



ARIZONA INTERSCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

FRIDAY – MARCH 6, 2026

In accordance with Article 4, Section 4.5, Paragraph 4.5.1 of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. (AIA) Constitution, the regular annual meeting of the AIA Legislative Council (Council) was duly called and held on Friday, March 6, 2026 at the AIA Office at 7007 N 18th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85020.

ROLL CALL

1A Conference

George Diehl – Bagdad
Angela Earnhart – The Gregory School
Lydia Martinez – Hayden
Nate Porter – Patagonia

2A Conference

Dedrick Wiese – Northland Prep
Aaron Trigg – Rancho Solano
Derek Wahlsrom – Trivium Prep
David Peter – Az Lutheran
Donna Antonio – San Carlos

3A Conference

David Inness – NW Christian
Ricky Greer – Winslow

4A Conference

Whitney Holland – Mica Mountain
Shelly Arredondo – Tempe
Jeannine Brandel – Flagstaff
Jeff Feldman – Greenway
Lenica Ruiz – Marcos de Niza
Stacy Spencer – Deer Valley
Drew Ammon – Arcadia

5A Conference

Dena Anderson – Horizon
Andrea Hudson – Canyon View
Chad McCluskey – Metro Tech
Randy Robbins – Casa Grande
Julie Patton – Glendale
Demenico Solorzano – Cienega
Kristine Kemp – Ironwood

6A Conference

Tim Matteson – Sunnyslope
Derek Fahleson – Tolleson District
David Robinson – Cibola
Brady Pond – Westwood
Brian Fair – Phoenix Union District
Shawn Rustad – Chandler District
Kim Crooks – Deer Valley District

School Board Members

2A – Kelly Baker – Morenci USD
3A – Mike DeLaO – Safford USD
5A – Wendy Effing – Flowing Wells USD
6A – Barb Mozdzen – Chandler USD

Board Members

2A – Tiarra Yazzie
4A – Bill Wright
5A – Corey Newland
6A – Jennifer Burks
Cognia – Tim Carter

AIA Staff

Jim Dean
Tayler Coady
Erin Coy
Brian Bolitho
Brian Gessner
Jeanie Kosower
Robyn Bingham
Dan Nero
Mary Wimmer

Guests

David Huffine
Wendy Truvillion
Matt Akins

Members Absent

1A - Carl Adams – St. Michael
1A - Joe Page – North Phoenix Prep
1A – Carolyn Freeman – Bicentennial Union
2A - Casey Fraughton – Gilbert Classical
2A - Eric Tatham – Benson
3A – Tye Stewart – Thatcher
3A – Megan Moore – Page
3A – Shawn Cluff – Florence
3A – Scott Hoffmeyer – Show Low
3A – Jeff Welsing – Yuma Catholic
4A - Ty Cephers – Amphitheater
4A – Joseph Mora – Ganado USD

After completion of roll call, Dr. Dean introduced all others present and outlined procedures to be observed during the meeting. He reminded the Council Members that Article 5, Section 2 of the AIA Constitution stipulates that a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total Council membership (32 members) is required to amend the AIA Constitution and that a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a duly called meeting is required to amend the AIA Bylaws. Dr. Dean continued by stating that Article 4, Section 5 of the AIA Constitution stipulates that a quorum must be present at a meeting for the transaction of business, a quorum being two-thirds (2/3) of the total membership. He concluded that a quorum was present since roll call reflected that 35 of the 48 Council Members were present (32 members required for quorum). It was also determined, based upon the 35 members present, that a vote of 24 would be required for adoption of amendments to the AIA Bylaws. Dr. Dean then reminded the Council that in accordance with Article 4, Section 5, Paragraph 5 of the AIA Constitution, proxy votes could not be accepted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the March 7, 2025 meeting were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the March 6, 2026 meeting were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY RULES**1A-6A TRANSFER COMMITTEE – PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

Amend AIA Bylaw:

- Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules.
 - Section 3. Enrollment Rule
 - Section 5. Domicile
 - Section 10. Transfer Rule

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15.3 ENROLLMENT RULE

15.3.1 Only students enrolled at a member school in grades 9 through 12, shall be eligible for interscholastic competition, team practices and tryouts. For purposes of this rule, a student's school of enrollment is defined as the school where the student's permanent grades/records are maintained and from which the student will be eligible to graduate. **(Emergency Legislation – Ex. Brd 3/21/22.)**

15.3.1.1 EXCEPTION: A home school student may be eligible if said student is in compliance with A.R.S. §15-802.01.

~~*DETERMINATION: Considering the terms, spirit and intent of ARS §15-802.01, a home school student who has made a full and good faith effort to participate in a particular interscholastic sport or activity at the school in the student's attendance area, but been unsuccessful, may then utilize the provisions and process set out in 15.10.5 and related subsections (Form 550), and obtain eligibility at the receiving school in that particular sport or activity. (Ex. Bd. 8/14/09)*~~

15.3.2 In order to establish eligibility for that ~~semester~~ **season**, a student's initial ~~enrollment~~ **attendance** shall be no later than the 14th official school day of the ~~semester~~ **season**. If a student's initial ~~enrollment~~ **attendance** occurs after the 14th official school day of the ~~semester~~ **season**, he/she is ineligible for that ~~semester~~ **season**.

