

# GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE November 12, 2019

The Reclassification Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 9:00 a.m., on November 12, 2019, at the GHSA office in Thomaston, Georgia, by Glenn White, President, to hear appeals about classification placements.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Lisa Moore Williams. The invocation was given by Associate Director Carror Wright. Present - 16; Absent - 0 (shown by "A" below)

Gary Long  
Greg Tillery  
Earl Etheridge  
John Kelly

Dexter Wood  
Curt Miller  
Jim Finch

Britt Adams  
James Jackson  
Shawn Peek

Jasper Jewell  
Myron Newton  
Jesse Crews

Donnie Drew  
Glenn White  
Lisa Moore Williams

#### APPOINTMENTS

**Woodward Academy** - Jose Fernandez, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go from 5A to 4A

**Motion** by Miller, second by Jewell, to **approve** the appeal

**MOTION Failed 9-7** (Long, Tillery, Kelly, Finch, Adams, Peek, Newton, Crews, White voting no)

**Starr's Mill** - Allen Leonard, Principal, presented the appeal to go from 5A to 4A

**Motion** by White, second by Finch, to **deny** the appeal

**MOTION Passed** (unanimously)

**St. Pius X** - Todd Mooney, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go from 6A to 5A

**Motion** by Williams, second by Adams, to **approve** the appeal

**MOTION Passed** (unanimously)

**Greater Atlanta Christian School** - Tim Hardy, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go from 4A to 3A

**Motion** by Etheridge, second by Wood, to **approve** the appeal

**MOTION Passed 14-2** (Finch and Crews voting no)

**KIPP Atlanta** - Myss Johnson-Jelks, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go from 4A to 2A

**Motion** by Wood, second by Miller, to **approve** the appeal

**MOTION Passed** (unanimously - Jewell abstained)

**North Springs High School** - Vince Strine, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go from 6A to 5A

**Motion** by Tillery, second by White, to **approve** the appeal

**MOTION Passed** (unanimously)

**Blessed Trinity** - Ricky Turner, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go from 5A to 4A

**Motion** by Finch, second by Adams, to **deny** the appeal

**MOTION Passed 9-7** (Wood, Miller, Jackson, Peek, Jewell, Newton, Williams voting no)

**Calhoun High School** - Brock Holley, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go from 5A to 4A

**Motion** by Crews, second by Miller, to **deny** the appeal

**MOTION Passed 12-3** (Etheridge, Wood and Drew voting no; Adams abstained)

**Dacula High School** - Zach Smith, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go from 7A to 6A

**Motion** by White, second by Jewell, to **approve** the appeal

**MOTION Passed** (unanimously)

**Bryan County High School** - Marcy Smith, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go from 2A to 1A

**Motion** by Crews, second by Jewell, to **approve** the appeal

**MOTION Passed** (unanimously)

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**Social Circle High School** - Tim Armstrong, Principal, presented the appeal to go from 2A to 1A

**Motion** by Miller, second by Etheridge, to **approve** the appeal

**MOTION Passed** (unanimously)

**Richmond Academy** - Jason Medlin, Principal, presented the appeal to go from 4A to 3A

**Motion** by Finch, second by Etheridge, to **deny** the appeal

**MOTION Failed 9-7** (Kelly, Wood, Miller, Adams, Jackson, Peek, Jewell, Newton and Drew voting no)

**Chamblee Charter School** - Bob Swank, Boys Lacrosse Coach, presented the appeal to go from 6A to 5A

**Motion** by Tillery, second by Etheridge, to **approve** the appeal

**MOTION Passed 10-5** (Long, Finch, Adams, Crews and Williams voting no, Jackson abstaining)

**Richmond Hill High School** - Mickey Bayens, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to be isolated down to 6A

**Motion** by Adams, second by Jewell, to **approve** the appeal

**MOTION Passed** (unanimously)

**Central Macon High School** - Emanuel Frazier, Principal, presented the appeal to go from 4A to 3A

**Motion** by Adams, second by Williams, to **approve** the appeal

**MOTION Passed** (unanimously)

**Screven County High School** - Brian Scott, Principal, presented the appeal to go from 2A to 1A

**Motion** by Etheridge, second by Miller, to **approve** the appeal

**MOTION Passed** (unanimously)

**Westover High School** - William Chunn, Principal, presented the appeal to go from 5A to 4A

**Motion** by Tillery, second by Jewell, to **approve** the appeal

**MOTION Passed** (unanimously)

**Druid Hills High School** - Documentation was presented for the appeal to go from 5A to 4A (a school emergency prevented any representation from the school.)

