Carolina Beaufort.]

- b. **Move the following institutions to provisional year three, effective September 1, 2025:**

- (1) Roosevelt University; and
- (2) Sul Ross State University.

[NOTE: Kris Dunbar, commissioner, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, recused themselves from the discussion and voting regarding Roosevelt University. James Reid, director of athletics, Angelo State University, recused themselves from the discussion and voting regarding Sul Ross State University.]

- c. **Move the following institution to provisional year two, effective September 1, 2025:**

- Point Park University.

[NOTE: Troy Dell, director of athletics, Frostburg State University, recused themselves from the discussion and voting regarding Point Park University.]

**d. Require the following institution to repeat provisional year two, effective September 1, 2025:**

- Menlo College.

**e. Move the following institutions to expedited provisional year two, effective September 1, 2025:**

- (1) University of California, Merced;
- (2) University of Jamestown; and
- (3) University of Texas at Dallas.

[NOTE: Melanie Brunson, deputy athletic director and senior woman administrator, Winona State University, recused themselves from the discussion and voting regarding the University of Jamestown. James Reid, director of athletics, Angelo State University, recused themselves from the discussion and voting regarding the University of Texas at Dallas.]

**2. Approved the application of the following institution to enter provisional year one, effective September 1, 2025:**

- Middle Georgia State University.

[NOTE: Christina Whetsel, associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator, Augusta University, recused themselves from the discussion and voting regarding Middle Georgia State University.]

**3. Review of waiver requests submitted regarding the membership process.** The committee reviewed waiver requests submitted by Jessup University, Roosevelt University, Sul Ross State University and Vanguard University to waive year three of the provisional membership process and advance the institutions to active membership status, effective September 1, 2025. The committee approved the waiver requests for Jessup University and Vanguard University, noting that the institutions demonstrated their readiness to become an active Division II member. The committee denied the waiver requests for Roosevelt University and Sul Ross State University, noting that the institutions did not demonstrate their readiness to become an active Division II member. In addition, Menlo College submitted a waiver request to waive year three of the provisional membership process and advance to active membership status. However, given the committee's decision to require the institution to repeat provisional year two, the committee did not review the institution's waiver request.

[NOTE: Kris Dunbar, commissioner, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, recused themselves from the discussion and voting regarding Roosevelt University. James Reid, director of athletics, Angelo State University, recused themselves from the discussion and voting regarding Sul Ross State University.]

4. **Identify active member host institution for Ferrum College.** Per the NCAA Division II provisional membership process, expedited provisional year one institutions must participate in a visit to an active member institution's campus in year one of the process. The committee selected Emory & Henry University as the host institution for Ferrum College.
5. **Discussion on the minimum requirements to form a new Division II conference.** The committee reviewed and discussed the minimum requirements to form a new Division II conference. Specifically, the committee reviewed the current application deadlines for new conferences and applicant institutions. The committee discussed the impact that those deadlines have regarding the minimum requirement that potential applicant Division II conferences include at least 10 active and/or provisional institutions. The committee expressed an interest in exploring a more flexible approach to forming a new Division II conference and directed NCAA staff to develop draft language to review during a future meeting.
6. **Discussion regarding American International College's reclassification of its Division I men's ice hockey program to Division II.** The committee reviewed and approved a request to waive the two-year reclassification period for American International College's men's ice hockey program from Division I to Division II, effective September 1, 2025.

[NOTE: Molly Belden, senior associate commissioner and senior woman administrator, Northeast-10 Conference, recused themselves from the discussion and voting on this item.]

7. **Update on recent active member issues.** The committee received an update that the Academy of Art made the decision to discontinue its athletics program following the conclusion of the 2024-25 academic year. The committee also received an update regarding the institutional closure of Limestone University, following the conclusion of the 2024-25 academic year. Additionally, the committee received an update that the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association has made the decision to not extend membership to Saint Augustine's University, effective immediately.

