



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
September 9, 2025**

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 Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at the Prescott Resort and Conference Center, located at 1500 E State Route 69, Prescott, AZ 86301.

Vice President Tiarra Yazzie called the meeting to order at 11:31 am.

**Members in Attendance:**

William Duarte, 1A Conference (Superior Jr./Sr. High School)  
Tiarra Yazzie, 2A Conference (Hopi 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)  
Missy Townsend, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Prescott High School)  
Jim Dean, Ed.D, AIA Executive Director

**AIA Staff Present:**

Taylor Coady, Executive Administrative Assistant

**Members Absent:**

Tim Bridges, 3A Conference (Catalina High School)  
Steve Johnson, Arizona School Boards Association (CAVIT)  
David Verdugo, Arizona School Administrators (Santa Cruz Valley School District – Rio Rico)

**Guests:**

Brian Fair  
Martin Diaz

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 9, 2025**

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the adoption of the September 9, 2025 agenda.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion duly 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 Sessions:

✓ 11:32 am – 11:38 am

**REGULAR MEETING:****MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

The fall season is underway! Flag football will begin next week as the last sport for the fall season. The year has started off great and we look forward to an exciting season.

Our official's registration numbers are continually rising and currently we have more registered officials than we did this time last year. Keep encouraging people to register as an official!

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:****FINANCIAL REPORT**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 5, Paragraph 15 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **approved** the following financial report:

- ✓ Financial Report for August 2025

**FUTURE DATES**

September 24, 2025	District AD / Conference Leadership Meeting
September 25, 2025	Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Meeting
	AIAAA Meeting
September 29, 2025	4A Conference Committee Meeting
October 1, 2025	Student Leadership Advisory Committee Meeting
October 16, 2025	5A Conference Committee Meeting
	East Valley AD Meeting
October 20, 2025	Executive Board Meeting
October 22, 2025	Badminton Seeding Meeting – Division I/II
October 23, 2025	AIAAA Meeting
	West Valley AD Meeting
October 27, 2025	4A Conference Committee Meeting
	6A Conference Committee Meeting
October 29, 2025	District AD / Conference Leadership Meeting
October 30, 2025	Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Meeting

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Executive Board **approved** the following consent agenda items.

**Approval of Minutes**

- Executive Board Meeting – August 11, 2023
- Executive Board Meeting – Hardship Appeals – August 26, 2025
- Executive Board Meeting – Hardship Appeals – September 2, 2025

**AIA Lifetime Passes**

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| 1. Ryan Swartz     | Moon Valley      |
| 2. Tony Oldani     | Brophy           |
| 3. Lenny Abt       | Chaparral        |
| 4. Jon Foster      | Glendale Union   |
| 5. Ty Bauer        | Glendale Union   |
| 6. Brock Heykoop   | Paradise Valley  |
| 7. Richard Sanchez | Mica Mountain    |
| 8. Stacie Bauer    | Glendale Union   |
| 9. Carol Sandvig   | Corona del Sol   |
| 10. Michael Fraley | Valley Christian |

**Request for AIA Sanction/Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2025-26 Master Calendar**

In accordance with Article 10, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board approved the sanction requests for the intrastate and interstate activities reflected in the 2025-2026 Master Calendar. The master calendar is posted online at <http://www.aiaonline.org/calendar/?id=5>.

The Master Calendar, which is prepared by the AIA for its member schools, reflects activities (events) that have been sanctioned by the AIA Executive Board. It is the responsibility of each member school to limit its participation in these sanctioned activities to the maximum number of contests set forth in the AIA Bylaws

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**

**TUCSON HIGH SCHOOL** – *Tucson Unified School District*

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 7 Physical Examination Rule (15.7.1)*

**Reported Violation:**

On August 13, during a spot check, AP and AD lined up team and checked that all students were cleared. At that time it was revealed that some students had not completed all required paperwork.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

AP and AD have and will continue to do spot checks throughout the season to ensure all students have required paperwork in. We will review processes with all head coaches. Football coach is going through internal disciplinary action.

**Executive Board Action:**

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Tucson High School **Football Program** on **Warning** and the **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 9/9/25-9/9/26.

**HIGLEY HIGH SCHOOL** – *Higley Unified District*

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 7 Physical Examination Rule (15.7.1)*

**Reported Violation:**

Two students who were not cleared in RMA were allowed to participate in practice. They had their physical completed but had not uploaded it to RMA or completed the steps in RMA to be cleared for participation. Players told coach they were cleared, and coach took them at their word.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Coach was placed on suspension and required to attend training on the RMA clearance process and AIA bylaws.

**Executive Board Action:**

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Higley High School **Flag Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 9/9/25-9/9/26.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL** – *Mingus Union District*

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 8 Parental or Legal Guardian Consent Rule (15.8.1)*

**Reported Violation:**

Mingus coach allowed a student to participate without being cleared by the Athletic Department.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

The AD conferenced the AIA Bylaw violation with the coach and reiterated the importance of double checking the eligibility list. I followed up with an email restating the violation for him to review.

