

# GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE November 19, 2019

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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

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#### APPOINTMENTS

**Christian Heritage School** - Chad Jordan, AD, presented the appeal to go from Class A to Class 2A

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

**MOTION Passed 15-0-1** (White abstained)

**Coretta Scott King High Academy** - Vernise Harris-Hill, AD, presented the appeal to go from Class A to Class 2A

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

**MOTION Passed 15-0-1** (Jewell abstained)

**Darlington School** - Eddie Guth, AD, presented the appeal to go from Class A to Class 2A

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

**MOTION Passed 15-0-1** (White abstained)

**Davidson Fine Arts** - George Bailey, AD Richmond County Schools, presented the appeal to go from Class A to Class 2A

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

**MOTION Passed 15-0-1** (Newton abstained)

**Elite Scholars Academy** - Shonda Shaw, Principal, presented the appeal to go from Class A to Class 2A

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

**MOTION Passed** (unanimous)

**Holy Innocents' Episcopal School** - Tony Watkins, AD, presented the appeal to go from Class A to Class 2A

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

**MOTION Passed** (unanimous)

**Johnson-Augusta** - George Bailey, AD Richmond County Schools, presented the appeal to go from Class A to Class 2A

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

**MOTION Passed 15-0-1** (Newton abstained)

**Pace Academy** - Fred Assaf, Headmaster, presented the appeal to go from Class A to Class 2A

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

**MOTION Passed** (unanimous)

**Technical Career Magnet** - George Bailey, AD Richmond County Schools, presented the appeal to go from Class A to Class 2A

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

**MOTION Passed 15-0-1** (Newton abstained)

**Wesleyan School** - Marc Khedouri, AD, presented the appeal to go from Class A to Class 2A

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

**MOTION Passed 12-3-1** (Long, Etheridge, Wood voted no; Jewell abstained)

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**Westside-Macon High School** - Williams Smith, Principal, presented the appeal to go from Class 3A to Class 2A

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

**MOTION Passed** (unanimous)

**Wayne County High School** - Jay Brinson, Superintendent Wayne County Schools, presented the appeal for isolation

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

**MOTION Passed 15-0-1** (Etheridge abstained)

**Burke County High School** - Wade Marchman, AD, presented the appeal for isolation

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

**MOTION Passed 15-0-1** (Etheridge abstained)

**Brooks County High School** - Charles Perry, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 1 to Region 2 in A-Public

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

**MOTION Passed 15-0-1** (Crews abstained)

**McIntosh County Academy** - Chris Wolski, Principal, presented the appeal to move from Region 2 to Region 3 in A-Public

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

**MOTION Passed** (unanimous)

**Johnson County High School** - Don Norton, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 3 to Region 4 in A-Public

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

**MOTION Passed** (unanimous)

**Montgomery County High School** - Tim Suttles, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 3 to Region 4 in A-Public

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

**MOTION Passed** (unanimous)

**ELCA** - Doug Campbell, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 2 to Region 1 or Region 5 in A-Private

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

**MOTION Passed 15-0-1** (Miller abstained)

**Treutlen High School** - Steve Versprille, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 3 to Region 4 in A-Public

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

**MOTION Passed** (unanimous)

**Twiggs County High School** - Elgin Dixon, Superintendent, presented the appeal to move from Region 4 to Region 7 in A-Public

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

**MOTION Passed** (unanimous)

**Central-Talbotton** - Cedric Stegall, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 5 to Region 7 in A-Public

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

**MOTION Passed** (unanimous)

**Dalton High School** - Steve Bartoo, Principal, presented the appeal for isolation

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

**MOTION Passed 15-0-1** (Adams abstained)

**Dalton High School** - Steve Bartoo, Principal, presented the appeal to move from Region 5 to Region 6 in Class 6A

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

**MOTION Failed 8-7-1** (Long, Tillery, Etheridge, Kelly, Miller, Jewell, White and Moore voted no ;Adams abstained)

**Warren County High School** - Carole Jean Carey, Superintendent, presented the appeal to move from Region 8 to 7 in A-Public

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

**MOTION Passed** (unanimous)

**Mt. Pisgah School** - Ryan Livezey, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 5 to Region 6 in A-Private

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

**MOTION Passed** (unanimous)

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**Northview High School** - Brian Downey, Principal, presented the appeal to move from Region 7 to Region 5 in Class 5A