**Motion** by Etheridge, second by Miller, to **approve** the appeal

**MOTION Passed 15-1** (Finch voting no)

**Rutland High School** - Wendy Pooler, Principal, presented the appeal to go from 3A to 2A

**Motion** by Adams, second by White, to **deny** the appeal

**MOTION Passed** (unanimously)

After much discussion, Crews made a **motion** and received a second from Etheridge to vote on all the schools requesting to play up from Class A into Class 2A as a group.

**MOTION Passed 15-1** (Jewell voting no)

**Motion** by Crews, second by White, to **deny** the requests of all schools wanting to move up from 1A to 2A

**MOTION Passed 15-1** (Jewell voting no)

**Motion** by Peek, second by White, to **approve** the requests of all schools in the other classes asking to play up

**MOTION Passed** (unanimously)

The committee then reviewed the proposed **region alignments** submitted by the GHSA office.

**Motion** by White, second by Crews, to **approve** the proposal

**MOTION Passed** (unanimously)

**SEE ATTACHMENT OF THE REGION ALIGNMENTS**

**NOTE: The committee set the next meeting for Tuesday, November 19 at 9:00 a.m., in the GHSA office. Appeals for schools wishing a lateral transfer will be heard at that meeting along with any appeals from schools whose request to move up from 1A to 2A was denied.**

AAAAAAA (45)

1-AAAAAAA (4)

Camden County  
Colquitt County  
Lowndes  
Tift County

2-AAAAAAA (5)

Campbell  
East Coweta  
McEachern  
Newnan  
Pebblebrook

3-AAAAAAA (6)

Harrison  
Hillgrove  
Marietta  
North Cobb  
North Paulding  
Walton

4-AAAAAAA (6)

Brookwood  
Grayson  
Newton  
Parkview  
Shiloh  
South Gwinnett

5-AAAAAAA (6)

Alpharetta  
Cherokee  
Etowah  
Milton  
Roswell  
Woodstock

6-AAAAAAA (6)

Forsyth Central  
Gainesville  
Lambert  
North Forsyth  
South Forsyth  
West Forsyth

7-AAAAAAA (6)

Archer  
Berkmar  
Discovery  
Dunwoody  
Meadowcreek  
Norcross

8-AAAAAAA (6)

Collins Hill  
Duluth  
Mill Creek  
Mountain View  
North Gwinnett  
Peachtree Ridge

AAAAAA (56)

1-AAAAAA (4)

Houston County  
Lee County  
Northside, Warner Robins  
Valdosta

2-AAAAAA (7)

Bradwell Institute  
Brunswick  
Effingham County  
Glynn Academy  
Richmond Hill  
South Effingham  
Statesboro

3-AAAAAA (6)

Alcovy  
Evans  
Grovetown  
Heritage, Conyers  
Lakeside, Evans  
Rockdale County

4-AAAAAA (7)

Hughes  
Lakeside, DeKalb  
Lovejoy  
Morrow  
North Atlanta  
Tucker  
Westlake

5-AAAAAA (8)

Alexander  
Carrollton  
Dalton  
Douglas County  
East Paulding  
Paulding County  
Rome  
South Paulding

6-AAAAAA (9)

Allatoona  
Kell  
Kennesaw Mountain  
Lassiter  
Osborne  
Pope  
South Cobb  
Sprayberry  
Wheeler

7-AAAAAA (8)

Cambridge  
Centennial  
Chattahoochee  
Creekview  
Johns Creek  
River Ridge  
Riverwood  
Sequoyah

8-AAAAAA (7)

Buford  
Central Gwinnett  
Dacula  
Denmark  
Habersham Central  
Lanier  
Winder-Barrow

AAAAA (59)

1-AAAAA (5)

Coffee  
Veterans  
Ware County  
Warner Robins  
Wayne County

2-AAAAA (7)

