

NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 13, 2026

Roll Call - The meeting of the Executive Committee, held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at the NJSIAA Administration Building in Robbinsville, New Jersey, was called to order by the President, Judy Finch Johnson, at 11:02 am.

The following members were present: Jeff Baldino, Mike Bartram, Jeremy Braverman, Anthony Browning, Christopher Chiera, Jason Corley, Dr. Robert Fisicaro, Barry Fitzgerald, John Fraraccio, John Germano, Dr. Kimberly Guccio, Dr. Brack Healy, Brian Henry, Steven Jenkins, Dr. Elizabeth Jewett, Kurt Karcich, Jennifer Killough-Herrera, Greg Lasher, Brendan McGovern, Jason Miller, Russell Petrocelli, Dr. Timothy Purnell, Michael Raimondi, Senator Paul Sarlo, Steve Shohfi, Dr. Gregory Troxell, Joseph Ursino, Michael Vinella, Tripp Welborne, Cynthia Wilks, Dr. Clifford Williams, and Sjoquelynn Winstead. Also present: Colleen Maguire, Executive Director; Paul Popadiuk, Chief Compliance Officer; Tony Maselli, Chief Operating Officer; Assistant Directors - Al Stumpf, Derryk Sellers, and Sandy Mamary; and Steven P. Goodell, Esq., NJSIAA Counsel. The following sportswriters were in attendance: Jake Aferiat - *NJ Advance Media* and Darren Cooper - *Bergen Record*. Also present: Paul Anzano of Pringle Quinn Anzano, P.C.; Brenda Liss, Legal Counsel, Newark Public Schools; and Mike Beirao, Athletic Director and John Burns, Principal from Cherry Hill HS (East and West).

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Carl Buffalino, seconded by Russell Petrocelli, to accept the minutes of the April 15, 2026 Executive Committee meeting. Motion carried with one abstention.

Legislative Update (Paul Anzano) – Mr. Anzano reported that there are no concerning bills relevant to NJSIAA being considered by the legislature, who are at the tail end of the 2026-2027 budget preparations. The budget must be voted on before July 1st, the start of the fiscal year. Regular sessions begin again in Mid-May.

Annual Meeting Results – The annual meeting was held on 5/4/26 at the Pines Manor in Edison. Four ballots were presented to the membership by Advisory Committee Chairman/Rutherford Athletic Director, Dave Frazier. After each ballot was presented, discussion took place followed by a vote. The final ballot results are as follows:

Ballot #1 - Add Girls Flag Football to the list of NJSIAA officially sanctioned sports, starting with the 2026-27 school year. Final Vote: 312 Yes; 18 No; 3 Abstentions.

Ballot #2 – Allow tri-ops in the sport of girls wrestling. Final Vote: 323 Yes; 5 No; 4 Abstentions.

Ballot #3 - Require a shot clock for all varsity boys and girls lacrosse games, starting with the 2027-28 school year and pending NHFS approval. Final Vote: 149 Yes; 166 No; 21 Abstentions. DID NOT PASS.

Ballot #4 – Require a shot clock for all varsity boys and girls basketball games, starting with the 2027-28 school year. Final Vote: 170 Yes; 166 No; 0 Abstentions.

Ballots 1, 2 and 4 were passed by the membership.

Competitive Balance Policy Feedback from Newark Public Schools and Cherry Hill Public School

District – Brenda Liss, Legal Counsel, representing the Newark Schools and Mike Beirao, Athletic Director at Cherry Hill HS East and Cherry Hill HS West shared feedback about the competitive balance policy approved at last year’s annual meeting. Ms. Liss feels that the policy is unnecessary because it is only applied to a few schools, redundant because there’s other mechanisms in place that are doing its job to combat recruiting and is arbitrary and capricious because it punishes schools that admit students on academic criteria not related to sports. Each Newark school’s academic program is what drives the enrollment of each Newark school – not sports. Also this policy applies to charter schools and schools that accept tuition, while Newark schools don’t do that – they are just part of a multi-school district within its own city. Ms. Liss asked the committee to reconsider the provisions and find an alternative solution that serves the same purpose but also promotes fairness since she expressed the eligibility rules applied are unfair to Newark schools.

