

# GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

May 14, 2024

A meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 9:00 a.m., on May 14, 2024, at the Thomaston-Upson County Civic Center by Jim Finch, President. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Curt Miller. The invocation was given by Carror Wright, Associate Director. Roll call showed the following: Present - 63, Absent - 4 (indicated by "A" below)

Danny Redshaw	Cedric King	Bobby Brewington	Paul Standard	Michael Thompson	Corian Roberson	David Colvard
Paul Fitz-Simons	Paris Burd	Ricky Turner	Eli Connell	Fred Williams - A	Eli Dupree	Eric Holland - A
Don Baker	Rick Sauls	Darrell Demastus	Jeff Battles	Nichols St. Louis - sub	Don Norton	Stacy Bennett
Jason Holcombe	Tonya Sebring	Matt Hollis	Kevin Grooms	Jeffery Sloan	Harley Calhoun	Craig Davis
Matt Moody	Lamarr Glenn	Greg Ellison	Jesse Crews	Brad Dehem	Jeff Bryant	Joe Sanfilippo
Scarlett Grantham	Brad Hayes	Andrew Calhoun	Myron Newton - A	Davis Russell	Steven Simpson	Jim Finch
Jason Dopson	Brooke Whitlock	Reggie Wilkes	Nyere Coy Brown	Billy Satterfield - sub	Jose Fernandez	Curt Miller
Jason Carrera	Andre Byrd	Lawrence Kelly	James Jackson - sub	Mike Cleveland	Michelle Masters	
Steve Waters	Shane Ratliff - A	Phillip Shiflet	Brent Mashburn	David Bell	Regina Montgomery	
Jason Brett	Rendell Jackson	Matt Combs	Chuck King	Don Tison	Richard Woods	

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Proposal** to modify By-Law 1.62, item "c-3" on page 19 of the GHSA Constitution as follows (new text in italic) so as to allow students from non-member schools in Georgia who transfer to GHSA schools, or those who make bonafide moves from other states, to be eligible immediately as long as it is their first enrollment in a GHSA school: "The student has not yet established eligibility in grades 9-12 at a member school in Georgia *or who makes a bonafide move from another state*. Eligibility is established at the first time the student enrolls in a GHSA member school for the first time." (Athens Academy)  
**Motion** by Dopson, second by Redshaw, to Deny the proposal.  
**MOTION To Deny PASSED 62-1** (Dehem voted no)
- Executive Committee members of each classification, and the "at large" members, met in separate groups to vote on their respective choices to sit on the new Board of Trustees for the 2024-26 reclassification cycle. Below are the results of the elections in each classification (with the winning vote totals in parenthesis):  

<b>Class 6A</b> - Scarlett Grantham (5-3)	<b>Class 2A</b> - Brian Montgomery (4-3)
<b>Class 5A</b> - Steve Waters (8-0)	<b>Class A, Div. 1</b> - Michael Thompson (4-2-1)
<b>Class 4A</b> - Bobby Brewington (5-3)	<b>Class A, Div. 2</b> - Steven Simpson (5-1)
<b>Class 3A</b> - Eli Connell (5-3)	<b>At-Large</b> - Michelle Masters (4-0)
- There was a brief meeting of the newly selected members of the Board of Trustees to make their at-large nominations to be submitted to the full committee. Nominations were Jose Fernandez, Regina Montgomery and Kevin Petroski to be at-large members on the Board of Trustees.  
**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**
- Proposal** to the full Executive Committee to approve all the newly-selected members of the Board of Trustees.  
**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hines discussed the new legislative oversight committee, which holds its first meeting on May 15. He also discussed the new budget report and reported the retirement of Media Director Steve Figueroa.

New Executive Director Tim Scott then addressed the committee. He discussed the new responsibilities of retiring Executive Director Robin Hines and Assistant Executive Director Ernie Yarbrough. He reported that he will be conducting interviews for the vacant Media Director position on May 23. And he announced that Jay Russell will become the new Assistant Executive Director on July 1, 2024, the same date that Scott will start as new Executive Director.

- Motion** by Thompson, second by Dupree, to adjourn the meeting.  
**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**