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

**MOTION Passed** (unanimous)

**Woodward Academy** - Jose Fernandez, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 3 to Region 2 in Class 5A

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

**MOTION Passed 14-2** (Jewell and Wood voted no)

**Denmark High School** - Nathan Turner, AD, presented the appeal to move from Class 6A to Class 7A

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

**MOTION Passed** (unanimous)

**Fannin County High School** - Eric Cioffi, Principal, presented the appeal to move from Region 8 to Region 7 in Class 2A

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

**MOTION Passed 13-1-2** (Long voted no; Finch and White abstained)

**Shiloh High School** - Robert Wilson, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 4 to Region 7 in Class 7A

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

**MOTION Passed 12-4** (Moore, Jewell, Jackson and Newton voted no)

**Oglethorpe County High School** - Bill Sampson, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 8 to Region 4 in Class 2A

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

**MOTION Passed 15-1** (Newton voted no)

**Washington County High School** - Tyrone Gonder, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 3 to Region 4 in Class 2A

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

**MOTION Passed** (unanimous)

**Turner County High School** - Chris Wade, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 2 to Region 4 in A-Public

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

**MOTION Passed 14-1-1** (Tillery voted no; Crews abstained)

**The Weber School** - Scott Seagraves, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 5 to Region 6 in A-Private

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

**MOTION Passed** (unanimous)

**Duluth High School** - Eric Davidson, Principal, presented the appeal to move from Region 8 to Region 7 in Class 7A

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

**MOTION Passed 15-0-1** (Long abstained)

**Hebron Christian Academy** - Taylor Davis, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 5 to Region 6 or 8 in Class A-Private

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

**MOTION Passed 9-7** (Jewell, Peek, Etheridge, Wood, Miller, Kelly and Jackson voted no)

**Ware County High School** - David Shields, AD, presented the appeal for isolation

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

**MOTION Passed 11-5** (Wood, Jewell, Crews, Etheridge and Miller voted no)

**Salem High School** - Jarrett Laws, Football Coach, presented the appeal to move from Region 5 to Region 8 in Class 3A

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

**MOTION Passed** (unanimous)

**Liberty County High School** - Kirk Warner, Football Coach, presented the appeal to move from Region 1 to Region 3 in Class 3A

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

**MOTION Passed** (unanimous)

**Alpharetta High School** - Dustin Rennspies, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 5 to Region 6 in Class 7A

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

**MOTION Passed** (unanimous)

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**Newton High School** - Vincent Byams, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 4 to Region 7 in Class 7A

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

**MOTION Passed** (unanimous)

**Rutland High School** - Barney Hester, Bibb County AD, presented the appeal to move from Class 3A to Class 4A

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

**MOTION Passed 15-0-1** (Finch abstained)

**Westside-Macon High School** - Barney Hester, Bibb County AD, presented the appeal to move from Class 3A to Class 4A

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

**MOTION Passed 15-0-1** (Finch abstained)

The committee discussed mandating cross-over football games in Class 1A-Private, but tabled the issue for more study.

**Motion** by White, second by Moore, to **adjourn** the meeting

**MOTION Passed** (unanimous)

**NOTE: The new region alignments after the approved changes follow these minutes**

AAAAAAA (46)

(\* Schools Not Playing Football)

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 (7)

Denmark  
Forsyth Central  
Gainesville  
Lambert  
North Forsyth  
South Forsyth  
West Forsyth

7-AAAAAAA (7)

Archer  
Berkmar  
Discovery  
Duluth  
Dunwoody  
Meadowcreek  
Norcross

8-AAAAAAA (5)

Collins Hill  
Mill Creek  
Mountain View  
North Gwinnett  
Peachtree Ridge

AAAAAA (55)

(\* Schools Not Playing Football)

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 (6)

Buford  
Central Gwinnett  
Dacula  
Habersham Central  
Lanier  
Winder-Barrow

AAAAA (59)

(\* Schools Not Playing Football)

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 (10)

Chamblee  
Clarkston  
Cross Keys  
Decatur  
Lithonia  
M. L. King  
Northview  
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 (6)

Blessed Trinity  
Calhoun  
Cartersville  
Cass  
Hiram  
Woodland, Cartersville

8-AAAAA (8)

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

AAAA (54)

(\* Schools Not Playing Football)

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 (4)

Benedictine  
Islands  
Jenkins  
New Hampstead

4-AAAA (7)

Baldwin  
Howard  
Perry  
Rutland  
Spalding  
West Laurens  
Westside, Macon

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 (58)

(\* Schools Not Playing Football)

1-AAA (5)

Appling County  
Brantley County  
Long County  
Pierce County  
Tattnall County

2-AAA (8)

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

3-AAA (8)

