

# GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE June 23, 2020

The semiannual meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 1:30 p.m., on June 23, 2020, at the Thomaston-Upson County Civic Center by Glenn White, President.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Lisa Moore. The invocation was given by Carror Wright, Associate Director. Roll call by Steve Figueroa, Media Director, showed the following: Present - 64 Absent - 4

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|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Greg Tillery            | Kevin May        | Don Breedlove       | Shawn Peek        | David Boland - A       | Donnie Drew         |
| Chip Walker - sub       | Lamarr Glenn     | Taylor Brooks - sub | Ulysses Hawthorne | Jasper Jewell          | Michelle Masters    |
| Matthew Moody - sub     | John Kelly - A   | Kendall Mills - sub | James Stanford    | Berry Williams         | Regina Montgomery   |
| Tonya Sebring           | Steven Craft     | Brian Nelson - sub  | James Jackson     | Tim Armstrong          | Dawn Odom           |
| Nathan Turner           | Geep Cunningham  | Wade Marchman - A   | Brent Mashburn    | John Pinson            | Kandice Mitchell    |
| Scarlett Grantham - sub | Chris Brown      | Jose Fernandez      | Jeff Cooper       | Jesse Crews            | Richard Woods - sub |
| Kirk Barton             | David Shields    | Wes Shiver - sub    | Eli Connell - sub | Chad Griffin           | David Colvard       |
| Jon Weyher              | Shane Ratliff    | Britt Adams         | Jarrett Luke      | Harley Calhoun - sub   | Jason Miller        |
| Kevin Kinsler - A       | Curt Miller      | Jimmy Lawler        | Mike Thompson     | Mike Emery             | Philip Brown        |
| Earl Etheridge          | Bobby Brewington | Michael Dowis       | Rex Hodges        | Michael Langston - sub | Bobby McAllister    |
| Garrett Black           | Rendell Jackson  | Cleve Edwards       | Myron Newton      | Steve Simpson          | Carter Wilson - sub |

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

#### OLD BUSINESS:

**Second vote** on the following Constitutional proposal:

**Proposal** to expand the State Executive Committee to include one (1) representative from a member private school in Class AA or higher. (Henry County Schools)

**Motion** by Crews, seconded by White to **table** this proposal.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

#### 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**:

1. **Proposal** that GHSA establish a Second Dead Week on the GHSA Calendar for the Monday through Sunday in which Memorial Day falls each year. (The dead week would begin on Memorial Day and last until the following Sunday.) This would begin on Memorial Day in 2021. The July 4th Dead Week would also change to a Monday through Sunday format (in which the Fourth of July falls). (GHSA Office)

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

2. **Proposal** to create New Section 4.65 titled "Indemnification" to read as follows:  
The GHSA shall, to the extent legally permissible, indemnify each person who may serve or who has served at any time as an officer, committee member, employee or volunteer of the GHSA against all expenses and liabilities, including, without limitation, counsel fees, judgments, fines, excise taxes, penalties and settlement payments, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon such person in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding in which he or she may become involved by reason of his or her service in such capacity; provided that no indemnification shall be provided for any such person with respect to any matter as to which he or she shall have been finally adjudicated in any proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the GHSA; and further provided that any compromise or settlement payment, other than those funded by insurance, shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of GHSA Executive Committee who are not at that time parties to the proceeding. The GHSA may maintain insurance, at its expense, to protect any such person against any such liability, cost or expense. (GHSA Office)

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

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- Proposal** to reword By-Law 1.45, item "d" so that eight grade students participating on sub-varsity teams may play 70% of the varsity limit for that sport instead of the current rule of 60%. (Henry County Schools)

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

- The BOT unanimously chose **Michelle Masters** and **Regina Montgomery** as the recommendations for the two female at large members of the incoming State Executive Committee as outlined in Section 2, Item "A" on page 8 of the GHSA Constitution. These two recommendations will now be submitted for approval to the incoming SEC at a called meeting on June 24, 2020.

