



REPORT OF THE
NCAA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OCTOBER 24, 2023, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** NCAA Board of Governors chair, President Linda Livingstone, convened the meeting at approximately 1 p.m. Eastern time and welcomed the Governors. President Livingstone noted that this was the first quarterly meeting for President Houston Davis and Allison Feaster.
2. **Board of Governors September 6, 2023, videoconference report.** The board reviewed and approved the report of its September 6, 2023, videoconference.
3. **Feedback from divisional presidential bodies via the consultative process.** Presidents Mary-Beth Cooper, Livingstone and Steven Shirley provided the board with an update on the use of the consultative process with the divisional presidential bodies prior to the meeting to solicit comment and feedback on potential board action and discussion.
4. **NCAA Business Plan.** President Charlie Baker outlined the NCAA business plan, including the mission, shared operational plan, themes and strategic priorities, and operating model. It was noted that the business plan was developed from the key findings and trends from the NCAA national office business review.
5. **Review of 2023-24 NCAA presidential goals.** President Charlie Baker presented his 2023-24 goals and noted that they align with the NCAA business plan. The board discussed and approved his 2023-24 goals during executive session.
6. **Update and next steps regarding congressional engagement and action.** NCAA staff provided an update on the five draft bills introduced in the House and the Senate. NCAA staff also updated the board on membership outreach efforts.
7. **Update regarding NCAA contracts involving media rights agreements.** A representative from Endeavor, the consultant selected to assist the Association with media rights negotiations following the expiration of the NCAA's media rights agreement with ESPN in 2024, joined the board for continued discussions on this topic.
8. **NCAA sports wagering update.** NCAA staff provided an update on the current landscape of states where online and/or live legal sports wagering is permitted (35 states and the District of Columbia), and various initiatives on this issue. NCAA staff noted that they continue to focus on enhancing relationships with integrity services, gaming commissions, pro leagues, vendors and others, while working on state advocacy/legislative initiatives and education initiatives.

9. **Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee report.** Beth DeBauche, chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, presented the committee's report.

- a. **NCAA internal audit year-end review for FY 2022-23.** The Finance and Audit Committee shared the year-end review of the NCAA internal audit for the 2022-23 fiscal year. It was noted that the committee did not raise any concerns.
- b. **NCAA internal audit plan revision for FY 2023-24.** The Finance and Audit Committee presented a revised internal audit plan for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

It was VOTED

"That the Board of Governors approve the internal audit plan revision for FY 2023-24." **Approved** (Unanimous voice vote)

- c. **Term extensions for Amy Keskin and Melody Rollins, committee members on the NCAA Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee Investment Subcommittee.** The Finance and Audit Committee recommended a term extension for two members of the Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee Investment Subcommittee. It was recommended that the terms of service for Amy Keskin, vice chancellor for finance and chief financial officer at Washington University in St. Louis, and Melody Rollins, client advisor with Bridgewater Associates, be renewed for one additional four-year term.

It was VOTED

"That the Board of Governors approve the term extension of Amy Keskin and Melody Rollins for one-additional four-year term on the Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee Investment Subcommittee." **Approved** (Unanimous voice vote)

10. **NCAA Sport Science Institute/NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports update.** The NCAA chief medical officer provided several updates on the work of the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

- a. **NCAA drug-testing policy and elimination of cannabis from the NCAA banned substance list.** The board received a report on a recommendation from the September CSMAS meeting to the divisional legislative bodies to introduce and adopt legislation to eliminate cannabinoids from the list of banned drug classes and to develop a robust education program. It was noted that this recommendation acknowledges that cannabinoids are not performance enhancing and that local-level harm-reduction strategies may be more effective at preventing, identifying and managing problematic use. Finally, it was noted that the divisional legislative bodies will review this recommendation during their January 2024 meetings and determine if and when to introduce a proposal into the legislative cycle.