Discussion took place and questions were asked. When asked how Newark students are being denied, the answer was they moved up so they are denied the opportunity to win. Steve Jenkins expressed that the policy is trying to make the playing field fair for everyone and brought up a few questions and points to ponder. Is it fair for a small school like Belvidere to play against a school with a community that draws from 330,000 students? Shabazz beat Group IV schools – they are not being punished. Mr. Fraraccio echoed the same sentiments. His school, Memorial HS, has a population of 40,000 – is it fair to the schools who can only draw from 1,500 kids. Also, when Newark East Side HS eliminated their football program, those student-athletes went to other Newark schools and helped build their programs – the fairness of that was questioned. Mr. Raimondi shared that everyone has opportunities to compete under this policy, but it addresses fairness for schools like Westwood, Cedar Grove, etc. Ms. Liss believes you can’t assume a team is successful because they can draw from the whole city. If it’s a non-traditional district, they are checked, but that wasn’t done for Newark. Mr. Karcich shared that the NJSIAA doesn’t have the resources to look into individual eligibility cases – it’s not a sustainable practice, as proven when tried years ago. If three or four kids came to his schools and helped his sports program, Mr. Karcich feels his school should move up since they have an advantage not available to other schools.

Next, Mike Beirao spoke. His Principal, John Burns, was also present. On 4/15 he was notified that the Cherry Hill West girls basketball team would be moved to Group IV. He sent a letter to Ms. Maguire and Mr. Popadiuk to appeal this move because no East kids play on the West team. Included with the letter was a map of Cherry Hill and their board policy. The girls team has had five winning seasons in 17 years and the only reason for this year’s success is probably because they have one of the best players in the state and four seniors who have played together since they were young. Mr. Beirao shared that now those seniors are graduating, they may not be as successful. Dr. Fisicaro acknowledged the statement about the timing of moving up with graduating seniors and being moved to a higher group with a less competitive team. Mr. Beirao believes that this is a new process so when you go through it, unique circumstances come to light and should be addressed.

Executive Director Update – Colleen Maguire

Drug Free Sports 2026-2027 Banned Substances List/Testing Protocols – One Reading – Voice Vote – The recommended 2026-2027 list of banned drug classes and testing protocols from Drug Free Sports was distributed. There were no changes from prior years except the testing lab facility will be in Salt Lake instead of LA. It was reviewed and approved by the Sports Medical Advisory Committee. Dr. Fisicaro asked if the association ever accounted for positive tests from athletes inadvertently taking illegal substances from the vitamin shops and how do schools communicate this? There have been

difficult hearings with that exact scenario which is why education is so important. Drug Free Sports has a resource where you can ask them if a supplement or drug is legal and receive a response within 24 hours. The association did a poster campaign three years ago, the information is on our website, and it is continuously messaged about in the association's newsletters. It is an unregulated industry. Christopher Chiera asked if NJSIAA collaborates with the NCAA. Answer is NJSIAA's list is built off the NCAA's list, just tweaked for high school students. A motion was made by Jason Corley, seconded by Anthony Browning, to approve the 2026-2027 Drug Free Sports Banned Substances List and Testing Protocols. Motion carried unanimously.

Spring State Tournament Schedule – A listing of all spring championship dates was distributed. The Golf Championships took place this week (5/11 and 5/12), while seeding for NJSIAA's other tournaments will take place next week.

Scholar Athlete Luncheon – May 17, 2026 – Pines Manor – 385 students were honored, with \$192,000 given out in scholarships. Ms. Maguire thanked Executive Committee president, Judy Finch-Johnson, for attending and greeting every honoree on the stage.

Chief Compliance Officer Update (Paul Popadiuk)

NJSIAA Bylaws Clarification – Transfer Ineligibility Period - Second Reading – Roll Call Vote – This proposal, which clarifies the maximum number of contests in basketball, wrestling and football so schools don't circumvent the transfer rule, was detailed in April's meeting. No questions were asked so a motion was made by Russell Petrocelli, seconded by Kurt Karcich, to amend the ineligibility periods in basketball, wrestling and football outlined in NJSIAA Bylaws, Article V, Section 4.K, to ensure that the transfer ineligibility periods are applied predictably, consistently, and equitably. A roll call vote was taken. Final Vote: Yes-34; No-0. Motion passed second reading unanimously.

