

**UTAH HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, January 15, 2025
8:00 AM @ Sleepy Ridge Golf Course**

Members Present: Mylei Zachman (for Justin Whittaker), Rodney Saw, Todd Dawson, Josh LeRoy, Jason Smith, Jennifer Christensen (for Jared Wright), Ryan Bishop, Kevin Henshaw, Roger Arbabi, Daryl Guymon, Steve Gordon, Kade Morrell, Nate Marshall, Devin Smith, Ty Kennedy, Craig Morris, Kim Bailey, Roberta Hardy, David Cluff, Darin Jenkins, Teri Davis, Everett Kelepolo, Steve Marsing, Rob Cuff, Jeff Cluff, Brenan Jackson, Missy Mackay-Whiteurs and Chris Shipman. **Excused:** Kim Monkres, Karl Jensen and Jan Whittaker. **Minutes:** Jennifer Thomas

1. **Welcome and Chair Business:** Chair Craig Hammer welcomed the board and excused those unable to attend.
 - A. **Reverence/thought:** Mr. Daryl Guymon shared that a man in their community that worked as a substitute teacher passed away. He was so invested in his job. The students loved him and wanted to do something to honor him. Mr. Guymon expressed his gratitude for people like Greg who go above and beyond.
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance/Patriotic thought:** Mr. Kim Bailey spoke about service members in his community of Parowan. He showed a picture of a young man who is serving in the military and a video of him jumping out of a plane with all his equipment. This serviceman's mother and the American Legion transformed an old mailbox in their community, and it was used to collect old flags so they could be properly retired. During Parowan Veterans Day activities, the flags were properly burned in a barrel. Mr. Bailey used his students to help. A video of part of that ceremony was shown, and then Mr. Bailey led the committee in the pledge of allegiance.
 - C. **Chair's general observations:** Chair Hammer shared that he drove up to Salt Lake right before Thanksgiving to testify in court. He had a lot of time to think, and one thing that came to mind was that it is hard to quantify all the Executive Committee really does. The amount of work that each member contributes is astounding. He thanked the committee for all their efforts.
 - D. **Minutes of previous meeting:** November 13, 2024.

MOTION: Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the Executive Committee minutes from the November 13, 2024, meeting. Mr. Darin Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - E. **Academic all-state deadlines, UHSAA Moratoriums etc.:** Refer to the Ready Reference Calendar and see the UHSAA website for more information.
 - F. **Updated Handbook on Website:** Updates can be accessed through the UHSAA website.
 - G. **Winter Sports Assignment Sheets:** Mr. Jeff Cluff handed out sign-up sheets and asked for help.

- H. Distinguished Service Luncheon:** Mr. Rob Cuff said that the Service Luncheon is one of the UHSAA staff's favorite days of the year. He explained that there are 14 award winners, and all are planning to attend. He outlined the program, and Mr. J. Cluff shared the logistics of the award luncheon.
2. **BOT Meeting Report:** Mr. Devin Smith outlined what occurred in the previous four Board of Trustees meetings, (November 19, 2024, December 4, 2024, December 12, 2024, December 19, 2024). The committee asked questions and discussion ensued.
3. **USBE Report:** Ms. Teri Davis shared that free and reduced lunch is an ever-evolving process. There is currently a group of people who are campaigning for healthy lunches for all students. She reminded the committee to be sure all PE teachers are CPR certified. She also asked the committee to take R277-605 back to their regions. Students must be supervised in school sponsored activities including the field, court, all competition sites, locker rooms, seating areas, eating establishments, and lodging. Supervisors are responsible for students the entire time they are on the activity, up until they leave the school once it concludes. 53-G-8-209 is the code that the board rule rests on. This is a Utah Law that states foul and abusive language while engaged in school activities should not be allowed. She shared a story of when she was a principal for an alternative school, and they outlawed swearing. She believes that requiring self-control helps in all other areas. Her students attended more classes and behavior improved overall. Regarding reporting, if a violation of this section occurs, it needs to be reported to the principal or authorized representative. A report must be created and then filed/sent to the district superintendent. She then shared that the hotline has received an increase in athletic related reports of 4%. She shared that a lot of the hotline calls are regarding issues discussed above.
4. **Fall Activities Report:** Mr. Cuff referred the committee to the meeting materials and congratulated all the fall winners.
5. **UHSAA Calendar:** Mr. J. Cluff referred the committee to the 2024-25 calendar on the UHSAA website. Ms. Missy Mackay-Whiteurs shared that Spanish Fork has been secured for 1A-4A softball, Valley for 5A-6A and BYU for the state championship in 4A-6A.
- A. **2025-2026 (UHSAA website):** The calendar has been added to the website and the committee was reminded that it is constantly evolving.
1. **Fall Golf (Boys):** Due to a PGA event in St George, the dates for the state tournament have been changed. Mr. J. Cluff provided the dates to the committee. This will also move the start date and first contest date. He proposed that Golf mirror the start and first contest dates of girls' soccer.
- MOTION:** Mr. Bailey made a motion to move the fall golf dates to mirror girls' soccer. It was seconded by Mr. Jason Smith. The motion carried.
- MOTION:** Mr. Nate Marshall made a motion to approve the sites and dates for the state golf tournament. Mr. Steve Gordon seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. **Fall calendar start dates and future dates and sites:** UVU has said their facilities cannot be used for fall state tournaments after October 30, 2025. Mr. J. Cluff proposed alternative dates and sites for state girls' volleyball, keeping 1A-4A at SVC and

