

The following are the preliminary minutes from the September 26, 2025, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its October 23, 2025, meeting.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES (September 26, 2025)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, September 26, 2025, at the OHSAA Offices in Columbus. President Walt Skaggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions of guests in attendance. Gerald Cooke, representing the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association, shared that his association hosted its annual hall of fame awards banquet in mid-June. Megan Miller, a school board member with the Northern Local School District, talked about how detrimental it was for her senior son at Thornville Sheridan High School to receive a red card during an August soccer scrimmage.

Board Members In Attendance: Walt Skaggs, president; Stephanie Evans, vice president; John Carter; Ray Hibbs; Matt Hutchinson; Tom Nerl; Mark Rose; Randy Tevepaugh; Lane Warner, and Glen Gillespie (ex-officio).

Staff Members In Attendance: Doug Ute, executive director; Kristin Ronai, associate executive director; directors Bob Goldring (participated virtually), John Kronour, Beau Rugg and Tim Stried; Laura Vermilya, senior director of finance (participated virtually), and staff members Charles Anderson, Monroe Britton, Michael Cornathan, Amanda Harding, Alexis Holderman, Michelle Kern, Emily Mason, Ronald Sayers, Zachary Taylor and Lizzy Wilson.

Others In Attendance: Joe Fraley, OHSAA legal counsel; Frank Gamble, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; Joe Balogh, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Gerald Cooke and Steve Hale, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association; Dugan Hill, Ohio Association of Track & Cross Country Coaches, and Megan Miller, parent and school board member, Northern Local School District.

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Tom Nerl second by Stephanie Evans to **adopt** the agenda as amended for the September 26, 2025, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Ray Hibbs, second by Matt Hutchinson to **approve** the minutes from the August 28, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

III. FINANCIAL ITEMS

A. Recommendation to Approve the OHSAA Financial Report through August 31, 2025

Senior Director of Finance Laura Vermilya provided the financial report through August 31, 2025. She said there were not many transactions in August, leaving the Association with over \$6.3 million of operating cash and over \$17 million in total cash when including investments and board-designated funds. That amount can cover 8.3 months of expenses. The financial report is summarized as follows:

OHSAA Financial Report (Through August 31, 2025)

	Total	Year to Date	Year to Date	Year to Date
District	Cash	Gross Revenue	Gross Expenses	Net Profit/Loss
OHSAA Office	\$10,538,305	\$872,526	\$960,139	— \$87,613
Central	\$1,035,008	\$2,588	— \$7,351	\$9,939
East	\$966,366	\$2,416	— \$7,584	\$10,000
Northeast	\$670,562	\$1,676	— \$2,600	\$4,276
Northwest	\$1,674,320	\$4,186	— \$14,298	\$18,484
Southeast	\$811,062	\$2,028	— \$5,176	\$7,203
Southwest	\$1,392,734	\$3,482	— \$10,068	\$13,550
Totals	\$17,088,357	\$888,902	\$913,062	— \$24,161
		Actual	Prior Month	Prior Year
Checking		\$5,320,888	\$5,623,168	\$7,000,574
Savings		\$1,037,309	\$1,034,641	\$1,006,615
Total Operating Cash		\$6,358,197	\$6,657,809	\$8,007,189
Months on Hand		3.1	3.3	4.0
Board Designated Funds		\$1,018,756	\$1,015,575	\$489,094
Investments - Morgan Stanley		\$9,711,404	\$9,578,813	\$9,064,678
Total Investments		\$10,730,160	\$10,594,388	\$9,553,772
Months on Hand		5.2	5.2	4.7
Total Cash & Investments on Hand		\$17,088,357	\$17,252,197	\$17,560,961
Months on Hand (Cash & Investments)		8.3	8.5	8.7
Athletic Enrichment Fund		\$2,170,580	\$2,162,837	\$2,568,749

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Motion by Mark Rose second by Matt Hutchinson to **approve** the financial report as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Updates on OHSA Fall Sports

