

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 9:00 A.M. – at the UHSAA Offices

Executive Committee: Chair Craig Hammer, Mr. Justin Whittaker, Mr. Brady Bartholomew (for Ms. Rochelle Waite), Mr. Todd Dawson, Mr. Josh LeRoy, Mr. Michael Martini, Mr. Kael Ashton (for Ms. Jennifer Christensen), Mr. Matt Christensen, Mr. Kevin Henshaw, Mr. Caleb Fine, Mr. Jim Crosbie, Mr. Kade Morrell, Mr. Steve Gordon, Mr. Nate Blackner, Mr. Devin Smith, Mr. Bryan Durst, Ms. Lora Nichols, Mr. Ryan Nielson, Mr. KC Olson, Mr. David Cluff, Mr. Karl Jensen, Mr. Darin Jenkins, Ms. Wendy Anae (for Mr. Everett Kelepolo), Mr. Steve Marsing, Mr. Rob Cuff, Mr. Jeff Cluff, Mr. Brenan Jackson, Ms. Jan Whittaker, Mr. Chris Shipman, Ms. Missy Mackay-Whiteurs. **Minutes:** Ms. Jennifer Thomas

1. Welcome & Chair Business: Chair Craig Hammer welcomed the committee.

A. Reverence/thought: Mr. Mike Martini was caught in traffic, so Mr. Rob Cuff provided the thought and said the past week was Jackie Robinson day. He shared a quote from the Jackie Robinson movie "42": "Maybe tomorrow, we'll all wear 42. That way they won't tell us apart." This line is spoken by Pee Wee Reese, a teammate and character in the film, and reflects the themes of racial integration and equality in baseball. Mr. Cuff has a tribute to Jackie Robinson on his wall in his office and said it reminds him of how far we have come and that we need to continue to be inclusive. He then offered a prayer.

B. Pledge of Allegiance/Patriotic Thought: Ms. Lora Nichols explained that patriotism is one of the core values at her school. She shared that educators have the privilege of helping to shape the lives of their students. She then shared a quote by Abraham Lincoln and led the committee in a prayer.

C. Chair's general observations: Chair Hammer excused several board members. Ms. Teri Davis is currently at the SHAPE conference in St. George. Mr. Steve Marsing is out of town and Ms. Kim Monkres had a conflict and was unable to attend. Ms. Wendy Anae is attending for Mr. Everett Kelepolo. Mr. Brady Bartholomew is here for Ms. Rochelle Waite. Mr. Kael Ashton is here for Ms. Jennifer Christensen. He welcomed Mr. Ryan Bishop who was hired as the new UHSAA executive director and asked him to speak. He thanked the staff for welcoming him and told the committee that he looks forward to working with them.

MOTION: Mr. Kevin Henshaw made a motion to move the upcoming Executive Committee meeting to June 11. Mr. Matt Christensen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chair Hammer turned the time over to Mr. Brandon Riley to talk about current and new sponsorships. He shared that the Wendy's Frosty key chain that was provided at the last meeting does not work. He provided a new key chain that will work. The key chain will provide a free frosty each day for the rest of the year. One new partner is Stand-Up (Morgan Flags). They want to put motorized flags in every school and will do so for free. The only requirement is that Stand-Up install the flags.

D. Minutes of March 18, 2026

MOTION: Ms. Nichols made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Karl Jensen. The motion carried.

- E. **Spring Sports Assignment Sheets:** Ms. Jan Whittaker shared that a sign-up sheet is being passed around and she encouraged everyone to sign-up to help with the upcoming spring tournaments.
- 2. **USBE Report:** Ms. Davis is at the SHAPE conference. No report for this meeting.
- 3. **BOT Report:**
 - A. **March 26, 2026, meeting:** Mr. Steve Gordon provided a summary of the March 26 meeting.
- 4. **UASSP Discussion:** Mr. Cuff welcomed Ms. Rhonda Bromley and thanked her for being here and then turned the time over to her. She thanked Mr. Cuff and the committee for all they do. She underlined that it is so important that UHSAA and the UASSP work together. She said during meetings with UHSAA it was brought up that perhaps UASSP could have a non-voting position on the executive committee. She requested this occur starting next school year.

The committee discussed whether UASSP should be included on the executive committee.

MOTION: Mr. Henshaw made a motion to approve UASSP to have a non-voting member on the UHSAA Executive Committee for one year, with a review. It was seconded by Mr. D. Cluff. The motion carried.