Cooperative Sports Committee Approvals – One Reading – Voice Vote – The Cooperative Sports Committee met in May 2026 and approved the following 21 winter sport cooperative sports applications and two emergent fall applications.

The committee approved the following applications:

1. Toms River East-North-South Girls Wrestling
2. Redbank Regional-Jackson-South Amboy Boys Hockey
3. Jefferson-Sparta Boys Wrestling
4. Bayonne-McNair Boys Hockey
5. Butler-Prompton Lakes- Girls Wrestling
6. Morris Hills-Morris Knolls Girls Wrestling
7. Montville-James Caldwell Girls Wrestling
8. Northern Burlington- Bordentown Co-ed Swimming
9. West Morris Central-Mendham Boys Hockey
10. Glen Rock-Ridgewood- Girls Hockey
11. Barnegat-Lacey Boys Hockey
12. Midland Park-New Milford Boys Bowling
13. Ocean City-Mainland Girls Wrestling
14. Ridge-Bernards Girls Hockey
15. Central Regional-Lacey Girls Wrestling
16. Randolph-Morristown Gymnastics (Emergent)
17. Ranney-St. John Vianney Girls Swimming

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19. Absegami-Cedar Creek Girls Wrestling
20. North Hunterdon-Voorhees Boys Swimming
21. North Hunterdon-Voorhees Girls Swimming
22. North Warren-Belvidere Field Hockey (Emergent)
23. Clifton-Passaic Valley Girls Wrestling

A motion was made by Carl Buffalino, seconded by Dr. Robert Fisicaro, to approve the 21 winter cooperative sports programs and two fall emergent relief cooperative sports program requests, approved by the Cooperative Sports Committee in May 2026. The 21 approved winter programs will be in place for a four-year period starting with the 2026-2027 school year; the two emergent relief requests will be for the 2026-2027 school year only. Motion carried with one abstention.

Bylaws Changes and Clarifications Proposal – The NJSIAA Chief Compliance Officer is tasked each year with reviewing the NJSIAA Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Guidelines, Rules and Procedures to ensure accuracy and consistency. There are several areas that are not worded correctly, not within the spirit of the rule, or need to be amended to clarify current practices or address new areas of need. In consultation with NJSIAA staff and counsel, Mr. Popadiuk recommended the following changes to the NJSIAA Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Guidelines, Rules and Procedures. Each recommended change is supported by a brief rationale statement.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

[Additions are underlined, and deletions are ~~struck through~~.]

Bylaws, Article VII, Protests

Section 2

There shall be a committee consisting of the Executive Director or designee, the President, and a member of the Executive Committee who shall meet at the call of the Executive Director to hear any disputes and grant interim relief pending a decision on the matter by the Eligibility Committee, Controversies Committee or Executive Committee.

Any relief granted will expire at the end of the next Executive Committee meeting unless extended by resolution of the Executive Committee. The President and Executive Committee member, if they act in such capacity, shall be disqualified from discussion and voting on such matter before the Executive Committee.

Article XIII, Hearing Procedure

Section 6

~~In emergent circumstances where time will not permit a controversy to be heard by the Controversies Committee. The Executive Committee may hear such a controversy and render a decision thereon in an informal manner after all involved parties are provided with notice and an opportunity to present their positions before the Executive Committee.~~

In emergent circumstances where time will not permit a matter to be heard by the Executive Committee or Controversies Committee, the Executive Director may convene a Protest Committee to hear such matters and render a final decision thereon in a formal manner after all involved parties are provided with notice and an opportunity to present their positions before the Protest Committee. The Protest Committee will consist of the Executive Director or designee, the President, and a member of the Executive Committee.

Rationale: This clearly defines the role of the Protest Committee when there is no time to convene The Executive or Controversies Committees.

NJSIAA Rules and Regulations, Specific Sport Regulations

4. Disqualification

- a. Any student-athlete or coach disqualified before, during or after an interscholastic event for unsportsmanlike and flagrant verbal or physical misconduct will be disqualified from the next two (2) regularly scheduled games/meets, with the exception of football which will carry a one (1) game disqualification, at that level of competition and all other game(s)/meet(s) in the interim at any level in addition to any other penalties which the NJSIAA or a league/conference may assess.

