

# GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

May 4, 2022

A meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 10:00 a.m., on May 4, 2022, at the Marriott Macon City Center 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 showed the following: Present - 62, Absent - 10 (indicated by "A" below)

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|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Danny Redshaw - A | Todd Mooney       | Darrell Demastus    | James Stanford   | Myron Newton       | Rick Hurst         | Regina Montgomery  |
| Evan Horton       | Willie Cannon     | Jeff Segars         | Shawn Peek       | Brian Montgomery   | Brian Turner - A   | Richard Woods - A  |
| Don Baker         | Tonya Sebring     | Jeff Battles        | Felecia Colquitt | Joshua Moore       | David Bell         | Justin Pauly - sub |
| Jason Dopson      | Steven Craft      | Marty Shiver        | Jasper Jewell    | Barry Williams     | Don Tison          | Jason Miller       |
| Matt Moody        | Brad Hayes        | Brooke Whitlock - A | Ronnie Massey    | Kevin Petroski     | Bradley Warren - A | Kevin Yancey       |
| Nathan Turner     | Garrett Black - A | Shane Ratliff       | Paul Standard    | Michael Thompson   | Eli Dupree         | Craig Davis - A    |
| Kirk Barton       | Kelli Smith       | Charles Battles     | Eli Connell      | Roger Holmes - sub | Don Norton         | Joe Sanfilippo     |
| Scarlett Grantham | Mindy Johnson     | Bobby Brewington    | Cleve Edwards    | Randy Cooper - A   | Josh Kemp - A      | Curt Miller        |
| Jason Brett       | James Jackson     | Jarred Griffis      | Kevin Grooms     | Tim Gribben - A    | Chad Jordan        | Jim Finch          |
| Steve Waters      | Rendell Jackson   | Michael Dowis       | Von Lassiter     | Richard Ricketts   | Steve Simpson      |                    |
| Cedric King       | Peter Giles       | Jeremy Rayburn      | Jesse Crews      | Brad Dehem         | Michelle Masters   |                    |

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

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Assistant Executive Director Ernie Yarbrough presented special officiating awards, including an NFHS lifetime achievement award to Bob Earwood, who officiated for 44 years and has worked with the GHSA in several areas for 46 years.
- Proposal** to add a second private school member to the Board of Trustees by modifying Section 3, item "A" on page 8 of the Constitution as follows (new text in italic, old text struck out): Membership of the Board of Trustees shall be composed of the President, Vice President and Executive Director, plus one member from each classification (as selected by a vote of the SEC representatives in that respective classification) and a total of ~~three (3)~~ *four (4)* at-large members (~~two (2)~~ *three (3)* of which shall be appointed by the BOT) that must include at least two (2) females and ~~one (1)~~ *two (2)* private school representatives, and all ~~three (3)~~ *four (4)* must be approved by a vote of the State Executive Committee. (GHSA Office) **NOTE: This is a Constitutional change and requires two (2) votes. This is the second vote**, as the proposal was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees on March 16, 2022.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

- Proposal** to modify paragraph "d" of by-law 1.41 on page 15 of the Constitution as follows (new text in italic, old text struck out): The GHSA requires that member schools use the ~~latest~~ *2018* edition of the preparticipation physical evaluation form approved by the American Academy of Pediatrics, et. al., Found on the GHSA web site. NOTE: Member schools having already done physicals for the 2022-23 school year need not repeat the evaluations. (GHSA Office)

**Motion** by Crews, second by Waters, to approve the proposal.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

- Proposal** to delete paragraph "b" of by-law 1.47 on page 16 of the Constitution and replace with the following text: A student's sex is determined by the sex noted on his/her certificate at birth. (GHSA Office)

**Motion** by Grantham, second by Demastus, to approve the proposal.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

- Executive Committee members of each classification, and the "at large" members, met in separate groups to vote on their respective choices to sit on the new Board of Trustees for the 2022-24 reclassification cycle. Below are the results (with the vote totals in parenthesis):

**Class 7A** - Nathan Turner (6-0)

**Class 6A** - Steven Craft (8-0)

**Class 5A** - Kelli Smith (6-0)

**Class 4A** - Jeff Battles (5-2)

**Class 3A** - Jasper Jewell (8-0)

**Class 2A** - Brian Montgomery (5-3)

**Class A, Div. 1** - Mike Thompson (5-0)

**Class A, Div. 2** - Steve Simpson (6-0)

**At-Large** - Michelle Masters (4-0)

(more)

6. There was a brief meeting of the newly selected members of the Board of Trustees to make their at-large nominations to be submitted to the full committee.

**Motion** by Craft, second by Finch, to nominate Jose Fernandez (Woodward), Regina Montgomery (McEachern) and Kevin Petroski (Athens Academy) to be at-large members on the Board of Trustees.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

7. **Proposal** to the full Executive Committee to approve all the newly-selected members of the Board of Trustees.

**Motion** by Craft, second by Waters, to approve the proposal.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Hines reminded the committee of the Student Leadership Conference on May 6 and then gave a brief summary of what happened to affect the GHSA during the recent legislative session. "We wound up with an oversight committee, which I support," said Hines. "I think communication back and forth is a good, good thing."

He also urged all the committee members, especially the 25 newly-elected ones, to make contact with their local representatives and develop a relationship with them so they better understand how the GHSA operates.

Hines closed by reminding the committee that the GHSA had committed to waiving membership dues for the third straight year, adding that the office will be sending a check to all members schools for at least the amount they would have paid in dues.

**Motion** by Horton, second by Demastus, to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**