



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA COMMITTEE ON ACCESS, OPPORTUNITY AND IMPACT
JUNE 2, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome, announcements and mission statement.** The chair convened the meeting at 2:33 p.m. Eastern time and welcomed the members. The committee reviewed its roster, subcommittee assignments and mission statement.
2. **Review of May 19, 2026, videoconference report.** The committee reviewed its May 19, 2026, videoconference report but did not have quorum to approve the report. NCAA staff noted that the report will be included as an agenda item for the September meeting.
3. **Subcommittee updates.**
 - a. **Administrative Subcommittee.** Staff reported that a letter sent by the committee to the Board of Governors and the NCAA Senior Management Team, regarding the recent membership survey and its implications for the national office budget and structure, was received. The committee has not received a response as related national office and governance structure discussions remain ongoing.

Staff also shared that the subcommittee would undertake a strategic planning process during the summer to position the committee for success in the 2026-27 academic year.
 - b. **Emerging Sports Subcommittee.** Staff provided an update on the subcommittee's draft progress rubric, evaluation progression timeline, and sample sport scoring. The rubric and progression timelines were created to provide more objective standards on sports' progress and clearer feedback to sport leaders. Staff highlighted the criteria, the fall and spring review processes, and how the revised rubric and related materials will be embedded in the updated Guide for Current Emerging Sports. Staff were directed to incorporate the committee's feedback into the rubric and progression timelines for final review by the subcommittee during its June videoconference. Finally, the committee received an update on the planned educational series for emerging sports.
4. **Future meeting schedule.** The committee reviewed its future meeting schedule and received an update on the process to schedule committee meetings for the 2026-27 academic year.

5. **Other business.** Staff provided an update on recent discussions amongst the Division I men’s and women’s soccer oversight committees regarding playing and practice seasons and Division I Proposal No. 2026-27 (playing and practice seasons – men’s soccer – redistribution of men’s soccer playing season model). The committee heard additional rationale for the proposal, including nondiscriminatory reasons why the men’s and women’s soccer oversight committees made different decisions about adjusting their respective playing and practice season. The committee encouraged continued monitoring and discussion of student-athlete well-being issues as the proposal moves forward. Additionally, the committee encouraged information-sharing across NCAA committees, particularly around student-athlete well-being and equity issues moving forward.

6. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m. Eastern time.

Committee Chair: Jacqie McWilliams Parker, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Staff Liaisons: Amy Wilson, Office of Inclusion.

Corey Berg, Division III Governance and Member Services.

Niya Blair Hackworth, Office of Inclusion.

Jean Merrill, Office of Inclusion.

Gretchen Miron, Office of Inclusion.

NCAA Committee on Access, Opportunity and Impact June 2, 2026, Videoconference
Attendees:
Nichole Book, Mansfield University of Pennsylvania.
Kristie Bowers, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.
Yahir Chairez Salazar, Colorado School of Mines.
Stacey Gibson, Idaho State University.
Mark Giles, University of Illinois Chicago.
Mercedes Himmons, Southern Connecticut State University.
Alfred Lamptey, University of Mount Saint Vincent.
Ryan Martin, The City College of New York.
Peyton Owens, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.
Stephanie Stevens, Gallaudet University.
Marion Terenzio, State University of New York at Cobleskill.
Absentees:
Femi Alao, Roberts Wesleyan University.
JP Abercrombie, University of Notre Dame.
Alisse Ali-Joseph, Northern Arizona University.
Greg Bamberger, Fairmont State University.
Pankil Chander, Utica University.

Janet Gooch, University of Illinois Springfield.
Jacqie McWilliams, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
Juan Hernandez, Curry College.
Martin Lemelle, Grambling State University.
Noreen Morris, Northeast Conference.
Jeffrey Poulard, Big East Conference.
Dawn Turner, Lander University.
Betsey Walkowiak, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.
Kristin Williams, Mid-American Conference.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Niya Blair Hackworth, Gretchen Miron and Amy Wilson.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Debbie Brown, Gail Dent, Leah Kareti, Ashlesha Lokhande, Felicia Martin, Leilyn Miles, Tyler Noragon, Stephanie Quigg, Sara Thurber, and Jerry Vaughn.