CL 6: The Executive Director or designee has the authority to (1) issue disqualifications for violations of the NJSIAA sportsmanship policy, (2) issue disqualifications to players who leave the bench area during an altercation, and (3) correct a reporting error in a previously submitted disqualification report. These actions may be taken after an event has been completed.

Rationale: This clarifies that directors have the authority to issue disqualifications, which is consistent with our practice.

- f. Any varsity team accumulating three or more player or coach disqualifications prior to the team's participation in an NJSIAA tournament will not be permitted to participate in same. Seeded teams will forfeit their right to compete if a disqualification limit is reached prior to the start of the tournament for the team.

CL 1: Although there are no appeals for disqualifications, the Commissioner of Education has ruled that the NJSIAA should hold a hearing if a school requests a waiver from the three-disqualification rule. In appropriate cases, the Executive Committee may grant a waiver from the strict application of the three-disqualification rule when the overall objectives of the Association and its member schools will not be undermined. The burden of proof is on the party requesting the waiver to show why the waiver should be granted. In emergent circumstances, the Protest Committee may hear the waiver request.

Rationale: This clarifies the parameters for a waiver of the three disqualification rule, consistent with past practice.

Bylaws, Article V, Section 4 G, Enrollment

CL 2: A short period of enrollment at any school will not be treated as entrance to that school and/or subsequent transfer will be recognized as uninterrupted enrollment at the original school absent any appeal from the previous school.

Rationale: This clarification is no longer needed with the new transfer rule.

Bylaws, Article V, Section 4 K, Transfers

6. A student's second or subsequent transfer:

Students who transfer a second or subsequent time will be subject to a 30-day period of ineligibility (or ½ the Maximum Number of Contests, whichever is less) for all NJSIAA sanctioned sports in which the student participated during the 12 months preceding the transfer.

8. General Application:

- a. This Transfer Rule applies to all athletes at all levels of participation (not just varsity athletes) and is applicable to all NJSIAA-sanctioned sports in which the student participated during the 12 months preceding the transfer. Transferring students may participate in a new sport without penalty.
- b. The period of ineligibility will begin on the Competition Start Date of each sport. For students who transfer after the Competition Start Date, the period of ineligibility will begin on the date of ~~enrollment~~ transfer and will not include any days or games occurring after a school's last regular season game prior to the start of the playoffs.
- c. When calculating the period of ineligibility using the Maximum Number of Contests, NJSIAA will round down to the nearest whole number if the number of contests is not divided evenly. For example, if the Maximum Number of Contests were 14, then the calculation for a Senior Transfer (14 divided by 3) would be 5.67 and rounded down to a 5 contest sit.

9. Exceptions:

Immediate eligibility, without penalty, will be granted for transfers resulting from DCP&P placement, HIB transfers, ~~and~~ military transfers and transfers resulting from a school's closure or elimination of a sports program.

CL1: Transfers resulting from a school's closure or elimination of a sports program must occur before the earlier of (1) the start of the next school year, or (2) the Start of Practice Date of the sports season in which the transfer occurs.

CL2: A transfer that is exempted from penalty as set forth in Section 4.K.9 above is nevertheless counted as a transfer for purposes of determining the number of transfers a student has accrued.

Rationale: *Students should not be penalized for their second or subsequent transfer, or senior transfer, if it occurs due to the school closing or sport being eliminated. This corresponds with past practice. Changing the word enrollment maintains consistency with language in our definition of a transfer.*

Bylaws, Article V, Section 4 D, Athletic Recruitment

2. Athletic recruitment is defined as any effort to, proselytize, pressure, urge or entice a student to transfer to a school for athletic purposes. It is a violation for a member school to engage in athletic recruitment or for a student-athlete to transfer to a school as a result of athletic recruitment. Athletic recruitment includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Using mail, letters, brochures, or news media to compare high schools and to solely point out the athletic assets of the sender;
 - b. Engaging in proselytizing interviews or communications, ~~initiated~~ by school personnel or associates;

- c. Offering athletic scholarships, free tuition or other monetary assistance, either from the school directly or indirectly through some affiliated body or individual, to induce a student to attend the school for athletic reasons.