Griffin  
Harris County  
Mcintosh  
Northgate  
Northside, Columbus  
Starr's Mill  
Whitewater

3-AAAAA (8)

Banneker  
Creekside  
Drew  
Forest Park  
Jonesboro  
Mundy's Mill  
Tri-Cities  
Woodward Academy

4-AAAAA (8)

Dutchtown  
Eagle's Landing  
Jones County  
Locust Grove  
Ola  
Stockbridge  
Union Grove  
Woodland, Stockbridge

5-AAAAA (9)

Chamblee  
Clarkston  
Cross Keys  
Decatur  
Lithonia  
M. L. King  
Southwest DeKalb  
St. Pius X  
Stone Mountain

6-AAAAA (7)

Chapel Hill  
Grady  
Jackson, Atlanta  
Lithia Springs  
New Manchester  
North Springs  
Villa Rica

7-AAAAA (7)

Blessed Trinity  
Calhoun  
Cartersville  
Cass  
Hiram  
Northview  
Woodland, Cartersville

8-AAAAA (8)

Apalachee  
Clarke Central  
Eastside  
Greenbrier  
Jackson County  
Johnson, Gainesville  
Loganville  
Walnut Grove

AAAA (53)

1-AAAA (6)

Bainbridge  
Cairo  
Dougherty  
Monroe  
Thomas County Central  
Westover

2-AAAA (9)

Carver, Columbus  
Columbus  
Hardaway  
Jordan  
Kendrick  
LaGrange  
Shaw  
Spencer  
Troup County

3-AAAA (5)

Benedictine  
Burke County  
Islands  
Jenkins  
New Hampstead

4-AAAA (5)

Baldwin  
Howard  
Perry  
Spalding  
West Laurens

5-AAAA (7)

Fayette County  
Hampton  
Luella  
McDonough  
Mt. Zion, Jonesboro  
North Clayton  
Riverdale

6-AAAA (7)

Arabia Mountain  
Druid Hills  
Hapeville  
Marist  
Mays  
Miller Grove  
Stephenson

7-AAAA (7)

Cedartown  
Central, Carroll  
Heritage, Catoosa  
Northwest Whitfield  
Pickens  
Ridgeland  
Southeast Whitfield

8-AAAA (7)

Cedar Shoals  
Chestatee  
East Hall  
Flowery Branch  
Jefferson  
Madison County  
North Oconee

AAA (60)

1-AAA (6)

Appling County  
Brantley County  
Liberty County  
Long County  
Pierce County  
Tattnall County

2-AAA (10)

Americus-Sumter  
Central, Macon  
Crisp County  
Jackson  
Mary Persons  
Peach County  
Pike County  
Rutland  
Upson-Lee  
Westside, Macon

3-AAA (7)

Beach  
Groves  
Johnson, Savannah  
Savannah  
Savannah Arts Academy  
Southeast Bulloch  
Windsor Forest

4-AAA (7)

Cross Creek  
Harlem  
Hephzibah  
Morgan County  
Richmond Academy  
Thomson  
Westside, Augusta

5-AAA (8)

Carver, Atlanta  
Cedar Grove  
Douglass, Atlanta  
Greater Atlanta Christian  
Redan  
Salem  
Sandy Creek  
Westminster

6-AAA (9)

Adairsville  
Coahulla Creek  
LaFayette  
Lakeview-Ft. Oglethorpe  
Murray County  
North Murray  
Ringgold  
Rockmart  
Sonoraville

7-AAA (7)

Cherokee Bluff  
Dawson County  
Gilmer  
Lumpkin County  
North Hall  
West Hall  
White County

8-AAA (6)

East Jackson  
Franklin County  
Hart County  
Monroe Area  
Oconee County  
Stephens County

AA (53)

1-AA (6)

Berrien  
Cook  
Early County  
Fitzgerald  
Thomasville  
Worth County

2-AA (7)

Bacon County  
East Laurens  
Jeff Davis  
Swainsboro  
Toombs County  
Vidalia  
Woodville-Tompkins

3-AA (7)

Bleckley County  
Dodge County  
Lamar County  
Monticello  
Northeast  
Southwest  
Washington County

4-AA (6)