OHSA sport administrators provided brief updates to the Board on their respective fall sports tournaments. In **cross country**, the OHSA 7th-8th Grade Post-Season Invitational will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19, and will feature two divisions, and the annual high school state tournament will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1. Both will take place at Fortress Obetz in suburban Columbus. In **girls tennis**, tournament draws have taken place and the sectional tournaments will take place next week. The state tournament will move back to the Lindner Family Tennis Center in Mason Thursday and Friday, Oct. 16 and 17. In **field hockey**, regional finals will be held at Gates Mills Hawken, Cincinnati Mount Notre Dame and Olentangy Liberty high schools, with the latter site hosting two regional finals. The state tournament will return to Thomas Worthington High School Thursday, Oct. 30, and Saturday, Nov. 1. The **girls volleyball** state semifinals will be divided up between Wright State University, Wittenberg University and Vandalia Butler High School on Nov. 6, 7 and 8 with the finals Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 8 and 9, at Wright State. Sectional tournaments are being completed in **golf** this week, the district tournaments are next week and the state tournaments will be held Monday, and Tuesday, Oct. 6 and 7 – Div. II boys at NCR Country Club Kettering and Div. II girls at Heatherwood Country Club in Springboro; Sunday and Monday, Oct. 12 and 13 – Div. I boys and girls at Firestone Country Club in Akron, and Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 13 and 14 — Div. III boys at NorthStar Golf Club in, Sunbury. The state **soccer** finals will again be held at Historic Crew Stadium in Columbus over a four-day period starting Friday, Nov. 7. And in **football**, schools have been sent information requests to host regional final and state semifinal games, and work has begun on selecting officiating crews. The state finals will be held Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 4-6, at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton.

B. Review of OHSA Regional Update Meetings

Executive Director Doug Ute said the six Regional Update Meetings this fall have been completed. The meetings allow the OHSA staff to provide updates and reminders on key issues and answer questions. He thanked the four high schools that hosted the meetings (Waverly, Streetsboro, Findlay and Cincinnati Princeton), with the other two meetings held at private facilities in Westerville and Cambridge. Besides updates provided by Mr. Ute, other presenters were Associate Executive Director Kristin Ronai (eligibility and legislative issues) and general counsels Joe Fraley and Josh Fraley (legal issues).

C. Update on OHSA Student Leadership Conference at Akron Firestone

Executive Director Doug Ute said the annual OHSA Student Leadership Conference will be held Tuesday, Oct. 7, at Akron Firestone High School starting at 9:30. Hosted by the Akron Public Schools, this free conference will feature R.J. Nemer, president of the University of Akron; Kemp Boyd, executive director of Love Akron and head football coach at Akron Garfield High School; Julie Jones, a mental health and performance coach who founded SSB Performance, LLC, and is a former collegiate softball coach; Shawn Harper, a national motivational speaker and former NFL offensive lineman, and Sue Ramsey, also a motivational speaker who led Ashland University to the 2013 NCAA Division II women's basketball national championship. Mr. Ute; Joe Vassalotti, coordinator of athletics and secondary education for the Akron Public Schools, and Carla Chapman, Ed.D., chief of community relations and strategic engagement, Akron Public Schools, will also speak. Special thanks were given to Harvey Alston for organizing and planning the event.

D. Reminder on 2024-25 NFHS Coaches-of-the-Year Awards

Director Bob Goldring reminded the coaches association representatives in attendance that the coaches associations' nominations for 2024-25 NFHS Coaches-of-the-Year awards are due to the Executive Director's Office as soon as possible. Once nominations are received, the nominees will go into an on-line site to insert their credentials. Awards are presented at the state level, and recipients will also be considered for section and national honors, which will be selected by an NFHS committee and the announced in January. Mr. Goldring thanked OHSA Executive Assistant Michelle Kern for overseeing the process from the Executive Director's Office.

E. Update on Appeals, Legislative Issues and Legal Cases

Staff member Lizzy Wilson provided the Board with a list of schools that have recently violated OHSA bylaws or sports regulations. **Reynoldsburg High School** had a student-athlete who was eligible to qualify for full eligibility under Bylaw 4-7-2. Transfer, Exception 1, Bona Fide Change of Residence. However, the school failed to submit the request for eligibility to the Executive Director's Office prior to the students participating in the 2024-25 football and basketball season. The Executive Director's Office restored the student-athletes' eligibility retroactively and prospectively, but, in accordance with Bylaw 4-1-1, Administrative Error, the school was fined \$250. **Lancaster Fairfield Christian Academy** had a student-athlete in boy's golf violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, when he participated in regular season competition after failing to pass five one-credit courses, or the equivalent, in the immediately preceding grading period. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school was required to forfeit any regular season contests

in which the ineligible student participated. **Mansfield Senior High School** had two student-athletes in girl's golf violate Bylaw 4-3-1, Enrollment and Attendance, when they participated in regular season contests without being enrolled in and attending Mansfield Senior full time. Further, the students did not meet the requirements of any of the enumerated exceptions codified within Bylaw 4-3-1. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school was required to forfeit any contests in which the ineligible students participated. **Port Clinton High School** had a student-athlete in girls' volleyball violate Bylaw 4-3-1, Enrollment and Attendance, when she participated in regular season contests without being enrolled in and attending Port Clinton High School full time. Further, the student did not meet the requirements of any of the enumerated exceptions codified within Bylaw 4-3-1. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school was required to forfeit any contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Vandalia Butler High School** had a student-athlete in varsity football violate Bylaw 4-3-3, Semesters, when he participated in a contest during his ninth semester of high school enrollment. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school was required to forfeit any contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Dublin Scioto High School** had a student-athletes violate General Sports Regulation 7.2.1 when he participated in a non-interscholastic contest after establishing himself as a member of the school's soccer team. In accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, the student was suspended for three regular season contests. **Cincinnati Delhi Middle School** had a student-athlete violate General Sports Regulation 7.2.2 when he participated in a non-interscholastic contest after establishing himself as a member of the school's boys cross country team. In accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, the student was suspended for two regular season contests. **Centerville High School** had a student-athlete violate Tennis Sport Regulation 2.1, when she participated in a non-interscholastic tournament without a waiver from the Executive Director's office. In accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, the student was suspended for two regular season contests. **Olentangy Liberty High School** had a student-athlete in boy's golf violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, when he participated in regular season competition after failing to pass five one-credit courses, or the equivalent, in the immediately preceding grading period. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school was required to forfeit any regular season contests in which the ineligible student participated.

Student-athletes from **33 high schools and 29 middle schools** violated multiple sports regulations by participating in a cross country exhibition competition on behalf of their schools after August 1 but before the official start of the regular season. Student-athletes from **17 high schools and 6 middle schools** violated the same regulations in another meet. The violations included:

- Violation of OHSA General Sports Regulation 12 and Cross Country Sport Regulations B2 & C2, Participation in a regular season contest before the start date for contests.
- Violation of OHSA General Sports Regulation 24 and Cross Country Sport Regulations A 1.3, Participation in exhibition (non-scored competition).
- Violation of OHSA Cross Country Regulation A, 1.1, Participation in a contest before completing the mandatory 10-day acclimatization period.

In accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, each school received a written reprimand as a formal reminder to ensure compliance during the 2026 season.

Staff member Alexis Holderman provided the Board with an update on appeals. She said the OHSA Appeals Panel has made 32 rulings on 32 appeals held during six hearings this school year, and six appeals were either granted or the penalties modified. Twenty-six of the rulings dealt with the transfer bylaw. Associate Executive Director Kristin Ronai also provided the Board with an update on current legislative issues. In addition, Legal Counsel Joe Fraley provided the Board with an update on current OHSA legal cases.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recommendation to Approve Tournament Representation and Some Team Division Assignment Modifications in the Spring Sports of Baseball, Softball, Boys Track & Field and Girls Track & Field

At its August 28, 2025 meeting, the Board approved 2026 tournament division dividing lines for the spring Competitive Balance sports of baseball and softball and for boys track & field and girls track & field.

At this meeting, staff member Ronald Sayers said the Executive Director's Office recommended that 2026 tournament representation for those four sports be approved along with some modifications to team assignments in their respective divisions (no changes in division dividing lines were made). These items were not approved in August since the deadline had not passed by that meeting for schools in baseball or softball to declare if they wanted to move to Division I, and the deadline had not passed by that meeting for schools in track & field to request that both genders be in the same division (and they must choose the highest division of one of their genders).

No schools chose to move to Division I in baseball. In softball, Austintown Fitch and Rocky River Magnificat elected to move from Division II to Division I and Hebron Lakewood elected to move from Division IV to Division I. In track and field, Magnificat also elected to move from Division II to I; Columbus Bishop Ready chose to compete in Division III (the boys move from Division IV), and Mineral Ridge chose to compete in Division IV (the girls move from Division V).

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It was noted that even though this is the second year of a two-year cycle for boys and girls track & field, new division dividing lines (approved in August) and representation were generated since the sport will be increasing to five tournament divisions in the spring (from three).

It was also noted that tournament divisions and representation are always based on the schools that competed in the tournament the previous year, and the data includes their OHSAA Board of Directors-approved tournament enrollment from the most recent cycle of the EMIS count (October 2023). The list of schools posted on the OHSAA website are those schools that competed in last year's tournament and are used to determine the tournament divisions.

Baseball Division Dividing Lines (2026) - Dividing Lines Approved on August 28, 2025

Division I, 65 teams (624 males or more from October 2023 enrollments plus Competitive Balance factors)

Division II, 72 teams (430 to 623 males)

Division III, 122 teams (265 to 429 males)

Division IV, 123 teams (197 to 264 males)

Division V, 121 teams (143 to 196 males)

Division VI, 123 teams (101 to 142 males)

Division VII, 122 teams (100 or less males)

Total Teams: 748

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2026 would be: **Division I:** Central 6; Combined Northeast and three Northwest schools 4, and Southwest 6; **#Division II:** Combined Central and one Southeast school 4; Northeast 8; Northwest 1, and Southwest 3; **Division III:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 6; Northwest 2; Southeast 1, and Southwest 4; **Division IV:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 4; Northwest 3; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3; **Division V:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 4; Northwest 3; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3; **Division VI:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 4; Northwest 4; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3, and **Division VII:** Central 1; East 1; Northeast 3; Northwest 6; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3.

A coin flip was conducted to determine whether the Northeast or Northwest district would receive an extra qualifier. The Northeast District won the flip and will receive 8 qualifiers, while the Northwest District will receive 1 qualifier.

Softball Division Dividing Lines (2026) - Dividing Lines Approved on August 28, 2025

Division I, 67 teams (573 females or more from October 2023 enrollments plus Competitive Balance factors)

Division II, 70 teams (403 to 572 females)

Division III, 118 teams (258 to 402 females)

Division IV, 117 teams (184 to 257 females)

Division V, 118 teams (132 to 183 females)

Division VI, 118 teams (93 to 131 females)

Division VII, 119 teams (92 or less females)

Total Teams: 727

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2026 would be: **Division I:** Central 7; Combined Northeast and three Northwest schools 4, and Southwest 5; **Division II:** Combined Central and one Southeast school 3; Northeast 7; Northwest 2, and Southwest 4; **Division III:** Central 2, Combined East and Southeast 2; Northeast 6; Northwest 3, and Southwest 3; **#Division IV:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 5; Northwest 3; Southeast 1, and Southwest 3; **Division V:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 4; Northwest 2; Southeast 3, and Southwest 3; **Division VI:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 4; Northwest 5, Southeast 2, and Southwest 2, and **Division VII:** Central 1; East 2; Northeast 3; Northwest 6; Southeast 2, and Southwest 2.

A coin flip was conducted to determine whether the Central or Southeast district would receive an extra qualifiers. The Central District won the flip and will receive 2 qualifiers, while the Southeast District will receive 1 qualifier.

Boys Track and Field Division Assignments (2026) - Dividing Lines Approved on August 28, 2025

Division I, 82 teams (529 males or more from October 2023 enrollments)

Division II, 151 teams (268 to 528 males)

Division III, 152 teams (181 to 267 males)

Division IV, 149 teams (117 to 180 males)

Division V, 151 teams (116 or less males)

Total Teams: 685

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2026 would be: **Division II:** Central 2; Combined East and Southeast 1; Northeast 4; Northwest 2, and Southwest 3; **Division III:** Central 1; East 2; Northeast 4; Northwest 2; Southeast 1, and Southwest 2; **Division IV:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 3; Northwest 2; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3; **Division V:** Central 1; Combined East and Southeast 2; Northeast 3; Northwest 4, and Southwest 2.

