

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE January 10, 2022

A meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 10:00 a.m., on January 10, 2022, at the Thomaston-Upson County Civic Center by Glenn White, President.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assistant Director Ernie Yarbrough. The invocation was given by Carror Wright, Associate Director. Roll call by Steve Figueroa, Media Director, showed the following: Present - 66, Absent - 9 (indicated by "A" below)

Randy McPherson	Carl Green	Darrell Demastus	James Stanford - sub	Davis Russell - A	Will Smith - sub	Regina Montgomery
Evan Horton	Don Breedlove	Garrett Black	John Sanders - A	Brian Montgomery	Mark Farriba	Richard Woods - A
Craig McKinney - sub	Don Baker	Jeff Littleton	Doug Connelly - A	Rick Hurst	Scott Queen	David Colvard - A
Ed Shaddix	Jeff Burch - sub	Kendall Mills - sub	James Jackson	Brian Turner	Julie Jones	Jason Miller - A
Tonya Sebring	Jared Nobles - sub	Brooke Whitlock	Brent Mashburn	Jim Morrell	Chris Hanson	Philip Brown - A
Nathan Turner	Jody Dean	Marty Shiver	David Wagner	Jesse Crews	Brad Dehem	Craig Davis - A
Kirk Barton	Shane Ratliff	Charles Battles	Eli Connell	Bradley Warren	David Lowery - A	Joe Sanfilippo
Scarlett Grantham	Dwayne Davis - sub	Jasper Jewell	Cleve Edwards	Don Norton	Chad Jordan	Travis Noland - sub
Jason Brett	Kelli Smith	Wes Shiver - sub	Michael Thompson	Harley Calhoun	Kevin Petroski	Glenn White
Matt Huntley - sub	Bobby Brewington	Michael Dowis	Von Lassiter	Michael Langston	Ricky Turner - sub	
Marty Jackson	Rendell Jackson	Shawn Peek	Myron Newton	Steve Simpson	Greg Ellison - sub	

Motion was made by Crews, seconded by Simpson, and unanimously approved to adopt the agenda for the meeting.

Motion was made by Crews, seconded by Simpson, and unanimously approved to go into executive session to hear a student appeal (Note: the appeal was heard in executive session, but all votes were taken after coming out of executive session).

APPOINTMENTS:

East Coweta - Royal Maxwell, boys basketball coach, presented the appeal for student Jordan T. Edun (migratory).

Motion by Hanson, second by C. Battles to **Approve** the appeal.

MOTION TO APPROVE PASSED 55-10-1 (Crews, Thompson, McPherson, Breedlove, Simpson, Whitlock, Morrell, Edwards, Norton & Peek voted no; Horton abstained)

South Cobb - withdrew appeal

Drew Charter School - Tracy Edwards, Athletic Director, presented an appeal to move up from Class A to Class AA.

Motion by Crews, second by Thompson to **Approve** the appeal.

MOTION TO APPROVE PASSED 65-0-1 (Jewell abstained)

Thomas Co. Central - George Lilly, school counsel, presented an appeal to move down from Class 6A to Class 4A.

Motion by McPherson, second by Crews to **Deny** the appeal.

MOTION TO DENY PASSED 65-1 (Langston voted no)

Jenkins HS - Heather Handy, Principal, presented an appeal to move down from Class 5A to Class 4A.

Motion by Simpson, second by Crews to **Deny** the appeal.

MOTION TO DENY PASSED 59-7 (Sebring, Langston, Warren, Brewington, M. Jackson, B. Turner, Dowis voted no)

Thomasville HS - Jeremy Rayburn, Athletic Director, presented an appeal to move down from Class 3A to Class 2A.

Motion by Thompson, second by McPherson to **Deny** the appeal.

MOTION TO DENY PASSED 64-2 (Langston & Mills voted no)

Model HS - Kevin Strickland, Principal, presented an appeal to move down from Class 2A to Div. 1 of Class A.

Motion by Crews, second by Jewell to **Approve** the appeal.

MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED 28-35-3 - Roll Call No. 1 - (McPherson, McKinney, Sebring, Brett, Huntley, Baker, Nobles, Dean, Ratliff, D. Davis, Black, Littleton, Whitlock, C. Battles, Dowis, Peek, Stanford, Wagner, Edwards, Lassiter, B. Montgomery, B. Turner, Warren, Calhoun, Farriba, Queen, J. Jones, Hanson, Dehem, Jordan, Petroski, Ellison, R. Montgomery, R. Turner & Noland voted no; Hurst, Morrell & White abstained)

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Gordon Lee - Melody Day, Superintendent, presented an appeal to move down from Class 2A to Div. 1 of Class A.

