



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OCTOBER 30, 2024, MEETING**

KEY ITEMS.

1. The NCAA Board of Governors approved the NCAA President's 2024-25 goals.
2. The Board of Governors formally restructured and enhanced how the board will receive feedback from student-athletes across the NCAA. In place of the BOG Student-Athlete Engagement Committee, the board agreed to direct the divisional Student-Athlete Advisory Committees to identify and implement opportunities to meet more frequently to discuss Association-wide issues and report back to the BOG.

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** NCAA Board of Governors chair, President Linda Livingstone, convened the meeting at approximately 8:32 a.m. Eastern time and welcomed the Governors.
2. **Executive session.** The board convened in executive session to discuss various administrative and legal matters.
3. **Board of Governors August 8, 2024, videoconference report.** The board reviewed and approved the report of its August 8, 2024, videoconference.
4. **NCAA President's report.** President Charlie Baker presented his 2024-25 goals and noted that the goals build on his priorities from 2023-24, and include the following priorities:
 - Enhance the student-athlete championship experience by driving more fans to championships and increased per diem, among other actions.
 - Implement the Association-wide Injury Insurance Protection Program and Division I Core Guarantees.
 - Leverage the NCAA's scale to benefit the membership, building on recent work of collective purchasing opportunities such as the agreement with RefQuest Plus.
 - Support student-athletes through advocacy efforts around sports betting protections and resource development.
 - Expand the fan database to 15 million emails and use the database to drive traffic to less visible championships.
 - Create more high-quality streaming across all three divisions.
 - Grow the revenue base through various opportunities.
 - Implement substantive reform, including a new decision-making structure in Division I.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors approve President Charlie Baker’s 2024-25 goals.” **Approved**
(Unanimous voice vote)

5. **Debrief of joint lunch and meeting of the Board of Governors, Division I Board of Directors, Division II Executive Board and Division III Presidents Council.** The board discussed the information shared during the sports wagering presentation at the joint meeting and agreed to continue dialogue on this topic at future meetings.
6. **Update regarding congressional engagement.** NCAA staff provided an update on government relations developments. It was noted that members of Congress positively received NCAA Division I rules changes and that bills impacting intercollegiate athletics were either introduced in the House or made it out of a House committee. Staff also highlighted the continued efforts and the importance of the voice of the membership and student-athlete leaders. Finally, the board discussed potential 2024 election outcomes and impacts on the Association’s strategy.
7. **Board of Governors Association-wide committee review: Update on the Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee.** The board received a report and recommendations from its Student-Athlete Engagement Committee as part of the Association-wide committee review. This is the final Association-wide committee to complete its review, which aimed to determine the relevance of committees and align their work with the new Constitution. NCAA staff highlighted information in the committee’s charter including its purpose, duties and responsibilities, and composition. The board noted recent enhancements to student-athlete representation and voice in governance structures, including the addition of three graduated student-athletes to the board in 2022 as well as roles on key committees across all three divisions. The three graduated student-athletes on the board supported the decision to restructure and expand the student-athlete feedback mechanism, emphasizing that the divisional SAACs include more members with greater diversity of sport and geographic location than the Student-Athlete Engagement Committee. The board noted this action continues to increase student-athlete representation in the governance structure and increases the connections and roles of the divisional SAACs to the board.

It was VOTED

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8. **NCAA Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee report.** Jim Phillips, chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, presented the report from the joint meeting of the committee and the Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee October 25, videoconference.

