

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
GHSA OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Mercedes-Benz Stadium

DECEMBER 15, 2025 11:00 AM

GHSA OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Bert Brantley, Tommy Allen, Jute Wilson, Dr. Samuel King, Jasper Jewel, Alan Smith, Chris Freer, Jesse Crews, Dr. Craig Davis, Evan Horton

Jesse Crews called meeting to order, Alan Smith led the “Pledge of Allegiance. Marvin James did the invocation and Craig Davis took the roll.

Adoption of Agenda, Jesse Crews, Chairman

Jasper Jewell made the motion, second by Jute Wilson

GHSA Office Report

Effect of 1.60 new Transfer by-law 1.60 implemented August 1, 2025

Dr. Scott discussed the new transfer rule with the committee. The rule is designed to make sure students are not only moving for athletic purposes. The GHSA is an education-based organization. When a student has multiple transfers over a 4-year period it is not what is best for their education. Students are allowed to enter any school they wish as a freshman and make one bona fide move or transfer, after the first move or transfer the student must submit a hardship to show the move is not for athletic purposes. All moves or transfers are appealable.

New regions

The process for reclassification was explained to the committee. The reclassification committee began meeting January of 2025 discussing different opportunities to reclassify schools and did vote to keep the process the same using the school’s FTE count. This process was presented to the 68-member Executive Committee for approval.

Committee looking at public / private schools for placement in state playoffs

The Executive Committee asked the Executive Director to put a committee together of private and public schools to discuss how the Post Season Ranking formula would affect their region and hosting home field. This committee will meet and work on language in the by-laws that both private and public school can agree on. This will need to be approved at the April Executive Committee meeting.

GHSA Foundation, Inc.

Dr. Hines discussed with the committee the GHSA starting a foundation GHSA Foundation, Inc. This foundation will provide scholarships to member school students for post-secondary education. The GHSA Foundation, Inc. will be overseen by a seven-member Board of Directors. The Board will include three former members of the Executive Committee, three former or current high school educators or athletic department employees, and one former or current member of the Georgia legislature. At no time may any active member of the GHSA Executive Committee serve as a Director on the Foundation Board.

State Championship numbers ticket sales

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| Cheerleading State Championships | 24-25 8390 tickets sold | 25-26 8193 tickets sold |
| Football State Championship | 24-25 56,532 tickets sold | |
| Softball State Championship | 24-25 8323 tickets sold | 25-26 6919 tickets sold (Rain) |
| Volleyball State Championship | 24-25 3632 tickets sold | 25-26 3255 tickets sold |

Official's training, pay and numbers

The GHSA office shared the officials pay scale as it compares to the south eastern states in section III of the NFHS. It is also shared how the GHSA office attends job fairs around the state to recruit officials. The office also shared that there has been a slight increase in officials over the last few years.

Flag Football growth relationship with the Falcons

The GHSA office shared the great partnership they have with the Atlanta Falcons and the Arthur Blank Family Foundation and with the support of our legislators and the first of its kind resolution, HR 347 Flag Football has seen amazing growth.

By law 1.71 and 1.72 review Gainesville Brunswick issues. Fight plan for schools

The GHSA office shared that they are working with schools to improve sportsmanship and have a sound plan to provide students with the safest environment possible to play its contests.

Legislative update

Dr. Robin Hines provided an update on what we could see in this next legislative session.

Select Next Oversight Committee Meeting Date

Next meeting is June 23, 2026 at 11:00AM

Motion to adjourn Alan Smith second by Craig Davis