Motion by C. Battles, second by Calhoun to **Approve** the appeal.

MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED 29-36-1 - Roll Call No. 2 - (McPherson, N. Turner, Barton, Brett, Huntley, Breedlove, Burch, Nobles, Dean, Ratliff, Brewington, Demastus, Black, Littleton, Whitlock, Shiver, Peek, Stanford, J. Jackson, Edwards, Lassiter, Newton, B. Montgomery, Hurst, Morrell, Norton, Farriba, Queen, J. Jones, Hanson, Dehem, Petroski, Ellison, R. Turner, Sanfilippo & Noland voted no; Langston abstained)

Gordon Lee then requested to be allowed to move up in Class AAA.

Motion by Breedlove, second by Crews to **Approve** the request.

MOTION TO APPROVE PASSED (unanimously)

Pelham HS - Clark Harden, Principal, presented an appeal to move down from Div. 1 to Div. 2 of Class A.

Motion by Barton, second by Crews to **Deny** the appeal.

MOTION TO DENY PASSED 61-5 (Morrell, Langston, Sebring, C. Battles & Cahoun voted no)

Schley County - Gabe Theiss, Athletic Director, presented an appeal to move down from Div. 1 to Div. 2 of Class A.

Motion by Crews, second by Thompson to **Approve** the appeal.

MOTION TO APPROVE PASSED 60-6 (McPherson, Barton, Peek, Ellison, Dean & Littleton voted no)

Athens Christian - Steve Cummings, Head of School, presented an appeal to move from Div. 1 to Div. 2 of Class A.

Motion by C. Battles, second by Breedlove to **Approve** the appeal.

MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED 17-48-1 - Roll Call No. 3 - (McPherson, Horton, McKinney, Shaddix, N. Turner, Barton, Grantham, Brett, Huntley, Green, Baker, Burch, Dean, Ratliff, K. Smith, R. Jackson, Black, Littleton, Mills, Whitlock, Jewell, Peek, Stanford, J. Jackson, Mashburn, Wagner, Connell, Edwards, Thompson, Newton, B. Montgomery, Hurst, B. Turner, Crews, Warren, Norton, Calhoun, Langston, Simpson, W. Smith, J. Jones, Hanson, Dehem, Ellison, R. Montgomery, R. Turner, Noland & White voted no; Sanfilippo abstained)

Athens Christian then requested a lateral move from Region 8 to Region 5 in Div. 1 of Class A.

Motion by Crews, second by Thompson to **Deny** the request.

MOTION TO DENY PASSED 62-4 (Morrell, Brewington, Farriba & Breedlove voted no)

OLD BUSINESS:

Proposal to amend Article IV, Section 9 on page 12 of the GHSA Constitution by adding a new subparagraph "J" to read as follows: "Nothing in the Constitution of the GHSA is intended to give any individual students of GHSA member schools any due process or other rights as only member schools are entitled to any notice or opportunity to be heard in any questions coming before the GHSA. No student of GHSA member schools shall have any rights or benefits under this Constitution as a third party beneficiary or otherwise." (GHSA Office)

NOTE: This is a constitutional change and requires two votes. This is the second vote. The Board of Trustees passed the proposal unanimously in the first vote on Sept. 8, 2021.

Motion by Crews, second by Simpson to **Approve** the proposal.

MOTION TO APPROVE PASSED (unanimously)

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposal to amend the GHSA by-laws such that all member boarding schools shall have any "multiplier" used in the process of reclassification applied to their boarding students unless said student's permanent family residence is within the designated attendance zone of that school. (Floyd County Schools)

Motion by Petroski, second by Dehem to **Table** the proposal until the Spring Meeting.

