

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

May 4, 2026

The meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 10:00 a.m., on May 4, 2026 at the Upson Civic Center in Thomaston, Georgia by Jim Finch, President. The Pledge of Allegiance was also led by Finch. The invocation was given by Carror Wright, Associate Director. Roll call by Marvin James, Media Director, showed the following: Present - 62, Absent - 6 (A below)

Cleveland Edwards	Steve Waters	Marcus Diggs-A	Jason Thomas-A	Kendall Mills	Jeremy Rayburn	John Pinson
Lee Hearbrlin	Jason Brett	Robert Wilson	Andrew Calhoun	Kevin Grooms	Von Lassiter	Winston Peterson
Wes Ellis- sub	Jason Carrera	Paul Fitz-Simmons	Reggie Wilkes	Jesse Crews	Ron Duncan	Adam Robertson
Jason Holcombe	Paris Burd	Andre Byrd	Brian Gwyn	Myron Newton	Scott McClintock	Eli Dupree
Ryan Dyer - sub	Jeff Wallace	Myss Jelks	Rendell Jackson	Nyere Coy Brown	Kandice Mitchell	Don Norton
Nathan Turner	Peter Giles	Chris Short-sub	Paul Standard	BrianMontgomery	Shane Lassiter- sub	Harley Calhoun
Daniel Garrett	Lamarr Glen-A	Darrell Demastus	Hal Lamb-A	Brent Mashburn	Michael Langston	Joshua Moore
Jason Dopson	Brad Hayes	Matt Hollis	Eli Connell	Eric Sutulovich -A	Jason Gibson	Steve Simpson-sub
Jose Fernandez-A	Kevin Petroski	Scarlett Grantham	Regina Montgomery	Richard Woods	David Colvard	Eric Holland
Stacy Bennett	Craig Davis	Joe Sanfilippo	Jim Finch	Curt Miller-A		

Jesse Crews made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Steve Simpson.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Committee members meet by classification and at large to elect members to serve on the Board of Trustees

- 7A Jason Dopson (Brookwood)
- 6A Steve Waters (Glynn Academy)
- 5A Robert Wilson (Henry County)
- 4A Eli Connell (Monroe Area)
- 3A Brian Montgomery (DeKalb County)
- 2A Jeremy Rayburn (Thomasville City Schools)
- A Harley Calhoun (Schley County)

Board of Trustees met to select at large nominations to be submitted to the full executive committee

At Large Scarlett Grantham (Parkview) nominated and approved as female (ABC group)

At Large Regina Montgomery (Cobb/Pebblebrook)

At Large Kevin Petroski (Athens Academy)

At Large Ricky Turner (Blessed Trinity)

Confirmation of Board of Trustees - Motion made by Andrew Calhoun to full executive committee to approve all newly-selected members of the Board of Trustees. Andre Byrd seconded and the motion passed unanimously

COMMITTEE PROPOSALS:

Full Executive Committee

Proposal to allow eighth grade students to participate on the varsity level. Submitted by North Cobb Christian

Daryl Johnson Wrestling Coach NCCS

Motion to deny Jesse Crews, Nathan Turner seconded. Passed unanimously.

Proposal to change wording as required by SB 369 which will become law on July 1, 2026

1.62 (e)(5) In compliance with the Dexter Mosley Act and SB 369, schools must file eligibility for home study students AND students enrolled in qualifying virtual schools using Transfer Eligibility Form "HS" found on the GHSA web site. Students enrolled in qualifying virtual schools must meet all requirements of the Dexter Mosley Act with the exception of the Declaration of Intent to Home Study.

Motion by Rendell Jackson to change the wording as required by SB 369 and seconded by Kevin Grooms. Motion passed unanimously.

Before the close of session, Executive Director, Dr Tim Scott spoke to the State Executive Committee and made the following announcements.

- Announced that the GHSA Board of Trustees will meet on June 1, 2026 to talk about Sportsmanship with a Texas representative.
- Announced the resignation of Jay Russell and Don Corr, and thanked them for their years of dedicated service.
- Welcomed the new hires: Jasper Jewell (football, bass fishing), Kent Morrow (eSports, golf, riflery, PSR/Reclassification), and Danny Redshaw (baseball, volleyball).

Rendell Jackson made the motion to adjourn, and Nathan Turner seconded. Passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT