

UTAH HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 30, 2026
UHSAA Offices

9:00 a.m. - Executive Committee Meeting

A. Call to Order

Welcome and Opening Remarks - Chair Craig Hammer / Ryan Bishop:

- Reverence: Mr. Darin Jenkins provided the reverence.
- Pledge of Allegiance: Ms. Rochelle Waite led the committee in the pledge.

B. Approval of Minutes / Meeting Summaries - Chair Craig Hammer / Ryan

- Approval of August 5 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes:
 - MOTION: Mr. Darin Jenkins made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 5 meeting. It was seconded by Ms. Rochelle Waite. The motion carried.
- August 5 Executive Committee Meeting Summary: A handout was provided.
- August 20 Board of Trustees Meeting Summary (Josh LeRoy): A handout was provided. Mr. Steve Gordon shared a summary of the Board of Trustees meeting. Mr. Bishop noted that the majority of the meeting focused on realignment.

C. 2027-2029 Realignment - Ryan / Jeff

- Realignment Update (Ryan/Jeff): Mr. Bishop requested feedback from member schools regarding the Composite Realignment Index (CRI). Mr. Jeff Cluff explained that the new formats and procedures would result in movement between classifications. Ms. Rhonda Bromley asked whom schools should contact with realignment questions. Mr. Bishop clarified that Executive Committee members, rather than task force members, are the contacts for questions and concerns.
- Communication to Schools in Preparation for October 1 USBE Counts (Ryan): Mr. Bishop reported that principals should have received emails requesting self-contained student numbers and enrollment information. He requested a prompt response to the forms.
- Realignment Task Force (Ryan): A handout was provided. Mr. Bishop explained that UHSAA selected members who do not serve on the Executive Committee or Board of Trustees to provide broader representation.
- Realignment Timeline (Ryan): A handout was provided.

D. 2026-2027 State Championship Events - Ryan / Staff

- State Championship Venue Contracts (Ryan): Mr. Bishop thanked the committee for the conversations regarding postseason venues and noted that venue costs are increasing.
- Postseason Event Ticket Pricing (Ryan): Mr. Bishop reported that tickets will be \$10 for students and \$15 for adults to help cover postseason venue costs.
- EC Postseason Sign-Up Sheet (Jan/Audrey): Ms. Audrey Barton asked the classifications to work together to ensure a representative attends each championship event.
- GoFan (Jeff): Mr. Cluff explained that student tickets may be purchased in advance but cannot be reimbursed.

E. Administrative Updates - Staff

- Region Communication / Staff Region Assignments: A handout was provided. Mr. Bishop asked region chairs to communicate the dates and times of their region meetings. Mr. Cluff confirmed meeting dates and times with the committee.
- Region Handbooks, Meeting Information & Reports: Mr. Cluff reminded region chairs to upload meeting minutes and complete reports online.
- Dues and Fees Update (Jennifer)
- Activate Directory / School Contact Information (Jeff)
- UHSAA Summit Recap / Follow-up (Staff): Ms. Dina Kohler shared that she enjoyed the giveaways.
- UHSAA Fact Sheet: A handout was provided.

F. UHSAA Website / Governance Process - Ryan / Staff

- UHSAA Governance Process: A handout was provided. UHSAA staff will begin distributing the governance form to support transparency.
- Website Updates to Better Define the Governance Process: UHSAA staff will add ADEC representatives and the governance process to the website.
- Communication and Resources to Support and Protect the Process: Ms. Kim Monkres noted that many issues arise because those sharing information are uninformed. She encouraged continued communication.

G. ADEC / UIAAA Update - Ryan / Jan / Everett

- ADEC Region Representatives: A handout was provided. Everett shared updates from the previous ADEC meeting.
- Update from September 21 Meeting (Everett): A handout was provided.
- Ryan Meeting with ADEC - Process Discussion

