

# GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 11, 2022

A meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 9:00 a.m., on April 11, 2022, at the Marriott Macon City Center by Glenn White, President.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Curt Miller. The invocation was given by Carror Wright, Associate Director. Roll call by Steve Figueroa, Media Director, showed the following: Present - 74, Absent - 1 (indicated by "A" below)

Randy McPherson	Carl Green	Darrell Demastus	Jim Finch	Davis Russell	Jim Melton	Regina Montgomery
Hap Hines - sub	Don Breedlove	Garrett Black	John Sanders	Brian Montgomery	Kenny Epps - sub	Richard Woods
Matt Moody	Don Baker	Jeff Littleton	Doug Connelly	Rick Hurst	Scott Queen	David Colvard
Ed Shaddix	Steven Craft	Jeff Battles	James Jackson	Brian Turner	Julie Jones	Jason Miller
Tonya Sebring	Matt McDonald	Brooke Whitlock	Brent Mashburn	Jim Morrell	Chris Hanson	Philip Brown
Nathan Turner	Jody Dean	Marty Shiver	David Wagner	Jesse Crews	Brad Dehem	Craig Davis
Kirk Barton	Shane Ratliff	Charles Battles	Eli Connell	Bradley Warren	David Lowery	Joe Sanfilippo
Scarlett Grantham	Kevin May	Jasper Jewell	Cleve Edwards	Don Norton	Chad Jordan	Curt Miller
Jason Brett	Stephen Phillips - sub	Jarred Griffis	Michael Thompson	Harley Calhoun	Kevin Petroski	Glenn White
Steve Waters	Bobby Brewington	Michael Dowis	Von Lassiter	Michael Langston - A	Jose Fernandez	
Marty Jackson	Rendell Jackson	Shawn Peek	Myron Newton	Steve Simpson	Michelle Masters	

**Motion** was made by Simpson, seconded by Crews, and unanimously approved to adopt the agenda for the meeting.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

*(Committee reports constitute motions by the Chairman of the Committee, no seconds are required.)*

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Report presented by Jesse Crews

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

- Proposal** to expand the Lacrosse state championship divisions from two (2) to three (3), with a 24-team bracket in the 1A-4A division, a 32-team bracket in the 5A-6A division and a 16-team bracket in the 7A division. **(Vote: 11-2)**  
**Motion Passed 72-2** (Crews & Thompson voted no)
- Proposal** to modify By-Law 2.72 on page 34 of the GHSA Constitution as follows (new text in italic, old text is struck through): "Any player, coach, or team attendant who is ejected from a GHSA contest shall be suspended from all levels of competition (i.e., varsity or sub-varsity) in ~~that~~ *any* sport or activity (regular season or playoffs) until the period of suspension has expired." **(Vote: 13-0)**  
**Motion Passed (Unanimously)**
- Proposal** to approve GHSA budget for the 2022-23 school year. **(Vote: 13-0)**  
**Motion Passed (Unanimously)**
- Proposal** to return to six (6) classifications, while maintaining the Division 1 and Division 2 splits in Class A, for the 2024-26 school years. **(Vote: 12-0 on April 11, 2022)**  
**Motion Passed (Unanimously)**
- Proposal** to exempt students who entered a feeder school of a member high school in grades K-5 from any multiplier being applied during the reclassification process beginning with the 2024-26 school years. **(Vote: 12-0 on April 11, 2022)**  
**Motion Passed (Unanimously)**
- Proposal** to allow member private and charter schools to select a public school attendance zone within their county of residence that best reflects their student population for reclassification purposes only (not for student transfer eligibility). **(Vote: 12-0 on April 11, 2022)**  
**Motion Passed (Unanimously)**

The committee **DENIED**:

**Proposal** to allow a 5-day tryout period in the Spring for Girls Flag Football. **Effective Immediately. (Vote: 13-0)**

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**BASKETBALL COMMITTEE**

Report presented by Scarlett Grantham

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:**Proposal** to replace item A-1 on page 51 of the GHSA Constitution with the following text:

"A. In the First Round through the Quarterfinal Round, the higher-seeded teams will host (if equal seeds meet, a coin flip will determine the host school). In each of the first three rounds there are two dates of competition.

