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# HBCU Ex-Officio Member, Board of Governors

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Position Specification

# The Organization

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National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)

## About

The National Collegiate Athletic Association is a member-led organization dedicated to the well-being and lifelong success of college athletes. NCAA schools award nearly \$4 billion in athletics scholarships every year and provide vast support to help student-athletes graduate at a rate higher than their general student peers.

More than 500,000 college athletes across all three divisions compete for about 1,100 member schools in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and even Canada. Regardless of where they start, student-athletes strive to end each season at one of the NCAA's 92 championships in 24 sports.

The employees at the NCAA's national office, headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, oversee all championships, manage programs that benefit student-athletes, and support member committees that make rules and policies for college sports. Member schools and conferences ultimately decide which rules to adopt for their division — everything from recruiting and compliance to academics and championships. On August 13, 2024, the NCAA celebrated 25 years in the Circle City.

The NCAA's diverse members include schools ranging in size from those with hundreds of students to those with tens of thousands. The NCAA's current three-division structure was adopted in 1973 to create a fair playing field for teams from similar schools and provide college athletes more opportunities to participate in national championships.

Among the three NCAA divisions, Division I schools generally have the biggest student bodies, manage the largest athletics budgets and offer the highest number of athletics scholarships. Division II provides growth opportunities through academic achievement, learning in high-level athletics competition and a focus on service to the community. The Division III experience offers participation in a competitive athletics environment that pushes college athletes to excel on the field and build upon their potential by tackling new challenges across campus.

## Website

<https://www.ncaa.org>

# The Position

**Position Title**

**NCAA Board of Governors – HBCU Ex Officio Member**

**Background**

In January 2022, the NCAA membership ratified a new constitution, which resulted in a smaller Board of Governors and streamlined the decision-making authority on Association-wide issues. The Board of Governors has 16 members, including four individuals representing Division I to include at least one institutional president or chancellor, and one conference commissioner, one representative each from the Division II Executive Board and the Division III Presidents Council, two independent members, and one graduated student-athlete voting members; one president of a historically black college and university, the chairs of the Division I Cabinet and the Divisions II and III Management Councils, two graduated student-athletes from each of the divisions not represented by the voting member graduated student-athlete and the NCAA president as ex-officio nonvoting members.

The HBCU Selection Committee seeks to add a new HBCU president or chancellor to replace the member whose term will expire in August 2026.

The HBCU Selection Committee is responsible for reviewing nominations for the HBCU representative on the Board of Governors, as well as interviewing candidates, selecting, and ultimately appointing one president or chancellor to serve on the Board. Each active HBCU conference may submit up to two (2) nominations for consideration by the HBCU Selection Committee for appointment to the Board of Governors.

Nominations for this position must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern time on April 1, 2026.

**Responsibilities**

The Board of Governors provides strategic leadership on Association-wide issues that impact all three NCAA divisions. Members have a fiduciary responsibility to act in the best interest of all college sports, rather than the interest of any division, conference, school, or sport.

Core responsibilities of the Board of Governors:

- Provide final approval and oversight of the Association-wide budget, enterprise risk management, and strategic planning, and establish policies related to fiduciary responsibility.
- Employ the NCAA president, who shall be administratively responsible to the board.
- Formulate policies and procedures consistent with the NCAA Constitution.
- In consultation with the leadership of the divisional governing bodies, adopt and implement legal strategy, risk mitigation, and government relations and policy matters that affect the Association.
- Convene at the annual NCAA Convention and any special conventions as needed.

**Term**

The HBCU ex-officio member of the Board of Governors is appointed to a two-year term, renewable for an additional two years.

**Meeting Schedule**

The NCAA holds a combination of four in-person or virtual (one- to two-day) quarterly meetings in January, April, August, and October.

**2026**

Oct. 27-28 — Indianapolis.

**2027**

Jan. 21 - Virtual.

April 27 — Indianapolis.

August 5 — Virtual.

October 26-27 — Indianapolis.

**Requirements**

The HBCU ex-officio member of the Board of Governors must:

- Attend four in-person or virtual (one- to two-day) quarterly meetings (January, April, August, and October).
- Participate in an orientation program regarding the duties, responsibilities, and expectations of service on the Board of Governors.
- Serve on additional committees or subcommittees as determined by the Board of Governors.

- Possess a high level of commitment to the work of higher education, the NCAA, and the collegiate model of athletics.
- Be informed on the initiatives of the NCAA and support and promote them in the broader community.
- Represent the organization to key entities such as the NCAA membership, government, the community, and the media.
- Participate in discussions and act on behalf of the Association by adopting and implementing policies to resolve core issues and other Association-wide matters.
- Participate in the final approval of the Association-wide budget and monitor the financial condition of the NCAA.
- Participate in the recruitment, appointment, support, and evaluation of the NCAA president.
- Provide strategic direction for the NCAA.
- As members of the Board of Governors, direct and guide in the initiation and settlement of litigation for the NCAA.
- Prepare for and participate in the discussions and the deliberations of the Board of Governors.
- Be aware of and abstain from any conflict of interest.

[Note: This is a voluntary position.]

*Nominations must be submitted via [NCAA Program Hub](#). Review of nominations will begin immediately. All nominations will be kept in confidence within the HBCU Selection Committee and NCAA senior leadership. All questions may be sent to Kelly Dodds ([kdodds@ncaa.org](mailto:kdodds@ncaa.org)).*