

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

December 3, 2025

The State Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 9:30 a.m., on December 3, 2025, at the Civic Center in Thomaston by Jim Finch, President.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Curt Miller. The invocation was given by Carror Wright, Associate Director. Roll call by Marvin James, Media Director, showed the following: Present - 65, Absent - 3 (A below)

Danny Redshaw	Paris Burd	Darrell Demastus	Kevin Grooms	Steven Craft	Michelle Masters	Karen Woods-Sub
Lee Heaberlin	Rick Sauls	Matt Hollis	Jesse Crews	Mike Cleveland	Regina Montgomery	Von Lassiter
Don Baker	Tonya Sebring	Greg Ellison	Myron Newton	David Bell	David Colvard-A	
Jason Holcombe	Lamarr Glenn	Andrew Calhoun	Nyere Coy Brown	Winston Peterson	Eric Holland-A	
Matt Moody	Brooke Whitlock	Reggie Wilkes	Brian Montgomery	Eli Dupree	Craig Davis	
Nathan Turner	Brad Hayes	Lawrence Kelly	Brent Mashburn	Harley Calhoun	Joe Sanfilippo	
Scarlett Grantham	Andre Byrd	Phillip Shiflet	Jason Swinney-sub	Jeff Bryant	Jim Finch	
Daniel Garrett	Charles Robinson	Matt Combs	Michael Thompson	Steve Simpson	Curt Miller	
Steve Waters	Rendell Jackson	Paul Standard	Adam Robertson	Brad Dehem	Stacy Bennett	
Jason Brett	Bobby Brewington	Eli Connell	Jeffrey Sloan	Don Norton	Richard Woods-A	
Cedric King	Ricky Turner	Joseph Kegler	Davis Russell	Jose Fernandez	Kevin Petroski	

Motion was made by Jesse Crews, seconded by Steve Simpson, and unanimously approved to adopt the agenda.

Appointments:

Lakeside, DeKalb

Appeal classification

Presenter: Trisha Newmeyer

Appeal to drop from region 4-7A to region 4-6A

Motion to Deny made by Steve Simpson, Andrew Calhoun seconded.

Motion fails 28-37, meaning APPEAL GRANTED.

Bryan County

Appeal classification

Presenters: Russ Winter, Blaine Ennis

Appeal to drop from 2A to Class A

Motion to Deny made by Jesse Crews, Eli Dupree seconded

Appeal denied 64-1 (Stacy Bennett opposed motion, all others voted to deny appeal)

Discovery

Appeal classification

Presenter: George Massenburg

Appeal to drop from 7A to Region 7-6A

Motion to deny made by Jesse Crews, Steve Simpson seconded.

Appeal denied 59-6

(These members voted to approve: Curt Miller, Jason Holcombe, Brooke Whitlock, Daniel Garrett, Nyere Coy Brown, Scarlett Grantham; all others voted to deny)

Cook County

Isolation Appeal

Presenter: Joy Folsom

Drop from Region 1-AAA to Region 1-AA

Motion to deny made by Mike Thompson, Harley Calhoun seconded.

Motion fails 27 - 38, and the appeal is approved.

Motions to Ratify Classification

Class 7A (52 schools)

Motion to ratify made by Danny Redshaw, Andrew Calhoun seconded.

Motion Passes unanimously, 65-0

Class 6A (64 schools)

Motion to deny ratification made by Brad Hayes, Paul Standard, seconded)

Motion Fails 61-4

(Opposed Jose Fernandez, Ricky Turner and Lamar Glenn and Bobby Brewington)

Motion to move Gainesville to region 7-6A and then ratify by Brad Hayes and seconded by Paris Burd.

Motion Approved 61-4

(Opposed Bobby Brewington, Jose Fernandez, Lamar Glenn and Ricky Turner, all others voted to approve)

Class 5A (61 schools)

Motion to approve made by Darrell Damastus, Brooke Whitlock seconded)

Motion Passes unanimously, 65-0

Class 4A (61 schools)

Motion to ratify by Andre Byrd, Darrel Damastus seconded.

Motion Passes unanimously, 65-0

Class 3A (63 schools)

Motion to ratify made by Brian Montgomery and Andre Byrd seconded.

Motion Passes unanimously, 65-0

Class 2A (85 schools)

Motion to ratify by Darrel Damastus, seconded by Michael Thompson

Motion Passes 64-1.

(Greg Ellison opposed and all others voted in favor)

Class A (71 schools)

Motion to ratify by Don Norton, Andre Byrd seconded.

Motion Passes unanimously, 65-0

III. Region 8AA representatives presented a proposal to allow Regions in Classifications 2A-4A, which consist of both public and private schools, to determine both a private and public school region winner to qualify as Region Champion for purposes of seeding in their respective state tournament bracket.

Motion to table made by Mike Thompson, Steve Simpson seconded.

Motion Passes unanimously, 65-0.

Classification Committee members from classifications 2A-4A will work with Don Corr and the GHSA office to better explain the proposal.

IV. The GHSA office proposed a change as follows:

Winning Percentage (WP) to be calculated by taking a team's weighted wins divided by the number of actual contests played. Home win equals 0.9, away win equals 1.1, and neutral site win equals 1, and non-GHSA win equals 0.9. GHSA member schools may not win more than 20% of their scheduled contests against non-GHSA schools. All contests will count toward the minimum number of contests and any win beyond the 20% maximum will be counted as no contest.

Motion to approve but to change all home, away, and neutral sites to 1.0, with non-GHSA wins equal to 0.9 by Eli Connell, seconded by Steve Waters.

Motion Passes unanimously, 65-0.

V. GHSA office proposed officiating game fees for the 2026-28 reclass cycle (See attached schedule).

Motion to approve was made by Jesse Crews and seconded by Brian Montgomery.

Motion Passes unanimously, 65-0.

VI. Executive Director report

Dr. Tim Scott apologized to the Committee for the Gainesville and Brunswick fight incident because the GHSA office did not apply the same penalty for ejecting players in a similar incident that happened earlier this season. Moving forward the GHSA will strengthen its By-Laws to ensure the GHSA consistently addresses fight situations. Associate

Director, Jay Russell, also apologized to the committee and took responsibility for the error.

VII. Gainesville HS appeal of ejections in the Brunswick game.

Motion to reverse these ejections in light of the GHSA's inconsistent enforcement of post-game ejections in previous similar game situations made by Jesse Crews and seconded by Rendell Jackson.

Motion Passed 42-18 with 3 abstentions.

Motion to adjourn Mike Johnson and Harley Calhoun.