Butler  
Glenn Hills  
Jefferson County  
Josey  
Laney  
Putnam County

5-AA (5)

Bremen  
Callaway  
Haralson County  
Heard County  
Temple

6-AA (9)

Columbia  
KIPP Atlanta Collegiate  
Lovett  
McNair  
South Atlanta  
Stilwell Arts  
Therrell  
Towers  
Washington

7-AA (6)

Chattooga  
Coosa  
Dade County  
Gordon Central  
Model  
Pepperell

8-AA (7)

Banks County  
Elbert County  
Fannin County  
Oglethorpe County  
Rabun County  
Riverside Military  
Union County



A Public (88)

1-A Public (10)

Baconton  
Brooks County  
Calhoun County  
Miller County  
Mitchell County  
Pataula Charter  
Pelham  
Randolph-Clay  
Seminole County  
Terrell County

2-A Public (7)

Atkinson County  
Charlton County  
Clinch County  
Irwin County  
Lanier County  
McIntosh County Academy  
Turner County

3-A Public (10)

Bryan County  
Claxton  
Emanuel County Institute  
Jenkins County  
Johnson County  
Metter  
Montgomery County  
Portal  
Screven County  
Treutlen

4-A Public (7)

Dooly County  
Dublin  
Hawkinsville  
Telfair County  
Twiggs County  
Wheeler County  
Wilcox County

5-A Public (9)

Central, Talbotton  
Chattahoochee County  
Greenville  
Macon County  
Manchester  
Marion County  
Schley County  
Stewart County  
Taylor County

6-A Public (6)

Armuchee  
B.E.S.T Academy  
Bowdon  
Gordon Lee  
Mt. Zion, Carroll  
Trion

7-A Public (6)

ACE Charter  
Crawford County  
Georgia Military College  
Glascock County  
Hancock Central  
Wilkinson County

8-A Public (7)

Commerce  
Greene County  
Lincoln County  
Social Circle  
Towns County  
Warren County  
Washington-Wilkes

NFB-A Public (26)

Atlanta Classical  
Baker County  
Barrow  
Coretta Scott King Academy  
Davidson Fine Arts  
DeKalb School of the Arts  
Drew Charter School  
Echols County  
Elite Scholars Academy  
Fulton Leadership Academy  
Furlow Charter  
Georgia Academy for Blind  
Georgia School for Deaf  
GSIC  
Johnson, Augusta  
Lake Oconee Academy  
Morris Innovative  
Quitman County  
Rainey-McCullers  
Savannah Classical Academy  
Savannah Early College  
Steam Academy  
Taliaferro County  
Technical Career Magnet  
Webster County  
Woody Gap

A Private (54)

1-A Private (6)

Deerfield-Windsor  
First Presbyterian  
Mount de Sales Academy  
Stratford Academy  
Strong Rock Christian  
Tattnall Square Academy

2-A Private (4)

Eagle's Landing Christian  
Landmark Christian  
Our Lady of Mercy  
Whitefield Academy

3-A Private (4)

Aquinas  
Calvary Day School  
Savannah Christian  
Savannah Country Day

4-A Private (4)

Brookstone  
Heritage, Newnan  
St. Anne-Pacelli  
Trinity Christian

5-A Private (7)

Hebron Christian Academy  
Holy Innocents'  
Mount Vernon  
Mt. Pisgah Christian  
Pace Academy  
Providence Christian  
Wesleyan

6-A Private (5)

Fellowship Christian  
King's Ridge  
Lakeview Academy  
Pinecrest Academy  
St. Francis

7-A Private (5)

Christian Heritage  
Darlington  
Mt. Paran Christian  
North Cobb Christian  
Walker

8-A Private (5)

Athens Academy  
Athens Christian  
George Walton Academy  
Loganville Christian  
Prince Avenue Christian

NFB-A Private (14)

Atlanta International  
Atlanta Jewish Academy  
Ben Franklin Academy  
Brandon Hall  
Excel Christian  
Galloway  
Greenforest Christian  
Mt. Bethel Christian  
Paideia  
Southwest Atlanta Christian  
St. Vincent's Academy  
Tallulah Falls  
W. D. Mohammed  
Weber School

468 Schools