

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 1, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 10.am. on June 1, 2026 by Jim Finch, President. VP Curt Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance. Associate Director, Carror Wright provided the invocation and Media Director, Marvin James called the roll. Roll call showed the following: Present - 12; Absent – 1

Scarlett Grantham	Robert Wilson	Ricky Turner	Curt Miller
Steve Waters	Kevin Petroski	Regina Montgomery	Eli Connell
Harley Calhoun - A	Jim Finch	Jason Dopson	Brian Montgomery
Jeremy Rayburn			

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Brian Montgomery and seconded by Scarlett Grantham. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to into executive session was made by Steve Waters, and seconded by Brian Montgomery. Motion passed unanimously.

I. Appointments

1. Appeal of Carrollton High School – AD Elizabeth Sanders

After consideration of the appeal, a motion to come out of executive session made by Brian Montgomery and seconded by Jason Dopson. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Jim Finch to deny and was seconded by Curt Miller was passed unanimously.

Georgia Sportsmanship Program

1. Presentation by Stephen Mackey of a program to enhance better sportsmanship across athletic programs. The program has been underway for the past 2 years in Texas with more than 62% of schools in Texas. Ejections 24% decrease with coaches' ejections, 15% decrease with players under "The Texas Way". Over 87% of all ejections come from the programs not involved in the Sportsmanship programs. Proposal is to spend the next 8-10 months preparing Georgia to undergo this sportsmanship plan into the Peach State late in the spring of 2026. No formal action taken at this time.

Training for Region Secretaries

1. Associate Director Kent Morrow discussed training expectations, responsibilities, and implementation within the Post Season Rankings. Will plan Zoom and face to face meetings later in the year.

Proposal for a Tiered Progressive Discipline Process for Violations

1. Presentation by Brian Montgomery and Nyere Brown to discuss Proposed Progressive Discipline Procedures for Violations. Dr. Tim Scott will continue to look over the proposal with GHSA attorney, Alan Connell, and will represent it during the full SEC meeting in October.

Vacated State Championships in Non-Bracketed Sports – GHSA Office (Penny Mitchell)

1. Discussion Regarding Policies and Procedures for Vacated State Championships was tabled and planned to bring back to SEC meeting in October.

Proposal to Allow Certified Tennis Coaches to Coach Inside the Fence Between Points – Athens Academy (Kevin Petroski)

1. Discussion of a proposal to allow certified tennis coaches for each school to coach from inside the fences, before and after points, and move from court to court without interrupting the match. The proposal is intended to remove coach/player interaction from spectator areas and reduce distractions or interference from spectators. This was tabled and planned to move to full SEC meeting in October.

Nominations for the GHSA Citation Award – GHSA Office

Ernie Yarbrough will accept nominees up until July 1st with brief bio and will vote at BOT in October 2026.

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Waters and seconded by Scarlett Grantham. It passed unanimously and meeting was adjourned.



Respectfully Submitted by

MARVIN JAMES

GHSA MEDIA DIRECTOR