- 5. **Activities Report:**
 - A. **Speech & Debate:** Mr. Chris Shipman thanked the schools that hosted and then announced the winners in each classification.
 - B. **Esports:** Ms. Whittaker shared that 84 schools participated in Esports this year, with over 2,000 students participating. The state tournament occurred earlier this month and she then gave a shoutout to all the winners.
 - C. **Theatre:** Ms. Missy Mackay-Whiteurs announced the winners and said there has been good growth in the activity and it all went well.
 - D. **Solo & Ensemble Music Festivals:** Mr. Brennan Jackson shared that this will occur all day on Saturday, April 25, 2026.
- 6. **UHSAA Calendar:**
 - A. **2025-2026:** Some updates have been made. The calendar has been updated to be sorted easier. It is constantly changing, so please refer to it often.
 - 1. **Conflicts with Graduation/AP Testing:** Dates are not changed if there is a conflict with a state tournament game. Graduations occur at the games for seniors, and it is a great experience for all.
 - B. **2026-2027 (UHSAA website)**
 - 1. **Basketball Sites:** Mr. Jackson announced some changes. For 2A and 1A, the sites need to be discussed and finalized after the meeting.
 - 1. **Review of calendar:** Please refer to it often as it is constantly changing.

7. **UIAAA:**

- A. **UIAAA Conference Report:** Ms. Anae shared that the conference went great and that the UIAAA appreciates all the support.

8. **Constitution and By-Laws Committee Report**

- A. **Moratoriums:** Beginning in summer 2027, schools must add one additional seven-day sport-specific moratorium beyond the existing Fourth of July moratorium. During the school year, sport-specific moratoriums will increase to six weeks, with each block lasting at least two weeks and not overlapping other required moratoriums.

MOTION: Ms. Nichols made a motion to recommend adding a six-week moratorium during the school year beginning in 2026–2027, with each block lasting at least two weeks and not overlapping existing moratoriums. Mr. Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- B. **Practice Hours:** The committee decided to keep the current practice-hour limits and require a weekly report to track them.
- C. **Out of Season Participation:** The committee discussed removing the two-weeks-prior restriction for all sports. Under the proposal, each coach’s association would decide whether to keep that requirement, using part of the six-week moratorium before the season if needed.

MOTION: Mr. Henshaw made a motion to recommend removing the two-week prior requirement for all sports. Mr. Caleb Fine seconded the motion. The motion carried. Sport start dates and competition start dates will remain in effect.

- D. **Enforcement Penalties:** The committee proposed creating a penalty chart to help region chairs assign penalties consistently and support fair treatment of all schools under H.B. 293.
- E. **Transfer Rule #1:** The committee discussed students who transfer from their school of initial eligibility, then seek to return when the change does not work out. Under the proposal, a student who transfers from School A to School B and then returns to School A will receive a 50% sub-varsity restriction for each transfer. A student who transfers from School A to School B and then to School C would be restricted to sub-varsity for one full year at School C.

MOTION: Mr. Todd Dawson made a motion to revise the transfer rule so that a student who transfers from School A to School B and then returns to School A will receive a 50% sub-varsity restriction for each transfer, rather than the current one-year sub-varsity restriction for the second transfer. Mr. Henshaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Transfer Rule #2: For bullying-related transfers, if the principal cannot verify the claim because the parent alleges school personnel were involved, the matter will be referred to the district. If the district also cannot verify the claim, the student may transfer with a 50% penalty. This is already covered by Board Rule R277613, so no additional changes are needed.

Regarding leases, the committee recommended requiring both the previous and new leases to be at least 12 months long. The Executive Committee did not approve the recommendation.

The committee recommended creating a grievance policy that would allow individuals to present concerns to the UHSAA and, if still unsatisfied, appeal to the Board. No decision was made on the recommendation.

9. Realignment 2027-2029:

- A. Timetable:** Mr. Cuff referred the committee to the document provided that showed the timeline and explained the process.
- B. Format and Procedures:** Mr. Cuff has met with Mr. Nate Marshall several times to continue to work on this. Mr. Cuff provided the format and procedures from the last alignment and provided the updated format and procedures and went through each section. Mr. Jeff Cluff explained the CRI (Composite Realignment Index). The data is being compiled right now, including this year, to provide a competitive score for each school. Discussion ensued.

10. Follow Up Items from Previous Meetings:

- A. Executive Committee Terms:** Mr. Cuff asked the committee to share if they will be on the committee next year. He also announced the changes known so far on the Board of Trustees.
- B. Participation Survey Reminder:** Mr. Curt Pettingill from the UHSAA office will be sending out an email regarding this. The committee was encouraged to remind regions to fill out the survey so the participation numbers can be as accurate as possible.
- C. 1A Basketball Tournament Format:** Mr. Jackson asked for feedback, and the 1A committee members said it went well and there were no complaints.
- D. Unified Sports – UHSAA/SOUT State Events:** Mr. Shipman shared that Unified Track is coming up in May and will be held at Copper Hills high school.
- E. Academic All-State:** The window has closed. The list is being posted soon, and the certificates will be sent before school ends.
- F. UHSAA Moratorium Adjustments:** This will occur on June 29-July 5, 2026. Mr. Jackson reminded the committee that if they want to change this moratorium, it must be changed by the entire school, not individual sports.
- G. SMAC Update:** Please be aware that best practices need to be reviewed a couple of times a year. