

**GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**  
**ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
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**MAY 22, 2025 – 9:30 am**  
**MICROSOFT TEAMS (ONLINE MEETING)**

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The Eligibility Committee meeting of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 9:30 am on May 22, 2025, on Microsoft Teams (on line) by Eligibility Committee Chairman Jason Holcombe. Holcombe led the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by GHSA Executive Director, Tim Scott, and roll call was done by Media Director, Marvin James, which shows the following: Present - 6 Absent - 2

**Jason Holcombe - Phillip Shiflet**

**Brent Mashburn - David Bell**

**Eli Dupree - David Colvard**

**Absent: Fred Williams, Richard Woods**

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The adoption of the agenda by Holcombe was put in motion by David Bell and seconded by Eli Dupree. It passed.

Dr Scott and GHSA attorney Alan Connell discussed the changes of bylaw **1.60 - SCHOOL SERVICE AREAS / TRANSFER / MIGRANT STUDENTS / MIGRATORY WAIVER** and what must be done to prove a bonafide move.

- residents in the home with driver licenses must update with new address within 30 days.
- They also stated that furniture can remain in the home as well as lights and water but can't be occupied by another family member.
- You must notify your employer of your possible move.
- Sell or list your home for sale if they own it.
- File for change of address notification.

Dr. Scott and Mr. Connell addressed changes to parental custody.

- Both parents must be legitimized by the state of Georgia. Meaning both must be on the birth certificate.
- Non parental custodial changes must be presented to Hardship Committee
- Biggest issue is that GHSA rules don't match law of illegitimate children. Meaning just because parent may pay alimony, that doesn't qualify them as a parent. They must be present on the birth certificate in the state of Georgia. This change will ensure parents are legitimized by state law.
- Everything is appealable.

The changes to eligibility status through the years.

- A student athlete may enter the 9<sup>th</sup> grade with a Bonafide move and be eligible. If they have a Bonafide move in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, they will be eligible.
- But in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade if they attempt to move again, they will become migrant and ineligible for one calendar year. But that can be appealed.

- GHSA is working on adjusting the online FORM B so that it can showcase all of the past attending school information.

Motion to move proposal changes on to the Board of Trustees with appropriate changes in verbiage from GHSA attorney Alan Connell was put in motion by Holcombe. Philip Shiflet adopted it and Holcombe seconded. The vote by present committee members was unanimous 6-0.

The next Board of Trustees meeting is assigned June 4, 2025 at the GHSA office in Thomaston.

Holcombe's motion to adjourn the on-line meeting was adopted by Eli Dupree and seconded by Shiflet.