MOTION TO TABLE PASSED (unanimously)

Proposal for the reclassification of schools for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years to be ratified with the changes approved earlier in the meeting. (Reclassification Committee)

NOTE: The classes were voted on individually, with the following results:

Class A, Division 1

MOTION TO RATIFY PASSED 64-2 (Morrell & Peek voted no)

Class A, Division 2

MOTION TO RATIFY PASSED 65-1 (Peek voted no)

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Class 2A
MOTION TO RATIFY PASSED (unanimously)

Class 3A
MOTION TO RATIFY PASSED (unanimously)

Class 4A
MOTION TO RATIFY PASSED (unanimously)

Class 5A
MOTION TO RATIFY PASSED (unanimously)

Class 6A
MOTION TO RATIFY PASSED (unanimously)

Class 7A
MOTION TO RATIFY PASSED (unanimously)

NOTE: The finalized region alignments for the 2022-24 school years may be found at the end of these minutes.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Robin Hines thanked all the members of the committee for their hard work with the difficult reclassification process this cycle. He then took time to remember legendary coach Max Dowis, who passed away this past December at the age of 90 after a five-decade coaching career in Georgia.

Hines reminded the membership of the opportunities for cost-free participation in the NFHS Network broadcasting program, and informed them of pre-filed Senate Bill 328, which could affect the GHSA and athletic eligibility state-wide going forward.

Motion by Thompson, second by Simpson, to adjourn the meeting.
MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

Region Alignment for 2022-2024 - Final

AAAAAAA (46)

(* Schools Not Playing Football)

1-AAAAAAA (5)

Camden County
Colquitt County
Lowndes
Richmond Hill
Valdosta

2-AAAAAAA (5)

Campbell
Carrollton
East Coweta
Pebblebrook
Westlake

3-AAAAAAA (5)

Harrison
Hillgrove
Marietta
McEachern
North Paulding

4-AAAAAAA (6)

Archer
Brookwood
Grayson
Newton
Parkview
South Gwinnett

5-AAAAAAA (6)

Cherokee
Kennesaw Mountain
North Cobb
Osborne
Walton
Wheeler

6-AAAAAAA (6)

Denmark
Forsyth Central
Lambert
Milton
South Forsyth
West Forsyth

7-AAAAAAA (7)

Berkmar
Discovery
Duluth
Meadowcreek
Norcross
North Gwinnett
Peachtree Ridge

8-AAAAAAA (6)

Buford
Central Gwinnett
Collins Hill
Dacula
Mill Creek
Mountain View

Region Alignment for 2022-2024 - Final

AAAAAA (58)

(* Schools Not Playing Football)

1-AAAAAA (6)

Houston County
Lee County
Northside, Warner Robins
Thomas County Central
Tift County
Veterans

2-AAAAAA (7)

Brunswick
Effingham County
Evans
Glynn Academy
Grovetown
Lakeside, Evans
South Effingham

3-AAAAAA (8)

Alcovy
Forest Park
Jonesboro
Lovejoy
Morrow
Mundy's Mill
Rockdale County
Woodward Academy

4-AAAAAA (7)

Dunwoody
Lakeside, DeKalb
Marist
North Atlanta
Riverwood
South Cobb
St. Pius X

5-AAAAAA (8)

Alexander
Douglas County
East Paulding
Hughes
New Manchester
Newnan
Paulding County
South Paulding

6-AAAAAA (7)

Allatoona
Creekview
Etowah
River Ridge
Rome
Sequoyah
Woodstock

7-AAAAAA (8)

Alpharetta
Blessed Trinity
Innovation Academy*
Johns Creek
Lassiter
Pope
Roswell
Sprayberry

8-AAAAAA (7)

Apalachee
Gainesville
Habersham Central
Jackson County
Lanier
North Forsyth
Shiloh

Region Alignment for 2022-2024 - Final

AAAAA (54)

(* Schools Not Playing Football)

1-AAAAA (6)

Bradwell Institute
Coffee
Greenbrier
Jenkins
Statesboro
Ware County

2-AAAAA (7)

Dutchtown
Eagle's Landing
Jones County
Locust Grove
Ola
Union Grove
Warner Robins

3-AAAAA (5)

Drew
Harris County
McIntosh
Northgate
Northside, Columbus

4-AAAAA (7)

Arabia Mountain
Chamblee
Cross Keys
Decatur
Lithonia
M. L. King
Tucker

5-AAAAA (9)

Banneker
Chapel Hill
Creekside
Jackson, Atlanta
Lithia Springs
Mays
Midtown
Tri-Cities
Villa Rica

6-AAAAA (7)

Cambridge
Centennial
Chattahoochee
Greater Atlanta Christian
Kell
North Springs
Northview

7-AAAAA (6)

Calhoun
Cartersville
Cass
Dalton
Hiram
Woodland, Cartersville

8-AAAAA (7)

Clarke Central
Eastside
Flowery Branch
Heritage, Conyers
Jefferson
Loganville
Winder-Barrow