holding 5A-6A on October 29-30 or holding the lower classifications at UVU the week before.

MOTION: Mr. Kevin Henshaw made a motion to hold girls' state volleyball for 1A-2A on October 24-25 at UVU and to hold 3A-4A on October 27-28 at UVU, with 5A-6A held at UVU on October 29-30, 2025. The motion was seconded by Mr. Craig Morris. The motion carried

MOTION: Mr. Jason Smith made the motion to move the start date of girls' volleyball to July 28, 2025, with the first competition moved to August 4, 2025. Mr. Rodney Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Girls' tennis would like to move the start date up to July 28, 2025 also.

MOTION: Mr. Bailey made a motion to standardize the start date for all fall sports (except football) with a July 28, 2025, start date, and with a start date of first competition on August 4, 2025. Ms. Roberta Hardy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. The committee was reminded to refer to the UHSAA website for changes and updates throughout the year.
6. **UIAAA:** Mr. Everett Kelepolo shared that the UIAAA Conference will be held in St. George on April 9-12, 2025. He encouraged all to register to attend.
 - A. **Report on NIAAA Conference in Austin, Texas:** The conference went well. 55 members from Utah attended. It will be held in Tampa next year on December 12-16, 2025.
 - B. **Volleyball State Tournament:** Boys' volleyball would like to increase their season by a week. They presented to ADEC and were asked to re-visit their proposal in fall of 2025.
7. **Staff Items:** Mr. Cuff introduced Mr. Bryan Durfey from Jostens and turned the time over to him to share options for region awards that could potentially save the schools money and improve access to the awards.
 - A. **Sportsmanship Items:** Ms. Whittaker has sent out information regarding the Sportsmanship Gold Star Coach Award.
 - B. **Drill Team State Tournament:** Reserved seating will occur in the finals for all classifications.
 - C. **Women in Sports Day:** This will be held on February 19, 2025.
 - D. **Volleyball State Tournament:** The committee was asked to decide if they want the 5A-6A format to stay the same or if they want to change it. They had previously been asked to discuss this with their regions. The committee requested it to be tabled until March, so they

can discuss with their regions. Mr. Bailey asked if the teams that are playing for 3rd or 4th could go from 3 to 5 games. This was also asked to be revisited in March.

E. Unified Sports: Mr. Chris Shipman shared that basketball is underway.

F. Academic All-State: The winter sports window is currently open.

G. Wrestling Items:

1. Weight Management: Mr. Shipman proposed an increase for wrestling weight management testing fees and the master assessors who do the weight management testing.

MOTION: Mr. Shaw made a motion to approve a pay increase for wrestling weight management. It was seconded by Mr. Todd Dawson. The motion carried.

2. Wrestling Credits: Mr. Shipman requested guidance on what the wrestling credits should look like. The coaches would like a dual to count as one credit and if the students wrestle more than one time in the dual to have it only count as one credit. The smaller schools expressed concern about changing it. After a discussion the committee decided to continue as is with wrestling credits. Mr. Shipman will speak with the Wrestling Coaches Association.

H. Credentials: Mr. J. Cluff said all credentials have been mailed out from the most recent order. If credentials are needed, contact the UHSAA front office staff.

I. Officials Update: Officials are increasing in winter sports. Spring is a concern, especially in lacrosse and softball. Sportsmanship issues continue to occur but overall are improving. Mr. J. Cluff encouraged the committee to discuss sportsmanship with their regions and parents regarding fan behavior. He expressed appreciation for the committee's efforts regarding sportsmanship.

J. Ejections Report: Mr. J. Cluff will email the report to the committee.

K. Spring Schedules: These are due on February 1st in Arbiter Sports. A reminder will be sent out. He encouraged the committee to remind their regions that these are due.

L. Cheer Safety Clinics: Ms. Mackay-Whiteurs sent a letter to the superintendents regarding the safety clinics and making sure the added fee was added to their fee schedules for the 2026-27 school year.

In Theatre there has been a change regarding one act plays. A content warning will be added if needed.

