

BOT Meeting Summary – August 20, 2026

The Board of Trustees meeting centered on realignment, new communication initiatives, staff updates, and financial/audit review for the Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA).

1. Opening & Communications

- A welcome video for the 2026–27 school year was shown.
- UHSAA emphasized improving social media presence and storytelling.
- Audrey Barton was introduced as the new Executive Assistant, with responsibilities in communications, social media, awards digitization, and member-school engagement.

2. Staff & Legislative Outreach

- Leadership highlighted increased proactive engagement with legislators to clarify UHSAA processes and reduce misconceptions.
- UHSAA plans to attend superintendent meetings and maintain visibility at the Capitol.

3. Executive Committee Summary

Key updates included:

- New reporting process for the 20-hour rule.
- Required double first base in baseball beginning 2027.
- Transition to digital credentials for officials.
- Tournament format updates (e.g., 16-team brackets in 4A–6A).
- Reminders about dues, directories, and upcoming UHSAA Summits (Sept. 9–10).

4. Major Topic: Realignment Format & Procedures

This was the second consideration of significant changes to Utah's realignment system.

Key changes:

- Realignment now uses three weighted factors:
 - Enrollment (10th & 11th grade only; excludes self-contained students)
 - Socioeconomic status (SES)
 - Competitive Results Index (CRI) — a new, data-driven performance metric across sports.
- Schools may petition to play up a classification in:
 - Entire school alignment
 - Football alignment
 - Individual sports (if previously competing up OR finishing top-15 in classification)
 - Individual sports petitioning up will play region games in their assigned classification but compete in postseason at the higher classification.
 - A schools PSR (MaxPreps/RPI) will be reflected in the classification level of post-season participation
- Schools may submit an appeal for classification placement based on geographical considerations.
- The board discussed natural breaks in CRI data, petition timelines, and communication needs for schools.
- After extensive discussion, the board approved the new realignment procedures.

5. Realignment Calendar

The board approved key dates:

- Nov. 19 - Initial Classification Placement and First Consideration of Member Schools
- Dec. 1 - Second consideration + first look at regions
- Dec. 8 - Public hearing (via Zoom)
- Dec. 9 - Second consideration of Assigned Regions
- Dec. 17 - Establish realignment of member schools

6. Audit & Budget

- The auditor presented a clean, unqualified opinion.
- UHSAA ended the year with a small net loss (~\$22k).
- The board approved the 2026–27 budget.

7. Additional Staff Reports

Highlights included:

- Officials recruitment challenges (softball & girls lacrosse).
- Social media growth (20M website visits; new YouTube channel).
- Unified Sports expansion (flag football).
- Sportsmanship initiatives (video contest, gold star coach awards).
- Emergency action plans for schools.
- Concussion protocol updates.
- Pre-participation physicals and explanation of female athlete triad concerns.
- Credentialing deadlines and moratorium updates.