Note: Division I shall not have district competition and therefore schools will be divided as evenly as possible into four regional sites.

Girls Track and Field Division Assignments (2026) - Dividing Lines Approved on August 28, 2025

Division I, 78 teams (529 females or more from October 2023 enrollments)

Division II, 138 teams (276 to 528 females)

Division III, 142 teams (177 to 275 females)

Division IV, 144 teams (113 to 176 females)

Division V, 142 teams (112 or less females)

Total Teams: 644

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2026 would be: **Division II:** Central 2; Combined East and Southeast 1; Northeast 4; Northwest 2, and Southwest 3; **Division III:** Central 1; East 1; Northeast 4; Northwest 2; Southeast 1, and Southwest 3; **Division IV:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 3; Northwest 2; Southeast 2, and Southwest 2; **Division V:** Central 1; East 1; Northeast 2; Northwest 5; Southeast 1, and Southwest 2.

Note: Division I shall not have district competition and therefore schools will be divided as evenly as possible into four regional sites.

VI. NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT)

A. Recommendation to Approve 2026 Winter Sports Tournament Regulations

Updates in regulations for 2026 winter sport tournaments were provided to the Board by OHSAA sport administrators Doug Ute (basketball); Emily Mason (bowling); Kelly Schoenly (gymnastics and swimming & diving); John Kronour (ice hockey), and Monroe Britton (wrestling), and the Executive Director's Office recommended that the modified regulations be approved. Most updates reflect date changes or modifications made for clarity purposes. In **basketball**, the state tournament will eliminate a separate weekend for the state semifinals. The girls state tournament will be conducted over three days (Thursday through Saturday, March 12-14), and the boys state tournament will be conducted over four days (Thursday through Sunday, March 19-22). All state semifinals will likely be held at the University of Dayton and Wright State University, and all 14 state finals (seven for girls and seven for boys) will be held at the University of Dayton. In **bowling**, the state tournament will return to HP Lanes in Columbus, with Division II being held Friday, Feb. 27 (boys) and Saturday, Feb. 28 (girls) and Division I Friday, March 6 (boys) and Saturday, March 7 (girls). The state **gymnastics** tournament will return to Hilliard Bradley High School, with team competition on Saturday, March 7, and individual competition on Sunday, March 8. In **ice hockey**, the length of periods in the OHSAA tournament has increased to 17 minutes, with 12 minutes continuing to be the time between periods. Also, a running clock will be utilized after a six-goal differential is reached in the second period and beyond. The state tournament will return to Nationwide Arena in Columbus on Saturday and Sunday, March 14-15. In **swimming and diving**, psych sheets shall be posted to each respective District Athletic Board website, and all sectional and district managers will send a Meet Manager backup file containing their respective sectional entries to swimmeet.com. Also, backstroke ledges may only be used if the pool depth is AT LEAST six feet. For the sectional level of competition, the ledges may only be used if ALL sites within the district are using the ledges. At this time, not all sectional sites have ledges, so the district manager will have to poll the sites and communicate if the backstroke ledges will be used in each district. Backstroke ledges will be available and used at all district level events and at the state meet. In addition, new procedures were developed for diving cuts and ties during the preliminary, semifinal and final rounds of meets. The state tournament will return to Branin Natatorium in Canton from Tuesday through Saturday, Feb. 24-28. The boys and girls state **wrestling** tournament will again be held at the Schottenstein Center on the campus of The Ohio State University in Columbus on Friday through Sunday, March 13-15.

B. Recommendation to Approve Modifications to District Athletic Board Tournament Policies and Procedures

Director Bob Goldring said the OHSAA District Athletic Board Review Committee met to address some modifications to District Athletic Board tournament policies and procedures. He said the committee agreed to three changes and that the OHSAA Executive Director's Office recommended that the changes be approved.

The first recommendation is that the number of teams being permitted to pass during draw/seed meetings be changed to the number of regional tournament qualifiers from each particular district. The previous policy said the number of district tournament qualifiers could pass. An exception to the proposed change was also included for district athletic boards that divide their districts into sections.