- a. **Internal audit year-end review for FY23-24.** Commissioner Phillips noted that during the joint meeting, NCAA staff provided an informational update on the internal audit year-end review for FY23-24, which identified zero high-risk issues.
- b. **Revisions to the NCAA Internal Audit Charter.** The Finance and Audit Committee presented a recommendation to approve revisions to the NCAA Internal Audit Charter. As required every five years by the internal audit professional standards, an external firm conducted a quality assessment of the internal audit function. It was noted that the internal audit function generally conforms to the professional standards and code of ethics, which is the highest rating an internal audit function can achieve; however, the external firm recommended a few non-substantive revisions to the charter.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors approve revisions to the NCAA Internal Audit Charter.” **Approved** (Unanimous voice vote)

- c. **Settlement update.** Commissioner Phillips reported that following a legal update from the office of legal affairs, both committees discussed the management of settlement liability for institutions that depart Division I. After reviewing several possible options, it was noted that the Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee determined that during the 10-year period of the proposed settlement for student-athlete compensation cases, institutions that depart Division I will retain their NCAA-calculated institutional liability whether the institution reclassifies to Divisions II or III or departs the NCAA. If conference agreements include a liability calculation that differs from the NCAA calculation, the management of those agreements, and any additional liability assigned to an institution by the conference, would be the responsibility of the institution and the conference to manage. Moreover, the same would be true of any conference agreements that may be impacted by an institution’s decision to move from one Division I conference to another. Finally, Commissioner Phillips highlighted changes approved by the Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee to the Division I revenue distribution policy.
9. **NCAA 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 Sport Science Institute and the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. Specifically, the chief medical officer emphasized that both groups’ priorities include a continued focus on health, safety and performance, providing practical guidance that the membership needs and enhancing relationships with sports medicine teams. The chief medical officer further highlighted upcoming education efforts being developed on mental health and the cannabinoid harm prevention approach, plans to build consensus around responsible use of performance technology, and efforts to engage the membership around issues impacting the athletic trainer workforce.

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

- a. **NCAA Board of Governors Executive Committee report.** President Livingstone reported on matters discussed in the Executive Committee's videoconferences on August 1 and October 23. President Livingstone noted the approval of the fiscal year 2024-25 salary and compensation recommendations for national office senior staff, and the approved changes to its charter (e.g., confirming that legal strategy and litigation settlement will be done by the full Board of Governors in consultation with the divisional leadership bodies unless time constraints do not allow; and updating compensation policy to compensation philosophy).
- b. **Board of Governors vice chair election notice.** President Livingstone reported that President Mary-Beth Cooper's term as vice chair expires upon adjournment of the board's January 16, 2025, meeting. The vice chair election will occur during the January 2025 meeting.

11. **Update on key divisional proposals at the 2025 NCAA Convention.** The board received a report from Presidents Houston Davis, Colleen Perry-Keith and Cooper on various proposals that will be voted on during the divisional business sessions at the 2025 NCAA Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, in January 2025.

12. **Other business.** The board did not have any other business.

13. **Future meetings.** The board reviewed its future meeting dates through 2025.

14. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:47 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 30, 2024, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Javaune Adams-Gaston, Norfolk State University.	
Charlie Baker, NCAA president.	
Glenn Boyce, University of Mississippi.	
Mary-Beth Cooper, Springfield College.	
Houston Davis, University of Central Arkansas.	
Allison Feaster, Boston Celtics.	
Colleen Perry Keith, Goldey-Beacom College.	
Linda Livingstone, Baylor University.	
Madeleine McKenna, Graduated Division II student-athlete.	
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University.	
Jim Phillips, Atlantic Coast Conference.	

Greg Ricketts, Graduated Division III student-athlete.
Jason Verdugo, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.
Josh Whitman, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
Nadja West, MD, retired United States Army lieutenant general and 44 th U.S. Army Surgeon General.
Morgan Wynne, Graduated Division I student-athlete.
Absentees:
None.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Terri Steeb Gronau and Stephanie Quigg.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Scott Bearby, Tim Buckley, Dawn Buth, Deena Casiero, Amanda Conklin, Kelly Dodds, Jennifer Fraser, Dan Gavitt, Brian Higgins, Corey Jackson, Kevin Lennon, Felicia Martin, Louise McCleary, Corbin McGuire, Mario Morris, Lynda Tealer and Stan Wilcox.