Rationale: *It does not matter who initiates the contact for it to be a recruiting violation. Language is now consistent with our Recruitment Violations Chart.*

NJSIAA Rules and Regulations **Program Regulations:**

Section 9 Contest Rules

All contests involving member schools must be played according to the rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). This applies to all sports for which rules are formulated by that Association, with the following exceptions:

- Bowling – US Bowling Congress
- Fencing – ~~United States Fencing Association~~ NCAA
- Golf – USGA
- Tennis – USTA

Rules indicated will govern all sports unless modified by NJSIAA.

Rationale: *Fencing is governed by NCAA Fencing Rules.*

Section 15 Maximum Games

The maximum number of games does not include participation in one county or league/conference-based tournament, and the NJSIAA state tournament. A county or league/conference-based tournament is defined as a single elimination tournament with a minimum of 8 teams and maximum of not to exceed 32 teams, limited to a maximum of five games. Teams may still participate in both a county and a league/ conference tournament, but one of these tournaments will count toward the maximum number of games.

CL 1: In the event that a member school does not have a county or league/conference-based tournament available in a particular sport, the member school may choose one tournament in which the maximum number of games will not count. The tournament must be approved by NJSIAA, ~~organized by a member school(s) and the competing schools in the tournament must all be NJSIAA member schools.~~ This option is not available for schools that are eligible to compete in a county or league/conference-based tournament in a particular sport but choose not to.

~~A waiver of the maximum game limitation is granted in all sports, except football, only when one additional game is needed to decide a county, conference or tournament championship.~~

Rationale: *This is no longer applicable.*

Section 16 Withdrawal/NJSIAA Tournaments

1. Schools that withdraw from the tournament before seeding will not be subject to any penalty.
2. Schools that withdraw from the tournament after having been seeded will be subject to a fine, unless truly extraordinary circumstances are present.
3. Schools that withdraw from the tournament after the brackets have become official will be subject to a fine, unless truly extraordinary circumstances are present. In addition, the program will be placed on probation for one year.
4. Schools that withdraw from the tournament at any point while on probation will be fined and barred from participating in the tournament for the following school year, unless truly extraordinary circumstances are present. In addition, the program will be placed on an additional year of probation.
5. Schools that repeatedly withdraw from tournaments across multiple sports may be referred to the Controversies Committee.
6. Schools will be fined if a student-athlete withdraws from an individual tournament after the brackets (seeding) have become official, unless truly extraordinary circumstances are present.

~~Any member school and/or student athlete withdrawing from competition after having officially entered an NJSIAA tournament in any sport will be disqualified from all remaining NJSIAA tournament competition in that sport in that season and may be barred from participating in NJSIAA tournament competition in that sport during the next school year unless truly extraordinary circumstances were present.~~

Rationale: *Clarifies our practice.*

Specific Sport Regulations:

Girls Volleyball (Fall), Boys Volleyball (Spring)

Section 14 Match

1. Match format, regular season. During the regular season, teams will be allowed to play either a best of 5-match or best of 3-match format. For a best of 5-match format, the fifth (5th) set is scored to fifteen (15). For the best of 3-match format, all three (3) sets are scored to twenty-five (25).

CL: Teams must mutually agree to play a best of 5-match format prior to scheduling the match.

2. Match format, regular season tournaments (single or multiple days). Tournaments (single or multiple days) may be modified as per Note 2 of Rule 1-2. Games may be modified requiring fewer points to win but not raised to require more points to win.
3. Match format, state tournament. During the state tournament, teams will play a best of 5-match format.

Rationale: *As per NFHS rules.*

Swimming

Section 17 Officials

A minimum of three (3) NJSIAA registered officials is required for all championship swimming meets. Four (4) officials will be assigned to the sectional state semifinals and finals.

A minimum of two (2) NJSIAA registered officials shall be used for all other varsity meets.

Cross Country

Section 10-167 N/A

~~Section 17 Officials~~ It shall be required that at least three (3) NJSIAA registered track officials be used to officiate in any County, Conference, Invitational, Championship or NJSIAA meets involving four or more teams. Whenever possible, all officials in these meets should be registered.

Rationale: NJSIAA does not regulate the number of officials per event.

