



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
JANUARY 15, 2026, MEETING**

**KEY ITEMS.**

1. The NCAA Board of Governors approved the application of the penalty of the NCAA Campus Sexual Violence Policy for one school that did not attest to meeting the six requirements in the 2024-25 academic year.
2. The Board of Governors appointed Jim Troha as vice chair, effective upon adjournment of the meeting through the January 2027 meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and announcements.** NCAA Board of Governors chair, Commissioner Jim Phillips, convened the meeting at approximately 2:30 p.m. Eastern time and welcomed the Governors.
2. **Consent agenda.** By way of a consent agenda, the Board of Governors approved three items including: (a) the October 29, 2025, meeting report; (b) the December 2, 2025, electronic vote report; and (c) Association-wide membership dues for the 2026-27 academic year.
3. **NCAA Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee and Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee joint report.** Houston Davis, president at the University of Central Arkansas and chair of the Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee and Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee, presented the joint meeting report from the January 8, videoconference.
  - a. **Fiscal year 2024-25 audited consolidated financial statements and summary of net assets.** The Finance and Audit Committee presented the NCAA audited financial statements and summary of net assets for the year ending August 31, 2025. NCAA staff also provided the board with a summary of the financials.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors approve the FY2025 NCAA audited financial statements and summary of net assets.” **Approved** (Unanimous voice vote)

- b. **Fiscal year 2025-26 financial update.** The finance committees received an update on FY2025-26 actuals through November 2025. It was noted that the NCAA completed the first quarter of the fiscal year and budgeted revenues and expenses are on pace.

- c. **BOGFAC Investment Subcommittee reappointment.** The Finance and Audit Committee discussed that a member's term on the Finance and Audit Committee Investment Subcommittee expired in December 2025. The committee recommended the reappointment of Floyd Dukes, who serves as a director of the Institutional Services Client Group at Artisan Partners Limited Partnership, to serve a four-year term.

It was VOTED

"That the Board of Governors approve the immediate reappointment of Floyd Dukes for a four-year term on the Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee Investment Subcommittee." **Approved** (Unanimous voice vote)

- d. **Division I Revenue Distribution update – Grant-in-Aid fund and process for approving updates to the distribution formula following the House injunction.** The finance committees discussed a Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee issue related to the Division I revenue distribution policy and the impact of the House settlement. The issue is specifically related to the grant-in-aid fund, which provides a financial reward for an institution's investment in athletic aid provided to student-athletes. The current distribution formula limits the number of GiA awards for which schools can receive credit in revenue distribution to the previous equivalency limits in each sport (which continue to apply for schools that do not opt in to provide student-athletes payment or additional benefits made available through the settlement). The Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee was asked to consider whether the roster limits resulting from the House settlement would become the new limit for the GiA fund by default based on the wording of the current policy or if moving to roster limits for purposes of the GiA fund would require a vote of the full Division I membership.

The Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee affirmed the importance of upholding the division's commitment to a full membership vote on substantive changes to the revenue distribution policy. The committee also acknowledged the need to properly study possible modifications to the revenue distribution policy before moving forward with any specific recommendations for possible modifications to the GiA fund. Division I revenue distribution is paid one year in arrears so any potential changes to the fund would not have an impact until the 2027 distribution. The Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee expects to have data available to support its review later this year and will engage in further review beginning at its August 2026 meeting.

- e. **Other.** The Finance and Audit Committee did not provide the board with additional updates.
4. **Executive session – Options for Ray settlement payment structure.** The board convened in executive session to discuss the settlement of the Ray litigation in early November, which focused on former Division I volunteer coach legislation. The board engaged in initial discussions regarding options for the funding and payment structure of the \$303M

settlement over a three-year period beginning summer 2026 (NCAA fiscal year 2025-26). Staff will seek broad membership feedback on funding models in anticipation of an additional meeting of the finance committees in February that will make a recommendation to the Board of Governors. In addition, the board noted that the finance committees approved the general framework for a membership survey that will be sent in late winter/early spring. The goal of the survey is to seek membership feedback on the prioritization of NCAA programming and services to assist with targeted long-term reductions to support the settlement of the Ray case in the 2027 and 2028 fiscal years and to inform the NCAA's long-term strategies into the future.

5. **NCAA President's report.** NCAA President Charlie Baker updated the board on several items, including the sports betting indictments in college athletics that were announced by federal prosecutors earlier that day.
6. **Executive session/Legal update.** The board convened in executive session to discuss various administrative and legal matters.
7. **Update on review of NCAA programs, initiatives, and legislation.** The NCAA senior vice president of Inclusion, Education, and Community Engagement updated the board on the thorough and careful review conducted by the national office around programs, awards, grants, and legislation in 2025. Specifically, it was noted that the NCAA Inclusion Statement was sunset as it was duplicative to the NCAA Constitution Principles of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (Constitution Article 1.6) and Gender Equity (Constitution Article 1.7).
8. **Government relations and communications update.** The NCAA senior vice president of external affairs and the managing director of government relations updated the board on ongoing efforts with Congress, specifically the postponement of a House vote on the SCORE Act in late 2025, the outlook for the bill in 2026, and additional steps needed for progress in Congress on intercollegiate athletics issues. The update also included the NCAA national office's efforts to enhance communications to improve perceptions of the NCAA and increased general awareness of the positive changes being made for student-athletes. Specifically, staff noted the successful messaging campaigns launched in 2025, including: Changes; Draw the Line; and Olympians Made Here. In addition, themes in the NCAA's 2026 campaigns were highlighted.
9. **Sport Science Institute/NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports update.** The NCAA chief medical officer provided an update on the work of the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, including the committee's approval of consensus-statements regarding performance technology. The chief medical officer also highlighted the NCAA Sport Science Institute's emphasis to increase membership engagement, information on new health and safety resources, the NCAA's role in expanding Mental Health First Aid Training offerings to the membership, drug testing updates, and prevention and harm reduction strategies.