M. Tennis Items: They are looking into how to better standardize the UTR.

- N. UHSAA Student Leadership Conferences:** Ms. Mackay-Whiteurs asked to be invited if any are held in the future. She has enjoyed the conferences she has attended so far.
- O. Swim Items:** Mr. Steve Marsing shared that there are two swimming items that need consideration. With BYU being in the Big 12 conference, the only available dates for state swimming moves it a week later than previous years. If 2A has enough teams, it would be held on February 12, 2026. 3A-4A on February 13-14, 2026, and 5A-6A on February 20-21, 2026.
- MOTION:** Mr. Kade Morrell made a motion to hold the state swimming meets in 2026 a week later than normal. Mr. Roger Arbabi seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- MOTION:** Mr. Bailey made the motion to hold the 2A state tournament on February 12, 2026, as a one-day state tournament, if there are 8 or more teams. Ms. Hardy seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- P. Sports Medicine (SMAC):** Mr. Brenan Jackson asked the committee to go to the UHSAA website and look under the Sports Medicine tab. He then discussed the requirements for concussion training. Section 4.2 has caused some problems, as it requires administrators to also take the course, and they could be found accountable if they haven't done so. Mr. Bryan Veazie from Jordan School District spoke for a few minutes and reminded the committee to make sure that their schools are following the correct training requirements and protocol. His recommendation is to remove administrative personnel from the verbiage to prevent potential issues.
- MOTION:** Mr. David Cluff made a motion to make a recommendation to the BOT to remove that administrative personnel must receive concussion training from the concussion policy. Ms. Hardy seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Q. UHSAA Moratoriums:** Summer Moratorium dates are June 30 – July 6, 2025.
- R. Boys Soccer Items:** Mr. Jackson will be emailing out the boys' soccer sanction contract. This must be signed by the administrators and coach. This will address individuals instead of teams, causing them to miss games for violent conduct or serious foul play.
- S. Basketball Items:** The state basketball tournaments will be held at the following locations: 1A and 2A will be at the Sevier Valley Center, 3A at UVU, 4A at SUU and 5A and 6A at the University of Utah. Fans will not be allowed to bring pom poms into any games held at the University of Utah.
- T. Music Items:** State Solo and Ensemble will be the last Saturday in April. The south division will be held at Provo HS and the North division at Woods Cross HS.
- U. Football Endowment Game Request:** Hurricane HS has requested to use the second week of the season as their endowment due to having an out-of-state game the first week.

MOTION: Mr. Jenkins made a motion to allow Hurricane HS to hold their endowment game the second week of the football season in 2025. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- V. **Coaches Certification:** Mr. Jackson referred the board to the handouts regarding NFHS Learn to use for certifications.

8. **Reports**

- A. **1A Athletics:** There was nothing to report.
- B. **2A Athletics:** Mr. Morris had nothing to report.
- C. **3A Athletics:** Mr. Gordon had nothing to report.
- D. **4A Athletics:** Mr. Henshaw had nothing to report.
- E. **5A Athletics:** Mr. Ryan Bishop had nothing to report.
- F. **6A Athletics:** Mr. Rodney Shaw had a clarification question about a coach in their region that told some theatre students that they are responsible for meeting the academic requirement for UHSAA. Mr. Cuff referred the committee to the UHSAA Handbook on page 30.

9. **For the Good of the Order:**

- A. **BOT Election Results:** There have been some changes to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Brent Strate was not successful in his state board election. Ms. Carol Lear will be taking his place and serving on the UHSAA Board of Trustees. Ms. Marilyn Richards did not run for re-election at Jordan School District as a board member. Jordan SD will be selecting another member to take her place. The 2A School Board member Mr. David Lund will no longer be serving on the board. Millard SD has selected Mr. Ian Adams to serve on the board in his place. UHSAA Board of Trustee elections were held for 5A and 2A. Ms. Michelle Barber from Davis SD won the election and will take over for Ms. Amber Shill starting in July 2025. Mr. Mitchell Glazier from Kanab won the 2A election and will be taking over for Mr. David Lund in July of 2025. Three other terms are expiring. The charter school representative elections will be held at UHSAA in April for charter schools. Mr. Paul Sweat's term is expiring. The superintendents will designate a replacement for him. Mr. Mike Mees is retiring, so a replacement will be needed as 4A and 3A rotate each term.
- B. **UHSAA Super Fans/UHSAA Circle of Fame:** The awards committee met this morning. They recommended selections in each category and Mr. Cuff read the list of those individuals to the committee.
- C. **Spirit of Sport and Heart of the Arts Awards:** Mr. Cuff also announced the winners of these awards.

MOTION: Mr. Gordon made a motion to honor the award winners at the state basketball tournaments and Board of Trustees luncheon. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried.