WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 3, 2026

President Damien Smith called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026. The meeting is a virtual meeting hosted on Zoom.

The following members were present: Aaron Abel, Teresa Chaulk, Clark Coberly, Matthew Davidson, Mark Fritz, Will Gray, Jason Horsley, Darrin Jennings, Max Mills, Bubba O'Neill, Dave Plendl, Jay Rhoades, Damien Smith, John Weigel, Larry Yeradi, Bob Despain.
Not present: Madison Lacey, Carl Manning, Lisa Durgin

Trevor Wilson, Chad Whitworth, and Brent Rose from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

President Smith asked the Board if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. **Agenda –** no changes and/or additions. **Committee--Finance and Personnel** – No changes and/or additions **Committee--Handbook** – no changes and/or additions. **Committee--Calendar and Culminating Events** – moved to the front of the meeting **Committee—Reclassification –** not meeting

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Mills seconded the motion to approve the agenda for the November 2026, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

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MOTION: Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Chaulk seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 2026, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Wilson introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney

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COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chair Will Gray, Bubba O'Neill, John Weigel, Matt Davidson, and Larry Yeradi.
Ad Hoc Members: Jen Stevens, Matt McFadden, Erik Shepherd, Clayton McSpadden, Dustin Rees, Jerry Schlabs, Mark Gillies, and Nolan Tracy

Did Not Meet

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair Mark Fritz, Dave Plendl, Carl Manning, Teresa Chaulk, and Lisa Durgin

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND 1st QUARTER REPORT 2026-2027

MOTION: Ms. Chaulk moved and Mr. Plendl seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and first quarter report for 2026-27.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION: Ms. Plendl moved and Ms. Chaulk seconded the motion to approve the 2025-2026 financial reports as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

MOTION: Mr. Plendl moved and Ms. Chaulk seconded the motion to postpone the approval of the checks written until the next Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

2026-27 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black and to work with Mr. Wilson and Mr. Bennick on monitoring the WHSAA's investments.

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chair Jason Horsely, Matt Davidson, Larry Yeradi, Darrin Jennings, Ron Wagner, and Aaron Abel

Second Reading:

Nordic Ski Proposals

MOTION: Mr. Wagner moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve the Nordic Ski Proposals

MOTION PASSES: **SECOND READING

First Reading:

NONE

2026-27 COMMITTEE GOAL
Continually evaluate fair play and equity throughout all WHSAA events.

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chair Max Mills, Bubba O'Neill, John Weigel, Clark Coberly, Madison Lacey, and Jay Rhoades

Second Reading:

Rules 3.1.2 and 3.1.22 – Classification Deadline Proposals

MOTION: Mr. Rhoades moved and Ms. Weigel seconded the motion to approve the proposal for Rules 3.1.2 and 3.1.22 – Classification Deadline Proposals

MOTION PASSES: **FIRST READING

First Reading:

NONE

2026-27 COMMITTEE GOAL
To ensure the event calendars meet the needs of students involved in activities while considering budgets, time out of classroom, travel and the health and safety of all involved.

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DISTRICT REPORTS

ASSISTANT COMMISIONER'S REPORT

Marching Band Report
We hosted a highly competitive and successful event. Award report is in the board packet.

All-State Music Auditions
You will see a report in the packet. We currently have just under 1,500 student preparing all-state music auditions with 578 students auditioning for band, 728 for choir, and 202 for orchestra. These students will record auditions next week at one of our 13 audition recording sites and then auditions will be screened and announced on December 1st. All-State Music will take place in Evanston on January 18 & 19, 2027.

Music Events
State Strings Clinic just wrapped up in Gillette with just over 300 students participating. Big thanks to Dave Plendl and the music staff at Campbell County HS for doing a great job of hosting the event at the Camplex.

State Thespian Festival & WASC
Our Student Council Convention will be here in Casper in 2 weeks. That will take place at Kelly Walsh HS, Highland Park Church, and the Wyo Sports Ranch. Then we wrap up this year with the State Thespian Festival for our nearly 1000 Theatre and Drama students. That will take place the 1st of December at the University of Wyoming in Laramie.

Participation Survey
You will see an example in the packet. A few schools had asked for their numbers from last year's annual participation survey, and this new system through Final Forms only give us a clunky spreadsheet, so using AI we generated a formal numbers report for each school which was shared with the athletic directors last week. We hope they find that information to be helpful.

ASSOCIATE COMMISIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT
5 ejections this fall which is below last years, so far. Sportsmanship nominations are up quite a bit, so that push seems to be working.

NFHS NETWORK UPDATE
We streamed all regional and playoff events without complaint which is a huge success. Chad now has access to the NFHS Network portal which should help us understand camera status and event planning. SVI will work state football again.

307 WAY STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
The event is taking place at HPCC in mid-November. Looking for more registrations at this time.

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STATEWIDE FOOTBALL OFFICIALS SCHEDULING
Districts overwhelmingly agreed to have the WHSAA office schedule football officials. We are workshopping the issues and are working to schedule officials at this time.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

WHSAA RETIREMENT POLICY DISCUSSION
Discussion about a possible WHSAA Retirement Insurance Policy

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING
Nov 17 & 18 at the Wyo Sports Ranch.

307 COACHING ACADEMY – Thursday November 19, 2026 – HPCC
60 people registered at this time, 30 of which are new (which is great). Hoping for 100 attendees. We are hoping as schools decide to send students to the event, they will hopefully send some coaches as well.

NATIONAL AD CONFERENCE – December 11-15, 2026 – Phoenix, AZ
Trevor will attend the AD conference in December.

FOOTBALL CLASSIFICATION ISSUES
Discussion about high schools having to cancel their football seasons.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m. on November 3, 2026.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
DAMIEN SMITH

Commissioner _____
TREVOR WILSON

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