Further, the committee was provided an update regarding Texas Woman's University's declaration to exempt its women's gymnastics program from the maximum awards legislation in accordance with NCAA Division II Bylaw 7.3.2.1.1 (minimum awards exception) for the 2025-26 academic year. In addition, it was noted that a Division II institution that only sponsors Division II sports is not eligible to opt into the House settlement. However, a Division II institution that sponsors a Division I sport is eligible to opt into the House settlement for the Division I sport.

Finally, the committee was provided an update regarding Bloomfield College of Montclair State University's decision to withdraw its Division II membership, effective immediately.

8. **Referral from the NCAA Division II Management Council regarding the regional accreditation requirements for Division II membership.** The committee received an update regarding a referral from the Management Council to review the regional accreditation requirements for Division II membership in Bylaws 7.1.4.1.1 (types of institutions) and 7.1.4.1.2 (accreditation). Due to the uncertainty regarding the status of the U.S. Department of Education, it was noted that the review will be placed on hold until further clarity regarding the status of the U.S. Department of Education is known.

9. **Update regarding institutions seeking reclassification from Division II to Division I.** The committee received an update that the University of New Haven submitted a membership application by the June 1, 2025, deadline, to reclassify all sports to Division I.
10. **Update on compliance blueprint review program.** The committee discussed the performance of vendors for the compliance blueprint review program during the 2024-25 academic year. In addition, the committee received an update regarding the status of the compliance blueprint review program for the 2025-26 academic year. Further, the committee received an update regarding the compliance blueprint review vendor contracts for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 academic years.
11. **Review of the Membership Committee's policies and procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved an updated version of its policies and procedures for the 2025-26 academic year.
12. **Recap of expedited provisional year one orientation videoconference.** The committee received an update regarding the agenda and programming from the June 16, 2025, expedited provisional year one orientation videoconference.
13. **Education update.** The committee received an update on the five required courses for the 2025-26 coaches certification requirement. As of July 7, 2025, over 3,300 users completed the required curriculum while over 10,000 users were enrolled. Additionally, the committee received an update regarding the 2026 Regional Rules Seminar, with the date and location to be announced in the near future.
14. **Review of Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) use by provisional institutions.** The committee received an update on the usage of RSRO by provisional institutions during the 2024-25 academic year.
15. **Review of the Division II Membership Survey Executive Summary.** The committee received an overview of the executive summary of the membership survey that was distributed in January.
16. **Approval of the Membership Committee April 1, 2025, videoconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its April 1, 2025, videoconference.
17. **Review of the NCAA Division II Executive Board and Management Council spring 2025 summary of actions.** Staff provided an update on the summary of actions from the Executive Board and Management Council spring 2025 meetings.
18. **Review of the Membership Committee roster.** The committee reviewed its updated roster.
19. **Future meetings/videoconferences schedule.**
  - a. September 11, 2025, videoconference; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Eastern time.
  - b. November 6, 2025, videoconference; timing to be determined.
  - c. February 10, 2026, videoconference; timing to be determined.

- d. April 2026, videoconference; date and timing to be determined.
- e. July 8-9, 2026, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.

*Committee Chair:* Christina Whetsel, Augusta University  
*Staff Liaisons:* Jeremy Christoffels, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Jordan Lysiak, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Katelyn Skarr, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division II Membership Committee July 8-9, 2025, In-Person Meeting	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Michael Bazemore, Montana State University Billings.	
Molly Belden, Northeast-10 Conference.	
Melanie Brunsdon, Winona State University.	
Troy Dell, Frostburg State University.	
Kris Dunbar, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.	
Robert Mallory, Missouri Southern State University.	
Jessica McIntyre, Lee University.	
Cindy McKnight, Ursuline College.	
Thomas Newsom, Southeastern Oklahoma State University.	
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (Management Council chair).	
James Reid, Angelo State University.	
Christie Ward, Catawba College.	
Christina Whetsel, Augusta University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Amy Mallett, The Compliance Group.	
<b>NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Jeremy Christoffels, Jordan Lysiak and Katelyn Skarr.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Taylor Koper, Angela Red and Courtney Wengryn.	