



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
JUNE 24-25, 2026, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Welcome and announcements.** The NCAA Division III Membership Committee commenced business at 9:00 a.m. Eastern.
- 2. Membership Committee Roster and Conflict of Interest.** Committee members were reminded of the NCAA Conflict of Interest Policy and proper procedures for recusal if a conflict of interest might arise. Committee members reviewed the roster and conflict of interest documentation and updated it, as necessary. Committee members followed the recusal procedures during all deliberations.
- 3. Review policies and procedures.** The committee reviewed the policies and procedures documents.
- 4. Review of May 2026 meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report of May 21, 2026, videoconference.
- 5. Division III provisional/reclassifying membership.**
 - Current roster. The committee reviewed the current roster of provisional and reclassifying institutions and their committee mentors.
 - Process advancement. The committee reviewed annual reports from the following provisional and reclassifying institutions, provided feedback in areas where institutions could enhance their current practices, and took the following actions:
 - Year One to Year Two – Approvals.
 - (a) Johnson and Wales University Charlotte. Due to conflict of interest, Chris Roekle was recused.
 - (b) Regent. University. Due to conflict of interest, Chris Roekle was recused.
 - Year Two to Year Three – Approvals.
 - (a) Carlow University.

(b) Penn State Brandywine University. Due to conflict of interest, Christine Hagedorn-Nordenholt was recused.

6. Division III active membership.

- a. Sports Sponsorship waiver requests. The committee reviewed waivers for the following institutions:
 - (1) Saint Elizabeth University. The committee approved a waiver of Bylaw 20.11.4 for the 2025-26 academic year of the minimum sports-sponsorship requirements in the sport of women's soccer. Due to conflict of interest, Christine Hagedorn-Nordenholt was recused.
 - (2) Alverno College. The committee denied a waiver of Bylaw 20.11.4 for the 2025-26 academic year of the minimum sports-sponsorship requirements in the sports of women's basketball, women's soccer, and women's tennis, noting insufficient mitigation was provided. Due to conflict of interest, Chris Roekle was recused.
 - (3) University of Maine at Presque Isle. The committee conditionally approved a waiver of Bylaw 20.11.4. requesting relief from the Calculation of Enrollment Figures legislation that requires a university with enrollment of greater than 1,000 undergraduate students to sponsor six varsity intercollegiate sports. Specifically, due to an institutional policy students enrolled in the "YourPace" online program are not eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics, resulting in 455 students eligible to compete in athletics. The committee conditioned the approval based on the policy establishing YourPace students ineligible for intercollegiate athletics and the overall enrollment excluding YourPace students does not exceed 1,000. Due to conflict of interest, Dan Kane was recused.
- b. Probation/Restricted status summary. The committee reviewed the current list of institutions on probation and restricted status. For the 2025-26 academic year, 13 institutions are in the probationary period and there are no institutions on restricted status.
- c. 2025-26 sports sponsorship audit. Staff provided the committee with an update on the monitoring of the for-cause audits, further information will be provided at a future meeting.
- d. Conference membership. The committee received an update from staff on current conference membership and pending realignments.

7. Educational initiatives.

- a. 2026 NCAA Regional Rules Seminar attendance – Bylaw 20.8.4.16. Staff reported to the committee that all institutions required to attend in 2026 met the attendance requirement. Additionally, staff reported data specific to regional rules attendance, including both virtual and in-person attendees.
 - b. Division III Rules Test. Staff provided the committee with the updates on the Division III Rules Test.
- 8. Update on the Otterbein University consortium.** Staff provided the committee with a progress report on the Otterbein University athletics consortium. The consortium between Otterbein University and Antioch University was approved in July 2024 for a period of four years. The report was provided by the Ohio Athletic Conference.
- 9. NCAA Division III Analysis.** Louise McCleary, Vice President for Division III provided the committee with an update of the NCAA Division III analysis.
- 10. Division III governance update.** Louise McCleary, Vice President for Division III, provided the committee with Division III governance and Association-wide updates.
- 11. Future meeting schedule.** The committee reviewed its future meeting schedule.
- 12. Other business.** None.
- 13. Adjournment.** The committee concluded its business and adjourned at 11:00 a.m., Eastern time, June 25, 2026.

Committee Chair: Chris Roekle, Coast-To-Coast Conference
Staff Liaison(s): Eric Hartung, Division III Governance and Member Services
Julie Zike, Division III Governance and Member Services
Vince Gmerek, Division III Governance and Member Services

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Attendees:	
Tony Berich, Stockton University.	

Elizabeth Carleton, University of Rochester (SAAC representative).
Frederick Clark, Bridgewater State University.
Greg Cooper, Heidelberg University.
Daniel C. Kane, University of Maine at Presque Isle.
Christine Hagedorn-Nordenholt, Rosemont College.
Brian Johnson, North Central College.
Shana Levine, Northwest Conference.
Wayne Lewis, Houghton University.
Chris Roekle, Coast-To-Coast Conference.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Louise McCleary,
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Vince Gmerek, Eric Hartung and Julie Zike.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Secaida Howell, Leah Hartsock