The other two recommendations were to increase the penalties for schools that fail to vote in the seeding process and for schools that fail to send a representative to the seed/draw meeting, whether it takes place in-person or virtually. Schools that fail to vote will drop their two highest votes, leaving that school's seed to likely drop accordingly. Following that, the school will drop an additional seed. Schools that fail to send a representative to the seed/draw meeting means the respective district athletic board will be given the discretion to place that school on the bracket to ensure the integrity of the draw. Failing to vote or to send a representative shall also mean that school will lose its privilege of hosting tournament contests in that sport should it qualify to host. In addition, schools will continue to be fined as outlined in the General Sports Regulations (\$50 for failing to vote; \$150 for failing to send a representative).

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C. Recommendation to Approve OHSAA Media Regulations and Tournament Broadcast Rates for the 2025-26 School Year

Director Tim Stried provided the Board with a draft of the proposed media regulations and rights fees for broadcasting 2025-26 OHSAA tournament contests, and he said the Executive Director's Office recommended that they be approved. He noted that there were no changes recommended for rights fees and said there were no significant updates to the media regulations.

Motion by Mark Rose, second by Ray Hibbs to **approve** New Business Consent Items VI. A., VI. B. and VI. C. as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

VII. NEW BUSINESS (OTHER)

A. Recommendation to Approve Initial 2026 Referendum Item (Name, Image and Likeness/Personal Branding Rights)

Associate Executive Director Kristin Ronai said the OHSAA's eligibility team and legal counsels have been reviewing potential changes to the OHSAA Constitution and Bylaws that would be placed before the membership for referendum if approved by the Board of Directors. At this meeting, Ms. Ronai reviewed the first 2026 proposed item (a bylaw), and recommended that it be approved by the Board to place on the referendum ballot. If approved by the Board for referendum, member school principals would vote on the proposed modifications between May 1 and 15, 2026. The recommendation is as follows:

Bylaw 4-11, Name, Image and Likeness/Personal Branding Rights (New)

This proposed new bylaw would permit student-athletes to receive benefits through appearances, licensing, social media, endorsements and/or use of branding related to the student's promotional and marketing efforts that are based on their public recognition (athletic fame) or notoriety. The bylaw would require the student-athlete to meet numerous requirements, including the condition that they inform the OHSAA of their agreement(s). The proposed new bylaw has no connection to Bylaw 5, which permits a student to accept awards, gifts and prizes resulting from their participation/finish in athletic competitions. The complete language of the proposed new bylaw will be posted on the OHSAA website.

Motion by Lane Warner, second by John Carter to **approve** placing the proposed new bylaw up for referendum vote by the membership as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

It was noted that the Executive Director's Office will recommend additional items to be placed before the membership for referendum at upcoming Board of Director's meetings.

VIII. ONCE AROUND

Board members thanked the OHSAA staff and the state coaches association officers in attendance for their work. Best wishes were offered to the schools and student-athletes completing their regular seasons and participating in the upcoming OHSAA fall tournaments. Some also mentioned that they are excited to see the expanded tournament divisions take place in cross country this fall. Staff member Kelly Schoenly and director John Kronour were thanked for their plans to assign many regional soccer tournament sites on a "to be determined" basis so neutral sites in proximity to the participating schools can be used. Associate Executive Director Kristin Ronai, her staff and the OHSAA legal team were thanked for all of their work on appeals and litigation cases.

Glen Gillespie, Board ex-officio and executive director of the Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (OIAAA), noted that the annual OIAAA State Conference will be held Nov. 9-11 at the Hilton Easton in Columbus. He said roughly 400 athletic administrators will be attending the conference. Mr. Gillespie also singled out Juwan Hollins, athletic administrator at Waterford High School, for becoming the 800th person to recently become a member of the OIAAA.

Motion by Tom Nerl, second by Stephanie Evans to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Motion passed 9-0.

Bob Goldring and Kristin Ronai, recorders.

FUTURE MEETINGS

(Unless noted, all meetings are on Thursdays and begin at 9:00 but are subject to change.)

2025-26 School Year: October 23, 2025; January 15, 2026; February 19, 2026; April 23, 2026; June 11, 2026 (8:30 at Canal Park in Akron).