Region Alignment for 2022-2024 - Final

AAAA (60)

(* Schools Not Playing Football)

1-AAAA (5)

Bainbridge
Cairo
Hardaway
Shaw
Westover

2-AAAA (7)

Baldwin
Griffin
Howard
Perry
Spalding
West Laurens
Westside, Macon

3-AAAA (6)

Benedictine
Burke County
Islands
New Hampstead
Southeast Bulloch
Wayne County

4-AAAA (8)

Fayette County
LaGrange
North Clayton
Riverdale
Starr's Mill
Trinity Christian
Troup County
Whitewater

5-AAAA (8)

Hampton
Lovett
Luella
McDonough
Mt. Zion, Jonesboro
Pace Academy
Stockbridge
Woodland, Stockbridge

6-AAAA (9)

Clarkston
Druid Hills
Hapeville
Holy Innocents'
Miller Grove
Southwest DeKalb
Stephenson
Stone Mountain
Westminster

7-AAAA (6)

Cedartown
Central, Carroll
Heritage, Catoosa
Northwest Whitfield
Sonoraville
Southeast Whitfield

8-AAAA (11)

Cedar Shoals
Cherokee Bluff
Chestatee
East Forsyth
East Hall
Johnson, Gainesville
Madison County
North Hall
North Oconee
Seckinger
Walnut Grove

Region Alignment for 2022-2024 - Final

AAA (51)

(* Schools Not Playing Football)

1-AAA (6)

Carver, Columbus
Columbus
Crisp County
Dougherty
Monroe
Thomasville

2-AAA (5)

Jackson
Mary Persons
Peach County
Pike County
Upson-Lee

3-AAA (9)

Beach
Calvary Day School
Groves
Johnson, Savannah
Liberty County
Long County
Savannah Christian
Savannah Country Day
St. Vincent's Academy*

4-AAA (6)

Cross Creek
Harlem
Hephzibah
Morgan County
Richmond Academy
Salem

5-AAA (4)

Carver, Atlanta
Cedar Grove
Douglass, Atlanta
Sandy Creek

6-AAA (8)

Adairsville
Bremen
Coahulla Creek
Gordon Lee
LaFayette
Lakeview-Ft. Oglethorpe
Ridgeland
Ringgold

7-AAA (7)

Dawson County
Gilmer
Lumpkin County
Pickens
Wesleyan
West Hall
White County

8-AAA (6)

Franklin County
Hart County
Hebron Christian Academy
Monroe Area
Oconee County
Stephens County

Region Alignment for 2022-2024 - Final

AA (65)

(* Schools Not Playing Football)

1-AA (7)

Berrien
Cook
Dodge County
Fitzgerald
Jeff Davis
Sumter County
Worth County

2-AA (8)

ACE Charter
Central, Macon
Jordan
Kendrick
Northeast
Rutland
Southwest
Spencer

3-AA (8)

Appling County
Brantley County
Pierce County
Savannah Arts Academy*
Tattnall County
Toombs County
Vidalia
Windsor Forest

4-AA (11)

Butler
Davidson Fine Arts*
Glenn Hills
Johnson, Augusta*
Josey
Laney
Putnam County
Technical Career Magnet*
Thomson
Washington County
Westside, Augusta

5-AA (8)

Callaway
Columbia
Eagle's Landing Christian
Elite Scholars Academy*
Landmark Christian
McNair
Redan
Towers

6-AA (10)

B.E.S.T Academy
Coretta Scott King Academy*
Drew Charter School*
KIPP Atlanta Collegiate
Mt. Paran Christian
North Cobb Christian
South Atlanta
Therrell
Walker
Washington

7-AA (7)

Fannin County
Gordon Central
Haralson County
Model
Murray County
North Murray
Rockmart

8-AA (6)

Athens Academy
Banks County
East Jackson
Fellowship Christian
Providence Christian
Union County

Region Alignment for 2022-2024 - Final

A - D2 (74)

(* Schools Not Playing Football)

1-A - D2 (13)

Baconton
 Baker County*
 Calhoun County
 Early County
 Miller County
 Mitchell County
 Pataula Charter
 Quitman County*
 Randolph-Clay
 Seminole County
 Southwest Georgia STEM*
 Stewart County
 Terrell County

2-A - D2 (6)

Atkinson County
 Charlton County
 Clinch County
 Echols County*
 Lanier County
 Turner County

3-A - D2 (8)

