



**MINUTES
SPECIAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
February 26, 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 Thursday, February 26, 2026, in person at the AIA Office, 7007 N 18th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85020 and via teleconference.

President Missy Townsend called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

Members in Attendance:

William Duarte, 1A Conference (Superior Jr./Sr. High School)*
Tierra Yazzie, 2A Conference (Hopi High School)*
Greg Haagsma, 3A Conference (Valley Christian 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
Brian Gessner, Commissioner of Officials
Tayler Coady, Executive Administrative Assistant
Rosa Leon, Legal Counsel*

**Indicates attendance via teleconference*

Guests:

CJ Woods
Qunicy Natay
Jef Dollins

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – FEBRUARY 26, 2026

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the adoption of the February 26, 2026 agenda.

ACTION ITEMS:

APPEAL – PROBATIONARY STATUS – COOLIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

The following representatives entered the meeting to provide information to the Executive Board:

Robert Haws – Counsel, Tres Chapman – District Athletic Director, Dawn Hodge – Superintendent

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, upheld the probationary status placed on the Coolidge High School **Athletic Program** for one year 2/25/26-2/25/27. AIA Executive Board will revisit the probationary status at the April Board meeting to ensure the improvement of game management.

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 Session:

- ✓ 2:32 pm – 3:27 pm

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

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