Winter Indoor Track

Spring Outdoor Track

Rationale: NJSIAA is changing all references from Winter/Spring Track to Indoor/Outdoor Track

Boys Wrestling

Section 25 Skin Infection/Contagious Disease - Before being permitted to wrestle, any wrestler previously judged not fit to wrestle must present, at weigh in, the original NJSIAA skin lesion form signed by an MD, DO, PA or APN, certifying that an exam took place pertaining to that condition within the last seven (7) days, clearing that contestant for competition.

CL: Before the dual/individual meet begins, the referee shall perform skin checks, or verify skin checks have been performed by a designated, on-site, meet appropriate health professional. NFHS Rule 3-1-4a; 3-1-5a.

Girls Wrestling

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CL: Before the dual/individual meet begins, the referee shall perform skin checks, or verify skin checks have been performed by a designated, on-site, meet appropriate health professional. NFHS Rule 3-1-4a; 3-1-5a.

Rationale: As per SMAC recommendation.

Guidelines, Policies and Procedures

STATE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFICATION OF COACHES

The *New Jersey Administrative Code* sets forth qualifications for the coaching of public-school pupils. These qualifications are found at **N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-5.16**, as follows:

N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-5.16 Athletics Personnel

- a. Any teaching staff member employed by a district board of education shall be permitted to organize students for purposes of coaching or for conducting games, events, or contests in physical education or athletics.

- b. School districts may employ any holder of either a New Jersey teaching certificate or a substitute credential pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-7 to work in the interscholastic athletic program provided the position has been advertised. The 20-day limitation noted in N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-7.4(a) 6A:9B-7.3(a) shall not apply to such coaching situations.

Rationale: Code number update.

Steve Shohfi asked if protest committee hearings offer due process, which they do, when time is an issue. A motion was made by Dr. Brack Healy, seconded by Jeremy Braverman, to approve the recommended changes to the NJSIAA Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Guidelines, Rules and Procedure proposed by NJSIAA's Chief Compliance Officer, Paul Popadiuk, to correct areas that are not worded correctly, not within the spirit of the rule, or need to be amended to clarify current practices and address new areas of need. Motion carried first reading unanimously.

Chief Operating Officer Update (Tony Maselli)

Arbiter Update – Assignors and Athletic Directors were battling over who puts schedules in Arbiter. Historically, the assignors did it, but these days Athletic Directors prefer to do it. It is up to the conference how they want assignments to be handled, so most likely it'll be the Athletic Director, not the Assignor. From NJSIAA's experience so far, everything with the Arbiter transition has been smooth.

Officials Registration Summary – Mr. Maselli distributed a chart demonstrating the number of officials registered for each sport, for the past two years (2024-2025 and 2025-2026). Recruitment efforts have been working. Most sports showed small increases in registered officials with only field hockey, boys lacrosse and soccer having small dips in numbers. The biggest drop was in the sport of tennis - registered officials dropped 7.4% (which is five officials - down from 68 officials to 63) but tennis can be played without officials. Dr. Fiscaro shared that there is technology that can officiate tennis matches so that may be something to keep an eye on over the next few years – especially if it comes down in price.

Baseball Update – The entry form is now closed. Seeding will take place on 5/19. Mr. Maselli is visiting Rutgers tomorrow to check out the new stadium, the site of this year's state finals.

Al Stumpf, Assistant Director Update

Golf Update – The golf tournament culminated this past Monday and Tuesday. The association was blessed with nice weather. Sophomore Roay Asselta from St. Joseph Montvale captured his second straight individual state title over Cherry Hill East junior Tyler Whitney. Roay is one of only eight golfers to win back-to-back titles and he's only a sophomore. For the girls individual title, Angela Liang of Pingry won her first individual state championship by shooting 3-under par 69 at Raritan Valley Country Club in Bridgewater.

Outdoor Track Update – The public sectionals begin this weekend (5/15 and 5/16) at various sites. The group championships will take place on 5/29 and 5/30, with the tournament culminating at the Meet of Champions on 6/3 at Pennsauken HS. Mr. Stumpf encouraged committee members to attend as he expects state, and possibly national records to be broken on that day. He has already reached out to Pennsauken HS to have the track certificated by engineers, a requirement to be eligible for national records. The Unified Championships will take place at Franklin HS on 5/28. 21 teams are registered to compete, which is the largest amount to date.

