



**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
HARDSHIP APPEALS – FALL – FOOTBALL
August 27, 2024**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 3, Paragraph 1 of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. (AIA) Constitution, a special meeting of the Executive Board was held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at the AIA Office, 7007 N 18th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85020.

President Matt Belden called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

Members in Attendance:

William Duarte, 1A Conference (Superior High School)
Toni Corona, CAA, 3A Conference (Safford High School)
Matt Belden, 4A Conference (Glendale Union High School District)
Nathan Slater, 5A Conference (Scottsdale Unified School District)
Jennifer Burks, 6A Conference (Perry High School)
Tim Carter, Cognia (Yavapai County School Superintendent)
Missy Townsend, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Prescott High School)
David Verdugo, Arizona School Administrators (Santa Cruz Valley School District – Rio Rico)
Steve Johnson, Arizona School Boards Association (CAVIT)
David Hines, AIA Executive Director

Members Absent:

Tiarra Yazzie, 2A Conference (Hopi High School)

AIA Staff Present:

Rosa Leon, Legal Counsel
Jim Dean, Associate Executive Director
Erin Coy, Associate Executive Director
Tayler Coady, Executive Administrative Assistant

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – AUGUST 12, 2024

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the adoption of the August 27, 2024 agenda.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

On a motion made, seconded and carried, President Belden, in accordance with Article 6, Section 3, Paragraph 3, Subparagraph 2 of the AIA Constitution, called for the following Executive Sessions to receive report from legal counsel:

- ✓ 8:00 am – 9:02 am
- ✓ 9:15 am – 7:18 pm

REGULAR MEETING:

BOYS' BEACH VOLLEYBALL – EMERGING SPORT

Tommy Eubanks, Mesa Public Schools District Athletic Director, shared the survey results regarding boys' beach volleyball becoming an emerging sport for the 2024-2025 school year.

64 member schools responded with 23 total schools showing interest in starting a boys' beach volleyball team for the 2024-2025 fall season.

Mr. Eubanks indicated that he would work with the schools that have shown interest to create a schedule. Based on the number of schools participating it would be about a 6-7 week season, two games a week (Mondays and Wednesdays) with ten games per team.

On a motion made, seconded, and carried the Executive Board **approve** boys' beach volleyball as an emerging sport beginning the 2024-2025 school year.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL

REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – AGE RULE / BIRTH RECORD RULE

*15.6.1 **Age Limits** – If a student becomes 19 years of age on or after September 1, he/she is eligible to compete for the remainder of that school year. If he/she becomes 19 years of age before September 1, he/she is not eligible for any part of that school year.*

❖ Higley High School

On a motion made, seconded, and carried the Executive Board **denied** the above eligibility appeal.

HARDSHIP APPEALS

The following representatives entered the meeting for a student eligibility appeal and left upon completion of their presentations:

<u>Sahuaro*</u>	Steve Botkin - Athletic Director, Parent, Student
<u>Hamilton</u>	Brett Palmer - Athletic Director, Eric O'Connor - Attorney, Parents, Student Saguaro – Matt Harris – Athletic Director, Nathan Slater - District Athletic Director, Attorney
<u>Hamilton</u>	Brett Palmer - Athletic Director, Eric O'Connor - Attorney, Parents, Student Saguaro – Matt Harris – Athletic Director, Nathan Slater - District Athletic Director, Attorney
<u>Hamilton</u>	Brett Palmer - Athletic Director, Eric O'Connor - Attorney, Parent Saguaro – Matt Harris – Athletic Director, Nathan Slater - District Athletic Director, Attorney
<u>Hamilton</u>	Brett Palmer - Athletic Director, Eric O'Connor - Attorney, Parents Saguaro – Matt Harris – Athletic Director, Nathan Slater - District Athletic Director, Attorney
<u>Basha</u>	Eric Magana - Athletic Director, Parents, Student Hamilton – Brett Palmer – Athletic Director
<u>Chandler</u>	Jim Culver - Athletic Director, Legal Counsel, Parents, Student, Sister Saguaro – Matt Harris – Athletic Director, Nathan Slater - District Athletic Director, Attorney
<u>Mountain Pointe</u>	Aaron Frana - Athletic Director, Legal Counsel, Parents, Student Saguaro – Matt Harris – Athletic Director, Nathan Slater - District Athletic Director, Attorney
<u>Liberty</u>	Eric Gardner - Athletic Director, Parents, Student, Legal Counsel Saguaro – Matt Harris – Athletic Director, Nathan Slater - District Athletic Director, Attorney
<u>Glendale Prep</u>	John Kontak - Athletic Director, Parents, Liberty – Eric Gardner – Athletic Director
<u>Saguaro</u>	Matt Harris - Athletic Director, Parents Liberty – Eric Gardner – Athletic Director
<u>Saguaro</u>	Matt Harris - Athletic Director, Parents Chaparral – Jack Bagley – Athletic Director, Legal Counsel
<u>Chaparral</u>	Jack Bagley - Athletic Director, Parent Central – Kevin Belcher – Athletic Director
<u>Pinnacle</u>	David Abrams - Athletic Director, Corey Newland – District Athletic Director, Parent, Student Saguaro – Matt Harris – Athletic Director, Nathan Slater - District Athletic Director, Attorney
<u>Centennial</u>	Darien Schoolcraft - Athletic Director, Parents Saguaro – Matt Harris – Athletic Director, Nathan Slater - District Athletic Director, Attorney
<u>Centennial</u>	Darien Schoolcraft - Athletic Director, Parents Saguaro – Matt Harris – Athletic Director, Nathan Slater - District Athletic Director, Attorney
<u>Westwood</u>	Brady Pond - Athletic Director, Tommy Eubanks, District Athletic Director, Parent, Student Saguaro – Matt Harris – Athletic Director, Nathan Slater - District Athletic Director
<u>Canyon View</u>	Andrea Hudson - Athletic Director, Parent Saguaro – Matt Harris – Athletic Director, Nathan Slater - District Athletic Director

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 14 of the AIA Bylaws, **granted / denied** the following hardship eligibility requests:

<u>School/Appeal</u>	<u>Granted/Denied</u>
Northwest Christian	Withdrew
Sahuaro	Denied
Hamilton	Denied
Hamilton	Granted
Hamilton	Granted
Hamilton	Granted
Basha	Denied
Chandler	Granted
Mountain Pointe	Granted
Liberty	Tabled
Glendale Prep	Tabled
Saguaro	Granted
Saguaro	Tabled
Chaparral	Denied
Pinnacle	Granted
Centennial	Granted
Centennial	Granted
Westwood	Granted
Canyon View	Granted

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
David Hines,
Executive Director