

**Georgia High School Association
Executive Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes
GHSA Office – Thomaston, Georgia
June 23, 2026 11:00 a.m.**

Call to Order

The meeting of the GHSA Executive Oversight Committee was called to order by Chairman Jesse Crews at 11:00 a.m. at the GHSA Office in Thomaston, Georgia. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tim Scott; Invocation was given by Carror Wright and roll call was taken by Marvin James.

GHSA Office Report

1. Effect of New Transfer By-Law 1.60

Dr. Scott provided the committee with an update on the implementation of **By-Law 1.60**, which became effective on **August 1, 2025**. He reported that the by-law has had a significant impact on transfer activity across the state. During the **2024–2025** school year, the GHSA processed **5,916 transfer requests**. During the **2025–2026** school year, the number decreased to **4,744 transfer requests**, representing a reduction of **1,172 transfer requests**.

2. Sportsmanship Initiative

Dr. Scott updated the committee on the GHSA's new statewide sportsmanship initiative.

He reported that the GHSA is partnering with the:

- Georgia Association of Secondary School Principals (GASSP)
- Georgia Athletic Directors Association (GADA)
- Georgia Athletic Coaches Association (GACA)

to develop a comprehensive sportsmanship and character education program. The committee was informed that **2Words Character Development** has been selected to work with the GHSA and its partner organizations in creating the program.

Development of the initiative will occur throughout the **2026–2027** school year, with statewide implementation planned for the **2027–2028** school year.

The overall objective of the initiative is to significantly reduce unsportsmanlike behavior while promoting positive character, respect, and sportsmanship among student-athletes, coaches, spectators, and school communities.

3. Private School State Playoffs

Dr. Scott informed the committee that discussions regarding the future structure of private school state playoffs continue. He advised that he is scheduled to meet with representatives from a group of private schools on **July 20, 2026**, to discuss possible ideas and receive feedback regarding future playoff formats.

4. GHSA Foundation, Inc.

Dr. Robin Hines provided an update on the progress of establishing the **GHSA Foundation, Inc.** Dr. Hines reported that the organizational work continues to move forward and that the Foundation is expected to award its first scholarships during the **Spring of 2027**.

The Foundation's initial goal is to provide **20 scholarships valued at \$5,000 each** to deserving GHSA student-athletes.

5. Officials' Training, Recruitment, and Compensation

Dr. Scott reported on the continued growth of GHSA registered officials. The committee was informed that the total number of registered officials increased from **6,045** during the **2024–2025** school year to **6,575** during **2025–2026**, an increase of **530 officials**. Dr. Scott noted that recruitment efforts continue across all sports and remain a major priority for the Association.

The committee also reviewed the current officials' pay scale for all GHSA sports. Dr. Scott stated that the GHSA remains committed to offering some of the highest officials' compensation in the southeastern United States in order to attract and retain quality officials.

Legislative Update

Dr. Robin Hines presented a legislative update to the committee. He reviewed changes made during the recent legislative session to the **Dexter Mosley Act** and discussed how those revisions may affect GHSA member schools and student-athletes.

Next Meeting

The committee selected the next Executive Oversight Committee meeting date as:

Tuesday, December 15, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Mercedes-Benz Stadium

Atlanta, Georgia

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.