



**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – TELECONFERENCE**  
**October 3, 2024**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 3, Paragraph 1 of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. (AIA) Constitution, a regular meeting of the Executive Board was held on Thursday, October 3, 2024 via teleconference.

President Matt Belden called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.

**Members in Attendance:**

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

**Members Absent:**

Tiarra Yazzie, 2A Conference (Hopi High School)

**AIA Staff Present:**

Jim Dean, Associate Executive Director  
Erin Coy, Assistant Executive Director  
Tayler Coady, Executive Administrative Assistant  
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Development  
Dan Nero, Director of Athletics  
Jose Garcia, AzPreps

**Guests:**

David Huffine

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA – OCTOBER 3, 2024**

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **adopted** the October 3, 2024 agenda.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**REQUEST – REMOVE FROM OPEN DIVISION FOOTBALL – 4A CONFERENCE**

A survey was sent out to all 4A Conference Athletic Directors regarding the Open Football Division. Most of the ADs stated that they do not want to participate in the Open Division and do not believe that the 4A Conference should be a part of it.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the removal of the 4A Conference from consideration for the Open Football Division effective the 2024 season and moving forward.

**HARDSHIP APPEALS – DOMICILE**

Discussion took place regarding student transfers when considering open enrollment and domicile. The information discussed will be taken back to the hardship appeals committee for clarification.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Hines, AIA Executive Director