



**MINUTES  
SPECIAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
February 4, 2026**

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 Wednesday, February 4, 2026, in person at the AIA Office, 7007 N 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix, AZ 85020 and via teleconference.

President Missy Townsend called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

**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)\*  
Steve Johnson, Arizona School Boards Association (CAVIT)\*  
Missy Townsend, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Prescott High School)\*  
Jim Dean, Ed.D, AIA Executive Director

**Members Absent:**

Greg Haagsma, 3A Conference (Valley Christian High School)  
David Verdugo, Arizona School Administrators (Santa Cruz Valley School District – Rio Rico)

**AIA Staff Present:**

Toni Corona, Associate Executive Director  
Nathan Slater, Associate Executive Director  
Brian Gessner, Commissioner of Officials  
Tayler Coady, Executive Administrative Assistant

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA – FEBRUARY 4, 2026**

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board approved the adoption of the February 4, 2026 agenda.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**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:

- ✓ 2:14 pm – 2:30 pm

**APPEAL OF ARTICLE 16.3.3.2 – PEORIA HIGH SCHOOL**

*The following representatives entered the meeting for an appeal and left upon completion of their presentations.*

Johnsua Moore – Athletic Director, Mark Ernster – District Athletic Director

On a motion made, seconded, and carried the Executive Board, removed the sanction of probation and placed the Peoria Boys' Basketball program on warning for one year 2/4/2026 – 2/4/2027.

**APPEAL OF ARTICLE 16.3.3.2 – DEER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

*The following representatives entered the meeting for an appeal and left upon completion of their presentations.*

Stacey Spencer – Athletic Director, Kim Crooks – District Athletic Director, Paul Roskelley – Principal, Jed Dunn – Boys' Basketball Head Coach

On a motion made, seconded, and carried the Executive Board, removed the sanction of probation and placed the Deer Valley athletic department on warning for one year 2/4/2026 – 2/4/2027.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 2:36 pm.

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