15.3.3 ~~In case of initial enrollment after the first official school day and by the 14th official school day, a student shall have been in attendance for as many days as he/she missed from the opening day of the semester before eligibility can be established.~~

15.3.4 ~~In order to maintain eligibility, a student shall demonstrate regular attendance.~~

15.5 DOMICILE

15.5.2.7 First Time Enrollment from Out of State – Except as stated in 15.15, an out of state student whose parents/legal guardian have changed their domicile to and is attending high school for the first time in Arizona may attend any member high school without the transfer ineligibility period(s) provided under 15.10.1 and 15.10.2 be eligible for interscholastic activities and shall not be considered a transfer. **A subsequent transfer will result in a period of ineligibility under 15.10.**

15.10 TRANSFER RULE– Except as stated in 15.10.6, after enrolling and attending one or more classes, a student changing enrollment from one school (sending school) to another school (receiving school) shall be considered a transferring student. For information and record keeping purposes, the receiving and sending school shall reasonably cooperate and complete Form 550.

15.10.1 In team sports, a student shall be ineligible for all power ranked contests at the varsity level until after the first 50% of the maximum allowable Power Rankings regular season contests in those sports in which the student participated during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the season in which the student is seeking eligibility. In sports permitting invitationals/tournaments, the student shall be ineligible for the first invitational/tournament **no matter where the first invitational is in the regular season schedule**. Participation is defined as a student participating in the sport during a regular season game as is specified by the AIA standardized calendar.

- 15.10.4 A transfer student who plays only in sub-varsity competitions shall have immediate eligibility but is ineligible to participate at the varsity level in regular season, tournaments, and post-season competitions for the season in that sport. A decision to participate only at sub-varsity levels must be made prior to the season of competition **and prior to filing a hardship. If a decision is made to file a hardship, playing sub varsity is not an option. Sub-varsity as an option to all 9-11 grade transfers with the exception of a recruited player or player with prior contact (15.12), an in-season transfer that school year (15.10.5), or any athlete who has a hardship heard by the Conference Appeals Committee (15.14).**
- 15.10.5 If a transfer occurs during the season in which the student participated (~~competed~~) during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the season in which the student is seeking eligibility **the student is ineligible for one year from the date of first attendance at the receiving school in that sport.** ~~or If the transfer occurs during the season in which the student has practiced or tried out for a team during the current season, the student is ineligible for the remainder of the season in that sport. for one year from the date of first attendance at the receiving school in that sport. The season of sport ending is defined by the end of the regular season of competition on the Quick Glance Calendar of the sending school in that sport.~~
- 15.10.6 A transfer from an AIA member school (sending school) to a non-AIA member school that does not offer any interscholastic athletics, will not be considered a transfer.
 - 15.10.6.2 A subsequent transfer from that non-AIA member school to an AIA member school other than the sending school will result in a ~~subsequent~~ transfer rule period of ineligibility **under 15.10.**
- 15.10.8 ~~Transfer Rule Exceptions~~—A student who transfers from one high school (the “sending school”) to another high school (the “receiving school”), where there has been no change in domicile of parents or legal guardian, shall be eligible to participate in interscholastic activities at the receiving school when the following eligibility requirements has been fulfilled:
 - 15.10.8.1 ~~Ethnic Balance~~—In case of a transfer within a school district by a student under an approved compliance plan for racial balance (ethnic transfer), the period of ineligibility subsequent to such a transfer, if any, shall ~~be determined by the district.~~
- 15.10.9 **For the purposes of 15.10.6,** a student enrolled at an AIA member school, who chooses to participate on a different team that competes in high school games during the AIA season of sport is considered a transfer. **This rule applies to the 12 months immediately preceding the season in which the student is seeking eligibility.**
 - 15.10.9.1 A ~~transfer~~ **return** back to the student’s original AIA member school **program** shall be considered a **first** transfer with an ineligibility period the same as described in 15.10.1.
- 15.10.11 ~~When Sport or Nonathletic Activity Is Dropped by an AIA Member School~~ – When a sport or nonathletic activity is dropped ~~by a governing board,~~ a student may transfer to a school that offers that sport or nonathletic activity and shall be eligible only in the sport or nonathletic activity that has been dropped at the school from which the student transferred. Said eligibility will be granted when the student enrolls in one of the following schools

MOTION WAS MADE BY JEANNIE BRANDEL AND SECONDED BY JULIE PATTON TO AMEND 15.3.2 TO CHANGE ALL SEMESTERS TO SEASON.

MOTION AS AMENDED – PASSED

(Votes Cast: Yes-35; No-0)

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CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBER HIGH SCHOOLS
4A/5A/6A CONFERENCE – PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Amend AIA Bylaw:

Article 8. Classification of Member High Schools. Section 2. Region Alignment

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8.2 REGION ALIGNMENT

8.2.2 Region Alignment Appeals – The procedure for a school to appeal its Region placement is as follows:

~~8.2.2.1 Submit an appeal to the Conference Committee.~~

~~8.2.2.2 In the event the Conference Committee denies a school's appeal, the school may submit an appeal to the AIA Executive Board.~~

8.2.2.2.1 An appeal to the Executive Board shall be submitted no later than **the date designated in the Reclassification Timeline.** ~~November 1 of odd numbered years.~~

8.2.2.2.2 The AIA Executive Board shall make the final decision on a school's Region alignment appeal.

8.2.3 Region Alignment Appeals Criteria – ~~The Conference Committee (or, if appealed,~~ The AIA Executive Board will review and consider an appealing school's request for placement in another Region using the following criteria.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RICKY GREER AND SECONDED BY DAVID ROBINSON TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.

MAIN MOTION AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED – PASSED

(Votes Cast: Yes-35; No-0)

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There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded, and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 am by a unanimous voice vote.

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