10. **Update on 2024-25 attestations of the NCAA Policy on Campus Sexual Violence.** NCAA staff provided the board with an overview of the policy and the annual requirement of all active member schools to attest to meeting the six policy requirements. Schools that are not able attest to the policy requirements by the deadline will be fined \$5,000, which will be distributed to a philanthropic organization focused on campus sexual violence prevention. In addition, the NCAA publishes a list of schools on its website that did not attest to the policy by the deadline.

It was reported that all active member schools completed the attestation for the 2024-25 academic year by the deadline of November 7, 2025; however, one school failed to attest to meeting the six requirements of the policy in the 2024-25 academic year. The school submitted mitigation to the board for consideration of application of the penalty.

- a. **Institutional request for relief of the penalty for failure to meet the attestation deadline or non-attestation.** The board discussed the application of the penalty for the school that did not attest to meeting the six policy requirements in the 2024-25 academic year.
- b. **Determination of penalties for institution that failed to attest or non-attestation.** The board recommended that the penalty apply to the school for failure to meet the policy.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors apply the penalty for the school that failed to attest to the policy requirements in the 2024-25 academic year.” **Approved** (Unanimous voice vote)

[Note: The school that did not attest to meeting the six policy requirements for the 2024-25 academic year will be published on the NCAA website on Wednesday, February 4.]

11. **Board of Governors Processes and Procedures.**

- a. **Vice-chair election.** Jim Troha was nominated to serve as vice chair of the board from adjournment of the board’s meeting through the January 2027 meeting.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors appoint Jim Troha as vice chair of the board from adjournment of the meeting through the January 2027 meeting.” **Approved** (Unanimous voice vote)

- b. **Term expirations in the 2026 calendar year.** The board reviewed its roster noting the members whose terms expire during the 2026 calendar year.
- c. **BOG nominations processes for HBCU and independent members.** NCAA staff noted that the president representing HBCU schools and an independent member

will complete their terms following the August 2026 videoconference. The board reviewed the processes to nominate and appoint the HBCU and independent members. It was noted that both processes will begin in late January with the expectation that nominations for the two members will be provided to the board in advance of its August 6 videoconference.

12. **Update from joint luncheon and meeting of the Divisions I, II and III Student-Athlete Advisory Committees.** The three graduated student-athletes provided an update on the joint lunch meeting of the divisional Student-Athlete Advisory Committees. It was noted that the student-athletes discussed the divisional SAAC goals and engaged in an open dialogue with NCAA President Charlie Baker and Board of Governors chair, Commissioner Jim Phillips.
13. **Other business.** The board did not have other business.
14. **Recognition of outgoing board members.** The board and various staff thanked the three members whose terms expired at the conclusion of the meeting for their service. The board members whose terms expired after the meeting included: Colleen Perry-Keith (Goldey-Beacom College); Roberta Page (Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania); and Jason Verdugo (University of Wisconsin Eau-Claire).
15. **Future meetings.** The board reviewed its future meeting dates through 2027.
16. **Executive session – Board of Governors Compensation Subcommittee October 23, 2025, report and January 7, 2026, agenda.** The board convened in executive session to discuss matters addressed in the Compensation Subcommittee videoconferences on October 23, 2025, and January 7.
17. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:42 p.m. Eastern time.

*Board of Governors chair:* Jim Phillips, Atlantic Coast Conference  
*Staff liaisons:* Terri Steeb Gronau, Governance and Member Services  
Stephanie Quigg, Governance and Member Services

<b>NCAA Board of Governors January 15, 2026, Meeting</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Javaune Adams-Gaston, Norfolk State University. (attending virtually)	
Charlie Baker, NCAA president.	
Glenn Boyce, University of Mississippi.	
Ted Carter, The Ohio State University.	
Davaris Checks, Graduated Division II student-athlete.	
Allison Feaster, Boston Celtics.	
Doug Girod, University of Kansas.	
Colleen Perry-Keith, Goldey Beacom College.	

Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania.
Jim Phillips, Atlantic Coast Conference.
Greg Ricketts, Graduated Division III student-athlete.
Jim Troha, Juniata College.
Jason Verdugo, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.
Nadja West, MD, retired United States Army lieutenant general and 44 <sup>th</sup> U.S. Army Surgeon General.
Josh Whitman, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
Morgyn Wynne, Graduated Division I student-athlete.
<b>Absentees:</b>
None.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Terri Steeb Gronau and Stephanie Quigg.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Abbey Bales, Scott Bearby, Tim Buckley, Dawn Buth, Deena Casiero, , Amanda Conklin, Kelly Dodds, Jennifer Fraser, Dan Gavitt, Katie Koenig, Felicia Martin, Louise McCleary, Corbin McGuire, Mario Morris, and Lynda Tealer.