

# 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 Thomaston-Upson County Civic 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)

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~~ *four* 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 (61-0-1, Pauly abstained)**

- 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)**