- b. **NCAA Mental Health Best Practices update.** The board continued its discussions on proposed updates to the NCAA Mental Health Best Practices resource. It was noted that CSMAS used the consensus process for potential updates to the resource and will make a final recommendation during its December videoconference. It is anticipated that the board will consider the updates to the best practices during its January 2024 in-person meeting, and if approved, the updated best practices will be released to the membership at the 2024 NCAA Convention.
- c. **NCAA Concussion Safety Protocol rollout in January 2024.** The board received a report from CSMAS regarding its approval of the recommended updates to the NCAA Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist and other relevant member education resources. It was noted that the updates are effective January 15, 2024.
- d. **Transgender student-athlete participation policy.** The board received an update on the three-phased approach of the Transgender Student-Athlete Participation Policy, which is currently in phase two through the 2023-24 academic year. It was noted that CSMAS will consider a potential recommendation for the 2024-25 academic year during its December videoconference with anticipated action by the board during its January 2024 in-person meeting.

11. Board of Governors Processes and Procedures.

- a. **NCAA Board of Governors Executive Committee report.** President Livingstone reported on matters discussed by the Executive Committee during its October meeting.
- b. **Board of Governors vice-chair election notice.** President Livingstone noted that the term of the board's current vice-chair, Steven Shirley, will conclude upon adjournment of the January 10, 2024, meeting. The board will elect a new vice-chair during the January 2024, in-person meeting.
- c. **Update on Association-wide committee review.** NCAA staff provided an update on the ongoing work of the board's review of Association-wide committees to determine their relevance, assess whether potential changes would better align the committees' work with the new constitution and determine how to streamline the Association-wide governance structure. It was noted that in October the divisional legislative bodies adopted legislation to eliminate the NCAA Olympic Sports Liaisons Committee; therefore, the committee was eliminated from the Association-wide governance structure. It was further noted that four committees (CSMAS, Playing Rules Oversight Panel, Honors Committee, and Postgraduate Scholarship Committee) completed the review. The board did not recommend any changes to the four committees.
 - **Review of DEI committees.** The board was provided an update on the review of the four NCAA Association-wide DEI committees (the Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity, the

Committee on Women's Athletics, the Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee, and the Gender Equity Task Force). NCAA staff noted that the board will receive a status update during its January 2024, in-person meeting, with a potential recommendation anticipated in April 2024.

12. **Other business.** The board did not have other business.
13. **Future meetings.** The board reviewed its future meetings through January 2025.
14. **Executive session.** The board convened in executive session.
15. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:37 p.m. Eastern time.

Board of Governors chair: Linda Livingstone, Baylor University
Staff liaisons: Terri Steeb Gronau, Governance and Policy
Stephanie Quigg, Governance and Policy

NCAA Board of Governors October 24, 2023, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Javaune Adams-Gaston, Norfolk State University. (virtual)	
Charlie Baker, NCAA president.	
Bryce Choate, Graduated Division I student-athlete.	
Mary-Beth Cooper, Springfield College.	
Houston Davis, University of Central Arkansas.	
Beth DeBauche, Ohio Valley Conference.	
Allison Feaser, Boston Celtics.	
Linda Livingstone, Baylor University.	
Madeleine McKenna, Graduated Division II student-athlete.	
Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.	
Jere Morehead, University of Georgia.	
Holly Sheilley, Transylvania University.	
Steven Shirley, Minot State University.	
Isaiah Swann, Graduated Division III student-athlete.	
Lynda Tealer, University of Florida.	
Nadja West, MD, retired United States Army lieutenant general and 44 th U.S. Army Surgeon General. (virtual)	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Karen Brodtkin, Endeavor.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Terri Steeb Gronau and Stephanie Quigg.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Scott Bearby, Tim Buckley, Dawn Buth, Michael Cioroianu, Joni Comstock, Kelly Dodds, Jennifer Fraser, Dan Gavitt, Brain Hainline, Clint Hangebrauck, Mark Hicks, Brian Higgins, Julie Kimmons, Kevin Lennon, Felicia Martin, Louise McCleary, Corbin McGuire, Mario Morris, Dave Schnase and Stan Wilcox.	