June Scholastic Event – Boys Basketball Waiver Request – One Reading – Voice Vote – The NJSIAA, in conjunction with the New Jersey Basketball Coaches Association, will be conducting a scholastic basketball recruiting showcase pursuant to the NFHS/NCAA summer event guidelines called "NJ LIVE." This June there will be three NJ Live events (Boys NJ Live 1 6/12-14). (Girls NJ Live 6/18-6/20) and (Boys NJ Live 2 6/26-6/28.) The events will take place at Iron Peak and Montgomery High School. The first event Boys NJ Live 1 will be on June 12, 13 and 14, 2026, which is prior to the start of the NJSIAA summer period, which is June 15, 2026. In similar fashion, PIAA will be conducting their own scholastic basketball recruiting showcase events the same weekends in Philadelphia, PA.

The NJBCA requested an early start waiver of the summer period start date to allow high school coaches to coach their teams at this event. In addition, NJSIAA staff requests that coaches be permitted to meet with their teams during the week of June 8, 2026 to prepare their teams for this event. A maximum of 90 minutes of contact per day will be permitted from June 8 – June 11 and such contact may include practices. Only schools registered and participating in either the NJ LIVE Event or the Philly Event would be eligible for the early start waiver. A list of registered schools will be submitted to the NJSIAA by June 1st.

A motion was made by Dr. Gregory Troxell, seconded by Dr. Robert Fisicaro, to approve the waiver allowing registered NJ boys basketball teams to 1-participate in this year's NCAA Boys Scholastic Recruiting Event (Boys NJ Live 1) from June 12-14, 2026, and 2-meet with their coaches for a maximum of 90 minutes of contact per day from June 8 – June 11 to prepare for this event. Motion carried unanimously.

Derryk Sellers, Assistant Director Update

Softball Update – The tournament will be seeded next week.

Boys Volleyball Update – The tournament will be seeded next week.

Boys Lacrosse Update – The tournament will be seeded next week.

Wrestling Coaches Clinic – 105 coaches attended the wrestling clinic at Princeton University on 5/8

Sandy Mamary, Assistant Director Update

Girls Lacrosse Update – The entry form closed and Powerpoints are due 5/20. Seeding will take place the next day in person on 5/21.

Boys Tennis Update – There is a good chance that not all brackets will be filled since multiple teams ranked in the top ten have chosen not to enter this year's tournament. The team entry form has closed already, and the singles/double entry form will close tomorrow, 5/14. Seeding will take place on 5/18. For the first time, the singles/doubles quarterfinals will be played at Princeton University. This is great change because they have indoor courts in case of rain.

Legal One Workshops – 2026-2027 – Next year there will be five total workshops (2 in-person; 3 virtual). The first one is expected to be in late September.

Finance Committee Update – Judy Finch-Johnson

Approval of Monthly Checks – The April 14, 2026 through May 11, 2026 checkbook was approved by the finance committee and all checks were approved per policy before they were disbursed. Barry Fitzgerald made a motion, seconded by Kurt Karcich, to approve the April 14, 2026 through May 11, 2026 check registers. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business / New Business – none

Report of Counsel (Steven P. Goodell) – Mr. Goodell gave his report in closed session.

Closed Session – A motion was made to enter closed session by Jason Corley, seconded by Barry Fitzgerald at 12:31 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Return to Open Session– College Maguire contract – A motion was made by Carl Buffalino, seconded by Jason Miller at 1:10 pm to return to open session.

In closed session, Personnel Committee Chair Steve Shohfi, together with the members of the Personnel Committee, presented a contract renewal for NJSIAA Executive Director Colleen Maguire. In open session, a motion was made by Steve Shohfi, seconded by Jason Corley, to approve Ms. Maguire's new contract as NJSIAA Executive Director for another three years from July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029. A roll call vote was taken. Final Vote: Yes-29; No-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Departing Executive Members – Ms. Maguire presented gifts to the following outgoing Executive Committee members: Carl Buffalino, Jason Corley, Dr. Kimberly Gruccio, and Cynthia Wilks. Dennis Vinson and Jeff Pierro are also departing the committee but did not attend today's meeting.

Adjournment - There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Jason Corley, seconded by Anthony Browning at 1:16 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Maguire, Executive Director

CEM: In