Emanuel County Institute
 Jenkins County
 McIntosh County Academy
 Montgomery County
 Portal
 Savannah Classical Academy*
 Savannah Early College*
 Steam Academy*

4-A - D2 (6)

Dooly County
 Hawkinsville
 Telfair County
 Treutlen
 Wheeler County
 Wilcox County

5-A - D2 (7)

Georgia Academy for Blind*
 Georgia Military College
 Glascock County
 Hancock Central
 Johnson County
 Twiggs County
 Wilkinson County

6-A - D2 (11)

Central, Talbotton
 Chattahoochee County
 Furlow Charter*
 Greenville
 Macon County
 Manchester
 Marion County
 Rainey-McCullers*
 Schley County
 Taylor County
 Webster County*

7-A - D2 (13)

Atlanta Classical*
 Ben Franklin Academy*
 Bowdon
 Christian Heritage
 DeKalb School of the Arts*
 Excel Christian*
 Fulton Leadership Academy*
 Georgia School for Deaf*
 Greenforest Christian*
 Mt. Zion, Carroll
 Southwest Atlanta Christian*
 W. D. Mohammed*
 Woody Gap*

8-A - D2 (10)

Aquinas
 Georgia Fugees Academy*
 Greene County
 GSIC*
 Lake Oconee Academy
 Lincoln County
 Taliaferro County*
 Towns County
 Warren County
 Washington-Wilkes

Region Alignment for 2022-2024 - Final

A - D1 (48)

(* Schools Not Playing Football)

1-A - D1 (4)

Bacon County
Brooks County
Irwin County
Pelham

2-A - D1 (5)

Bleckley County
Dublin
East Laurens
Jefferson County
Swainsboro

3-A - D1 (6)

Bryan County
Claxton
Metter
Savannah
Screven County
Woodville-Tompkins*

4-A - D1 (4)

Crawford County
Heard County
Lamar County
Temple

5-A - D1 (5)

Jasper County
Oglethorpe County
Prince Avenue Christian
Social Circle
Stilwell Arts*

6-A - D1 (10)

Atlanta International*
Galloway*
King's Ridge
Mount Vernon
Mt. Bethel Christian*
Mt. Pisgah Christian
Paideia*
St. Francis
Weber School*
Whitefield Academy

7-A - D1 (8)

Armuchee
Chattooga
Coosa
Dade County
Dalton Academy*
Darlington
Pepperell
Trion

8-A - D1 (6)

Athens Christian
Barrow*
Commerce
Elbert County
Rabun County
Tallulah Falls*

456 Schools

GHSA Proposed Sub Divisions

8 A AAA

Sub Region A

Cherokee Bluff
Chestatee
East Forsyth
East Hall
Johnson, Gainesville
North Hall

Sub Region B

Cedar Shoals
Madison County
North Oconee
Seckinger
Walnut Grove

1 A - D2

Sub Region A

Calhoun County
Pataula Charter
Quitman County
Randolph-Clay
Southwest Georgia STEM
Stewart County
Terrell County

Sub Region B

Baconton
Baker County
Early County
Miller County
Mitchell County
Seminole County

8 A - D2

Sub Region A

Greene County
Lake Oconee Academy
Taliaferro County
Towns County
Washington-Wilkes

Sub Region B

Aquinas
Georgia Fugees Academy
GSIC
Lincoln County
Warren County

4 AA

Sub Region A

Glenn Hills
Putnam County
Technical Career Magnet
Thomson
Washington County

Sub Region B

Butler
Davidson Fine Arts
Johnson, Augusta
Josey
Laney
Westside, Augusta

6 A - D2

Sub Region A

Furlow Charter
Macon County
Marion County
Schley County
Taylor County
Webster County

Sub Region B

Central, Talbotton
Chattahoochee County
Greenville
Manchester
Rainey-McCullers

6 A - D1

Sub Region A

King's Ridge
Mount Vernon
Mt. Bethel Christian
Mt. Pisgah Christian
St. Francis

Sub Region B

Atlanta International
Galloway
Paideia
Weber School
Whitefield Academy

7 A - D2

Sub Region A

Atlanta Classical
Christian Heritage
DeKalb School of the Arts
Excel Christian
Georgia School for Deaf
Woody Gap

Sub Region B

Ben Franklin Academy
Bowdon
Fulton Leadership Academy
Greenforest Christian
Mt. Zion, Carroll
Southwest Atlanta Christian
W.D. Mohammed