**Executive Board Action:**

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mingus Union High School **Girls' Golf Program** on **Warning** for one year 9/9/25-9/9/26.

**TEMPE PREPARATORY ACADEMY** – *Tempe Prep - Charter*

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 10 Transfer Rule (15.10.7)*

**Reported Violation:**

See attached.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. Coach was demoted and subsequently resigned to prevent further compliance risks. The previous AD and Assistant AD/Head Coach were already removed. Parent meetings were conducted to explain compliance concerns and reinforce the importance of adhering to AIA rules. AD has reviewed all transfer processes and reinforced internal checks to ensure proper documentation before athletes compete.

**Executive Board Action:**

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Tempe Preparatory Academy **Boys' Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 9/9/25-9/9/26.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd**MONUMENT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL** – *Kayenta Unified***Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 7 Physical Examination Rule (15.7.1)****Reported Violation:**

During the clearance process through Final Forms, the student's physical indicated that he must have an inhaler in order to participate. He was marked medically eligible for all sports, with a recommendation for further evaluation of right knee pain. Although the athletic department did not issue a clearance slip, the coach considered him cleared after seeing the green status in Final Forms and issues him gear.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Review our clearance protocol and ensure that the verification are in place. AD will verify final forms, issue clearance slip after full review and share verification roster with the coaches. We will also review process with coaches. Football coaches are going through internal disciplinary action.

**Executive Board Action:**

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Monument Valley High School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 9/9/25-9/9/26.

**CANCELLATION REQUESTS – CONTEST AND/OR PROGRAMS**

In accordance with Article 11, Section 4, Paragraph 3, Subparagraph 1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **approved** the following cancellation request for a varsity, junior varsity, freshman program(s) that could have a bearing on regional or state playoffs

**SCHOOL REQUESTING:**

1. Rough Rock
2. Mountain Pointe
3. Raymond Kellis
4. Buckeye Union
5. Lincoln Prep
6. San Tan Charter
7. Desert Sunrise
8. Agua Fria
9. Sedona
10. North Canyon
11. ALA Anthem South
12. Dysart
13. Barry Goldwater

**HEREBY CONSENT:**

- VAR Football Program
- VAR Girls' Golf Program
- VAR Flag Football Program
- VAR Boys' Beach Volleyball Program
- VAR Boys/Girls Cross Country Program
- VAR Girls' Cross Country Program
- VAR Boys/Girls' Cross Country Program
- VAR Girls' Golf Program
- VAR Boys/Girls Swimming Program
- VAR Girls' Golf Program
- VAR Boys/Girls Cross Country Program
- VAR Girls' Golf Program
- VAR Girls' Golf Program

**SUB VARSITY PROGRAM CANCELLATIONS** – 35

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**CONTEST(S) Cancelled:** 154 total contests cancelled (VAR/JV/FR/SO)

**SCHOOL REQUESTING:**

1. South Mountain
2. Sedona Red Rock

**HEREBY DOES NOT CONSENT:**

- Canyon View – VAR Football
- Bagdad – VAR Football

**ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS**

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Board **approved** the following requests:

- A. **St. Johns** – additional VAR girls' soccer game to help fill **Sedona Red Rock's** schedule.
- B. **Marana** – additional VAR/JV girls' soccer games to help fill **Empire's** schedule.
- C. **Fountain Hills** – an additional VAR/JV girls' volleyball game to help fill **ALA Mesa North's** schedule.
- D. **Sierra Linda** – an additional Fr/So girls' volleyball game to help fill **Goodyear's** schedule.
- E. **Payson** – additional VAR/JV/FrSo girls' basketball games to help fill **Safford's** schedule
- F. **Joseph City** – additional VAR/JV boys basketball games to help fill **Ash Forks'** schedule
- G. **Flagstaff** – additional VAR/JV girls' volleyball games to help fill **Northland Prep's** schedule
- H. **Millennium** – an additional Fr/So girls' volleyball game to help fill **Goodyear's** schedule.
- I. **Show Low** – additional VAR/JV girls' soccer games to help fill **Sedona Red Rock's** schedule.
- J. **Duncan** – additional VAR/JV boys/girls basketball games to help fill **Dishchii'Bikoh** schedule.

**AMENDMENT – ARTICLE 43 – SPORTS MEDICINE****43.5 HEAT ACCLIMATIZATION & EXERTIONAL HEAT ILLNESS MANAGEMENT POLICY**

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the amendment to Article 43 regarding aquatic sports and WBGT readings.

**EXCEPTION – ARTILCE 22 – BASKETBALL****22.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON**

*22.5.1 No school shall schedule more than 20 varsity games, including two invitationals, which shall count as one game each.*

Central High School is requesting to participate in an additional tournament for their boys' basketball team this year. They are currently scheduled to participate in the PXU Basketball Tournament and the Nike Showcase but are requesting an exception to participate in the Damien Classic.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **tabled** the above request until the October 20 Board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:34 pm.

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