H. Rules & Procedures - Staff

- Two Weeks Prior Discussion / Region Feedback (Jan): Ms. Jan Whittaker requested region feedback regarding the two-weeks-prior restriction, including the prohibition on team selection and scrimmages. Most regions preferred to retain the current restriction. Region 8 preferred 10 days, and Region 9 was split. Mr. Cluff suggested changing the name of the rule. Discussion ensued regarding two weeks for fall and winter sports and 10 days for spring sports.
 - MOTION: Mr. Caleb Fine made a motion to change the two-weeks-prior restriction to 10 days for every sport excluding football and rename it the 10-Day Rule. It was seconded by Mr. Ryan Nielson. The motion carried unanimously.
- 20-Hour Rule Reporting / Certification Update (Jeff): Mr. Cluff reminded region representatives to contact their schools to ensure they are submitting 20-hour rule reports and emphasized the importance of reporting.
- Moratoriums (Jan/Brenan): The committee was asked to select moratoriums as soon as possible. Mr. Brenan Jackson asked the committee to approve travel on January 1.
 - MOTION: Ms. Tamie Stuart made a motion to approve travel only on January 1. It was seconded by Mr. Kade Olson. The motion carried.
- NIL Reminders to Regions (Jeff/Brenan/Chris): Discussion ensued regarding NIL processes.

I. UHSAA Staff Items

Jeff - Associate Director

- Consistent Penalty Chart - Discussion: Mr. Cluff discussed the need to establish minimum and maximum penalties.
- Officiating Update / Officials Mileage: A handout was provided. Mr. Cluff explained that officials are less willing to travel long distances with current gas prices. He asked Executive Committee members to consider four reimbursement options.
- Spring Baseball Sites: Mr. Cluff expressed hope that college sites could be used.

Brenan - Associate Director

- Football Moratorium (Recap) / Scheduling for Next Season: Mr. Jackson shared a recommendation of August 1, 2027, as the fall sports start date.
- Girls Soccer Sites: All games will be held at Zions Bank Stadium.
- Football Sites: Small-school semifinals will be held at Zions Bank Stadium, with 3A at Southern Utah University and 4A, 5A and 6A at Rice-Eccles Stadium. A school administrator must be on site for check-in at Rice-Eccles Stadium; the athletic director may serve in that role.

Jan - Associate Director

- Volleyball Format - 5A/6A: Some schools in Region 6 continued to request a consolation bracket. Most committee members preferred to retain the current format.
- Spring Golf Sites / Golf Issues: Ms. Whittaker asked members to notify her of city golf courses that would be willing to host the state tournament, noting the difficulty of finding courses. She proposed fines for schools that do not submit scores, and the committee agreed.
- Esports Update: Anson Ho was hired as the Esports director. PlayVS will begin charging at the end of the contract, and most providers will charge. Schools may receive a \$1,500 grant from Ken Garff.

- Sportsmanship Initiative Reminders: Ms. Whittaker asked committee members to remind schools to create a sportsmanship video.
- Cheer Update: Lori Rupp will serve as the cheer coordinator.

Chris - Assistant Director

- Lacrosse Possession Clocks / Region Feedback: If approved, possession clocks will become effective in the 2027-2028 school year. A neon yellow ball will be used for postseason semifinals and championship games.
- Academic All-State: Applications are open.

Audrey - Executive Assistant

- Awards Timeline and Update: Distinguished Service Award nominations are due November 1. The Awards Committee will meet November 11 at 8:00 a.m.
- Items

J. UHSAA Calendar - Staff

- Tentative 2027-2028 UHSAA Calendar (Jeff): The following tentative dates were shared:
 - August 2, 2027 - Fall tryouts
 - August 9, 2027 - Fall start date
 - August 20, 2027 - Endowment game
 - August 25 - Start date
 - November 19, 2027 - Large-school football championships
 - November 20 - Small-classification football championships
 - November 15, 2027 - Winter tryouts
 - November 22 - Winter start date
 - February 27 - Spring sports tryouts
 - March 6 - Spring start date
- Calendar Discussion: The tentative calendar will be finalized at the November meeting. Region chairs were asked to review the tentative calendar and obtain feedback from principals.

K. Action Items - Chair Craig Hammer / Ryan

- Committee Action Items
- Items to Take Back to Regions
- Next Meeting: The next Executive Committee meeting will be held November 11 at 9:00 a.m.

L. Region Business / Reports

1A CHAIR - David Cluff (Darin Jenkins)

No items

2A CHAIR - Devin Smith

No items

3A CHAIR - Steve Gordon

No items

4A CHAIR - Kim Monkres

No items

5A CHAIR - Josh LeRoy

No items

6A CHAIR - Justin Whittaker

No items