



MINUTES
SPECIAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - TELECONFERENCE
April 27, 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 Monday, April 27, 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 1:07 pm.

Members in Attendance:

William Duarte, 1A Conference (Superior Jr./Sr. High School)*
Tierra 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)*
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

Members Absent:

Greg Haagsma, 3A Conference (Valley Christian High School)

AIA Staff Present:

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

**Indicates attendance via teleconference*

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – APRIL 27, 2026

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the April 27, 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:

- ✓ 1:08 pm – 1:51 pm

APPEAL OF ARTICLE 16.1.1.5.1 – WILLIAMS FIELD HIGH SCHOOL

The following representatives entered the meeting for an appeal:

Darrell Stangle – Athletic Director, Alan Fields – District Athletic Director, John Dolan – Principal

On a motion made, seconded, and carried the Executive Board, **denied** the appeal. Williams Field High School baseball program is ineligible for the 2026 post season.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.

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