#### **BASEBALL COMMITTEE**

Report presented by Kevin May

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

**Proposal** to reword item "C" under General Information on page 47 of the Constitution so as to eliminate the requirement of doubleheaders during the 30-game regular season.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

#### **BASKETBALL COMMITTEE**

Report presented by Regina Montgomery

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

**Proposal** to mandate the use of a 30-second shot clock for all GHSA varsity games with a three-year phase-in period as follows:

Year 1 (2020 - 2021): Shot clock used only in approved Holiday Tournaments and Showcase games. Not allowed in region games or post season games.

Year 2 (2021 - 2022): Shot clock used in approved tournaments and showcase games. Also used in region play as a region decision.

Year 3 (2022 - 2023): Shot clock used in all varsity games including the State Playoffs.

**MOTION PASSED 53-10** (C. Miller, Sebring, Turner, Breedlove, Peek, Shields, Cunningham, Shiver, Ratliff and Dowis voting "no")

#### **TRACK / CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE**

Report presented by Steve Simpson

- Proposal** to eliminate Area meets and have all classes (A through 7A) be Region competitions in the sport of Cross Country.

**MOTION PASSED 59-4** (Grantham, Barton, Weyher and Fernandez voting "no")

- Proposal** that schools may enter three (3) athletes in each of the 14 individual events at Area/Region qualifying Track meets.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

- Proposal** that the GHSA adopt NFHS rule 4-2-1 that individual athletes may compete in any four (4) events, and also may be listed as one of eight (8) participants on Relays at Track meets.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

- Proposal** that all Area/Region schools are allowed only one (1) Relay Team entry per relay event with eight (8) names listed per relay at Area/Region qualifying Track meets.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

- Proposal** that the GHSA add the 4x800 Meter Relay to the list of Track events contested. **Note:** the track committee amended the proposal to include the provision that the 4x200 Meter Relay would be phased in by the spring of 2022.

**MOTION (as amended) PASSED (unanimously)**

#### **WRESTLING COMMITTEE**

Report presented by Nathan Turner

**Proposal** to delete in Section 16, Wrestling, State Finals Tournament under item "C" on page 91 the following sentence: "A wrestler who cannot wrestle (for any reason) at the State Tournament may be replaced by an alternate (from the same Sectional) at the time of weigh-in."

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

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**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Robin Hines introduced new Associate Director Tanya Anderson, who was promoted to the position after working in the GHSA office since 1995. He then informed the committee that Associate Director Tommy Whittle would be retiring at the end of this school year.

Hines mentioned that the GHSA would be hosting the Section III meeting of the NFHS this September in Savannah and he updated the committee on the state of the GHSA finances after the pandemic wiped out the entire spring sports season, telling them that the organization is in surprisingly good shape.

He then called on GHSA attorney Alan Connell, who gave the committee a brief legal update.

Hines then asked for nominations for the offices of President and Vice President of the GHSA. Crews nominated Glenn White, who was the only nominee for President and was therefore unanimously reelected.

Crews nominated Lisa Moore for Vice President and Craft nominated Curt Miller. Miller was then elected 38-24 with two abstentions in a roll call vote.

**Voting for Miller:** Tillery, Walker, Moody, Sebring, Turner, Grantham, Barton, Weyher, Black, May, Glenn, Craft, Cunningham, C. Brown, Shields, Ratliff, C. Miller, Breedlove, Brooks, Nelson, Fernandez, Shiver, Adams, Dowis, Edwards, Peek, Stanford, Cooper, Connell, Jewell, Armstrong, Emery, Drew, Masters, Colvard, P. Brown, McAllister, Wilson.

**Voting for Moore:** Etheridge, Brewington, Mills, Lawler, Hawthorne, J. Jackson, Mashburn, Luke, Thompson, Hodges, Newton, Williams, Pinson, Crews, Griffin, Cahoun, Langston, Simpson, Montgomery, Odom, Woods, J. Miller, White, Moore.

**Abstaining:** R. Jackson and K. Mitchell.

Hines then thanked the members who would be going off the committee after this meeting and he called upon GADA president Jasper Jewell, who directed the handing out of awards to statewide athletic directors, as the GADA annual meeting was canceled because of the pandemic.

White then thanked the committee for being reelected as President, indicating that this term would be his last. And he congratulated Curt Miller for being elected Vice President.

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

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**