Beach  
Groves  
Johnson, Savannah  
Liberty County  
Savannah  
Savannah Arts Academy\*  
Southeast Bulloch  
Windsor Forest

4-AAA (7)

Burke County  
Cross Creek  
Harlem  
Hephzibah  
Morgan County  
Richmond Academy  
Thomson

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 (60)

(\* Schools Not Playing Football)

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 (11)

Butler  
Davidson Fine Arts\*  
Glenn Hills  
Jefferson County  
Johnson, Augusta\*  
Josey  
Laney  
Oglethorpe County  
Putnam County  
Technical Career Magnet\*  
Westside, Augusta

5-AA (5)

Bremen  
Callaway  
Haralson County  
Heard County  
Temple

6-AA (12)

Columbia  
Coretta Scott King Academy\*  
Elite Scholars Academy\*  
KIPP Atlanta Collegiate  
Lovett  
McNair  
Pace Academy  
South Atlanta  
Stilwell Arts\*  
Therrell  
Towers  
Washington

7-AA (7)

Chattooga  
Coosa  
Dade County  
Fannin County  
Gordon Central  
Model  
Pepperell

8-AA (5)

Banks County  
Elbert County  
Rabun County  
Riverside Military  
Union County

A Public (83)

(\* Schools Not Playing Football)

1-A Public (13)

Baconton  
Baker County\*  
Brooks County  
Calhoun County  
Miller County  
Mitchell County  
Pataula Charter  
Pelham  
Quitman County\*  
Randolph-Clay  
Seminole County  
Terrell County  
Webster County\*

2-A Public (7)

Atkinson County  
Charlton County  
Clinch County  
Echols County\*  
Irwin County  
Lanier County  
Turner County

3-A Public (11)

Bryan County  
Claxton  
Emanuel County Institute  
Jenkins County  
McIntosh County Academy  
Metter  
Portal  
Savannah Classical Academy\*  
Savannah Early College\*  
Screven County  
Steam Academy\*

4-A Public (9)

Dooly County  
Dublin  
Hawkinsville  
Johnson County  
Montgomery County  
Telfair County  
Trenton  
Wheeler County  
Wilcox County

5-A Public (11)

Central, Talbotton  
Chattahoochee County  
Furrow Charter\*  
Greenville  
Macon County  
Manchester  
Marion County  
Rainey-McCullers\*  
Schley County  
Stewart County  
Taylor County

6-A Public (12)

Armuchee  
Atlanta Classical\*  
B.E.S.T Academy  
Bowdon  
DeKalb School of the Arts\*  
Drew Charter School\*  
Fulton Leadership Academy\*  
Georgia School for Deaf\*  
Gordon Lee  
Morris Innovative\*  
Mt. Zion, Carroll  
Trion

7-A Public (11)

ACE Charter  
Crawford County  
Georgia Academy for Blind\*  
Georgia Military College  
Glascocock County  
GSIC\*  
Hancock Central  
Taliaferro County\*  
Twiggs County  
Warren County  
Wilkinson County

8-A Public (9)

Barrow\*  
Commerce  
Greene County  
Lake Oconee Academy\*  
Lincoln County  
Social Circle  
Towns County  
Washington-Wilkes  
Woody Gap\*

A Private (53)

(\* Schools Not Playing Football)

1-A Private (6)

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

2-A Private (10)

Atlanta Jewish Academy\*  
Ben Franklin Academy\*  
Eagle's Landing Christian  
Greenforest Christian\*  
Landmark Christian  
Our Lady of Mercy  
Paideia\*  
Southwest Atlanta Christian\*  
W. D. Mohammed\*  
Whitefield Academy

3-A Private (5)

Aquinas  
Calvary Day School  
Savannah Christian  
Savannah Country Day  
St. Vincent's Academy\*

4-A Private (4)

Brookstone  
Heritage, Newnan  
St. Anne-Pacelli  
Trinity Christian

5-A Private (7)

Atlanta International\*  
Galloway\*  
Hebron Christian Academy  
Holy Innocents'  
Mount Vernon  
Providence Christian  
Wesleyan

6-A Private (9)

Brandon Hall\*  
Fellowship Christian  
King's Ridge  
Lakeview Academy  
Mt. Bethel Christian\*  
Mt. Pisgah Christian  
Pinecrest Academy  
St. Francis  
Weber School\*

7-A Private (6)

Christian Heritage  
Darlington  
Excel Christian\*  
Mt. Paran Christian  
North Cobb Christian  
Walker

8-A Private (6)

Athens Academy  
Athens Christian  
George Walton Academy  
Loganville Christian  
Prince Avenue Christian  
Tallulah Falls\*

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