

**GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
GHSA EXECUTIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

GHSA Office Thomaston, Georgia

June 26, 2025 – 11:00 a.m.

Bert Brantley-Zoom	Chris Freer – Zoom	Tommy Allen – Zoom	Dr. Samuel King – Zoom	Dr. Craig Davis
Evan Horton	Jute Wilson	Jasper Jewel	Alan Smith	Jesse Crews

A call to order was made by Chairman Jesse Crews. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chairman, Alan Smith. GHSA Associate Director, Carror Wright performed the invocation. Craig Davis called the roll and there was 100% attendance with 6 present and 4 present via Zoom. Chairman Crews called for a motion to amend the agenda to discuss officiating numbers and executive oversight committee term limits. Evans motioned to amend the agenda and Davis seconded. Next Evans motioned to adopt the new agenda and Smith seconded.

Executive Director, Tim Scott, shared information on By-Law Changes 1.60-1.69 regarding transfers - changes which will go in effect mid-July. Scott also shared the increase of fines for coaches missing rule clinics and revoking coach's passes until they finish their requirements.

Scott offered a reclassification update, stating that the reclass committee has elected to keep things the same way until the next cycle. They will also use the PSR system for all classifications.

Coming up this Girls Flag Football season, GHSA is strongly recommended to use protective headgear to help aid in the protection and prevention of concussion like incidents. Thanks to Georgia legislature for the urging resolution to call for schools to promote flag football in middle/high schools. The Arthur Blank Foundation and the Atlanta Falcons have also donated \$10,000 to schools who are just starting their program, while offering \$5,000 to those who already have programs. Programs in Georgia have grown from 268 to 310 teams and currently rank 2nd overall nationally behind the state of Florida.

Dr. Scott wrapped up his discussion with GHSA personnel changes. The GHSA has added Associate Director, Merri Sherman, to take over soccer and softball beginning July 1st. And he also added that the GHSA has waved dues and catastrophic insurance for member schools for the 6th year in a row.

GHSA liaison, Robin Hines, shared that the GHSA is in preliminary discussions for beginning a Foundation for student scholarships. It's been a plan in the making for quite some time. Details will be announced at a later date. He also provided a brief legislative update, on the Riley Gaines Act which states that in Georgia no biological male may compete with biological females. He closed with information on the Promise Voucher which is a \$6500 scholarship available to the schools in the bottom 25%, more discussions will be had once things develop more.

Alan Smith spoke out about the need to continue recruiting officials. Dr. Scott addressed the need as important and ongoing. He also add that the numbers have increased to about 5600, still short from pre Covid numbers at 6800 but still showing a steady increase in officials.

A brief discussion was held regarding term limits for members of the oversight committee.

Next meeting is December 15th at 11:00am at MBS during the GHSA 2025 Football & Flag Football Finals

Proposal to Adjourn by Jasper, seconded by Horton.