1. The girl's teams will play on the first night of the designated round, while the boy's teams will play on the second night of the round.
2. In the event that the same school hosts both the boys and girls games, the host school may petition to schedule a doubleheader with the following stipulations:
  - a. If a doubleheader is scheduled, it shall be scheduled to be played on the second playing date for that round. If more than two (2) schools are involved, they must all agree on the play date or the schools will play on the gender-designated date and there will not be a doubleheader.
  - b. If the day of the doubleheader is requested to be changed, all participating schools must agree to play the doubleheader on the requested date." (**Vote:** 7-0)

**Motion Passed (Unanimously)****LACROSSE COMMITTEE**

Report Presented by Kirk Barton

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:**Proposal** to replace By-Law 2.72- item 3-b on page 34 of the GHSA Constitution with the following text:

"GIRLS: Any player receiving a second yellow card is suspended from further participation in the game. She must leave the field and enter the penalty area for two minutes of elapsed playing time and no substitute may take her place during that two-minute period. Any player or coach given a red card for unsporting behavior or violent conduct will sit out two (2) games." (**Vote:** 4-0)

**Motion Passed (Unanimously)****TENNIS COMMITTEE**

Report Presented by Mike Thompson

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

1. **Proposal** to modify the first sentence of Item "D" on page 84 of the GHSA Constitution as follows (new text in italic): The format for all GHSA tennis matches *during the regular season, region tournaments and state playoffs* shall be three (3) singles matches and two (2) doubles matches *played on composition (hard) surfaces unless the competing schools agree to play on a non-composition surface prior to the match.* **Note:** Delete item A-4 on page 85 as it is no longer needed if this proposal passes. (**Vote:** 6-0)  
**Motion Passed (Unanimously)**
2. **Proposal** to add new paragraph "4" under General Information item "B" on page 83 of the GHSA Constitution to read as follows: "Any GHSA tennis match that is interrupted, such as by weather or darkness, and can not be completed that day should be resumed (if it is to be made up) from the exact point of interruption at a future date agreed upon by the competing schools." (**Vote:** 6-0)  
**Motion Passed (Unanimously)**

**WRESTLING COMMITTEE**

Report Presented by Nathan Turner

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

1. **Proposal** to increase the number of playing dates in girls wrestling from six to 20 in 2022-23 school year, moving towards wrestling becoming a true Dual Gender sport by 2023-24 school year. (**Vote:** 7-0)  
**Motion Passed (Unanimously)**
2. **Proposal** to increase the number of weight classes when girls are wrestling other girls from the current 10 to 14. (**Vote:** 7-0)  
**Motion Passed (Unanimously)**

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3. **Proposal** to assess a fee of \$2.00 per participating wrestler at the State Traditional Meet to help offset the cost of rental and cleanup of the facility. **(Vote: 7-0)**  
**Motion Passed (Unanimously)**

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

After Glenn White opened the meeting with a moment of silence in remembrance of long-time executive committee member Donnie Drew, who passed away recently, Executive Director Robin Hines also spoke of Drew's 32 years on the committee and what a loss his passing was for the GHSA. "What a great guy Donnie was," said Hines. "And what a great job he did for the GHSA for so many years. He will be greatly missed."

Hines then recognized Jimmy Dorsey, Gary Long and Jesse Crews for their recent induction into the GADA Hall of Fame.

The GHSA budget for 2022-23 was unanimously adopted and Hines took some time to go over several line items, telling the committee that there will be no increase in the GHSA budget for a third straight year. "We also have already committed to waiving dues for member schools for a third straight year and returning to them a check in the amount of their dues and catastrophic insurance. But we will take a closer look at the finances in August to see if we can't make those checks to our schools even bigger."

Hines called upon GHSA counsel Alan Connell, who gave the committee a brief update of two lingering legal suits involving the association. He was hopeful both would be resolved in the not-to-distant future.

Hines then gave a legislative update, walking the committee through the multi-step process that eventually resulted in an oversight committee being formed to work with the GHSA. "I welcome the oversight committee," said Hines. "I think it will be very positive to have people we can actually sit down and discuss things with. The transgender issue I am afraid will become political, but we are still looking at that to see what we need to do."

This being the final meeting for Glenn White as president, Hines spoke of the tremendous support and help he has received from White. He then presented White with a nice plaque to commemorate the 22 years he has spend on the committee, the past eight years as president.

White thanked Hines for the award, and thanked the committee for allowing him to serve as president.

Hines then opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Crews nominated Curt Miller to remain in the position. There were no other nominations and the committee unanimously reelected Miller.

Nominations were then taken for President. Crew nominated Jim Finch. There were no other nominations and Finch was elected unanimously.

Finch thanked the committee for his election. He also thanked White for giving him help and support as he considered running for the position. And Finch took time to speak of Donnie Drew. "Donny Drew replaced my daddy as principal of Commerce High School," said Finch. "So Donnie was always a connection to my daddy for me. Commerce had just two principals over the past 50 years."

Finch then turned the mic over to Miller, who thanked the committee for his reelection as Vice President.

**Motion** by Crews, second by Simpson, to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**