



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
HARDSHIP APPEALS – FALL – Round 1  
August 26, 2025**

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 26, 2025 at the AIA Office, 7007 N 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85020.

President Missy Townsend called the meeting to order at 8:34 am.

**Members in Attendance:**

William Duarte, 1A Conference (Superior Jr./Sr. High School)  
Tiarra Yazzie, 2A Conference (Hopi High School)  
Tim Bridges, 3A Conference (Catalina High School)  
William Wright, 4A Conference (Estrella Foothills High School)  
Corey Newland, 5A Conference (Paradise Valley School District)  
Jennifer Burks, 6A Conference (Perry High School)  
Tim Carter, Cognia (Yavapai County School Superintendent, Retired)  
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)  
Jim Dean, Ed.D, AIA Executive Director

**AIA Staff Present:**

Toni Corona, Associate Executive Director  
Nathan Slater, Associate Executive Director  
Erin Coy, Assistant Executive Director  
Tayler Coady, Executive Administrative Assistant  
Rosa Leon, Legal Counsel

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA – AUGUST 26, 2025**

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the adoption of the August 26, 2025 agenda.

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

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

✓ 2:18 pm – 3:19 pm

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**HARDSHIP APPEALS**

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

<b><u>Desert Mountain</u></b>	<b>Cher Fesenmair</b> - Athletic Director, Stephen Cervantez – District AD, Parents, Student <b><u>Pinnacle</u></b> – David Abrams – Athletic Director
<b><u>Cactus Shadows</u></b>	<b>Rob Gilmore</b> - Athletic Director, Jill Sarraïno – District AD, Parents, Student <b><u>Millennium</u></b> – Remigio Gordillo – Athletic Director, Tamee Gressett – District AD
<b><u>NW Christian</u></b>	<b>David Inness</b> - Athletic Director, Parents <b><u>Sandra Day O'Connor</u></b> – Gregg Carroll – Athletic Director
<b><u>Tempe</u></b>	<b>Shelly Arredondo</b> - Athletic Director, Parents, Student <b><u>Mesquite</u></b> – Ryan Salazar – Athletic Director
<b><u>Salpointe Catholic</u></b>	<b>Phil Gruensfelder</b> - Athletic Director, Parent, Student, Legal Counsel <b><u>Canyon Del Oro</u></b> – Marco Dominguez – Athletic Director
<b><u>Pusch Ridge</u></b>	<b>Amy Garnand</b> - Athletic Director, Parents
<b><u>Casteel</u></b>	<b>Kraig Leuschner</b> - Athletic Director, Parents, Student <b><u>Hamilton</u></b> – Brett Palmer – Athletic Director
<b><u>Az College Prep</u></b>	<b>Jaime McClure</b> - Athletic Director, Parent / Guardians <b><u>Basha</u></b> – Eric Magana – Athletic Director
<b><u>Mountain Pointe</u></b>	<b>Max Pincus</b> - Athletic Director, Parent, Student, Legal Counsel <b><u>Chandler</u></b> – Jim Culver – Athletic Director
<b><u>Shadow Ridge</u></b>	<b>Jason Wilke</b> - Athletic Director, Parents <b><u>Desert Edge</u></b> – Peter Jelovic – Athletic Director
<b><u>Mesa</u></b>	<b>David Kleck</b> - Athletic Director, Tommy Eubanks – District AD, Parents, Student, Legal Counsel <b><u>ALA West Foothills</u></b> – Kayla Legge – Athletic Director, Ted Gilmore – District AD, Legal Counsel

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:

<b><u>School/Appeal</u></b>	<b><u>Granted/Denied</u></b>
Desert Mountain	Granted
Cactus Shadows	Granted
NW Christian	Denied
Tempe	Granted
Salpointe Catholic	Denied
Pusch Ridge	Granted – per Bylaw 15.10.12
Casteel	Denied
Az College Prep	Denied
Mountain Pointe	Denied
Shadow Ridge	Granted
Mesa	Granted

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 3:45pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Dean Ed., D.  
AIA Executive Director