

# GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES March 16, 2022 (electronically)

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A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 1:30 p.m., on March 16, 2022 by Glenn White, President. The meeting was held electronically. Roll call showed the following: Present - 12; Absent - 1

Nathan Turner  
Steven Craft  
Kevin May  
Jasper Jewell

Jim Finch  
Michael Thompson  
Jesse Crews  
Kevin Petroski

Michelle Masters - A  
Regina Montgomery  
Jose Fernandez

Glenn White  
Curt Miller

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The Board of Trustees held a called electronic meeting to discuss several issues that have come to light because of recent legislation.

After president Glenn White called the meeting to order, he turned it over to Executive Director Robin Hines, who discussed the persistent items he heard mentioned during his many trips to the state legislature in Atlanta.

“Travel comes up time and time again,” said Hines. “And losing 17 schools did not help that issue. The other problem was the multiplier and how it is applied. I heard that over and over from state legislators. So I would like us now to commit to going back to six classifications the next time we reclassify, which will put more teams in each region and help with travel.

“Also I would like to see us tweak the multiplier so that it does not affect students who enter a school system in elementary school.”

The committee then discussed those issues and voiced unanimous support for both. A **motion** was then made by Regina Montgomery, and seconded by Jesse Crews, to add an agenda item to the Spring meeting of the State Executive Committee in April whereby the BOT highly recommended going back to six classifications (while maintaining the Division 1 and Division 2 splits in Class A) for the 2024-26 school years in order to help with travel. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Michael Thompson then made a **motion**, with a second from Crews, to add a separate agenda item for the April SEC meeting stating that the BOT recommends that any student entering a feeder school of a high school in grades K-5 would NOT be counted as an out-of-district student by any multiplier for reclassification purposes. That motion also **passed unanimously**.

More discussion ensued about further tweaking the multiplier so that private schools and charter schools could choose the public school whose attendance zone they used (within the county where the school resides) for reclassification purposes only.

Jasper Jewell then made a **motion**, seconded by Kevin May, to add an agenda item for the April meeting whereby the BOT recommends allowing private and charter schools to select a public school service area within their county of residence that best represents their student population for reclassification purposes only (not for student transfer eligibility). That motion **passed unanimously**.

After a discussion of the GHSA's financial situation, and at Dr. Hines' urging, Nathan Turner made a **motion** to again waive dues for member schools for the 2022-23 school year. Hines also said the GHSA would be writing each school a check for the amount of their dues and catastrophic insurance payment. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Hines also pointed out that the member private schools would be losing eight representatives from the State Executive Committee under the reclassification plan adopted for the 2022-24 school years, so he suggested adding private school representation to the Board of Trustees.

Crews made a **motion** to add a second private school member to the Board of Trustees. Jewell seconded the motion, which **passed unanimously**. Since this is a Constitutional change, it requires a second vote at least 30 days from today's meeting. Since the new State Executive Committee will be brought in for orientation and other items in May, it was decided to hold the second vote on this measure at that time.

Hines then informed the members of the committee that Jesse Crews had been inducted into the GADA Hall of Fame recently, and the committee members congratulated their colleague.

There being no further business, Crews made a **motion** to adjourn, Montgomery seconded, and it **passed unanimously**.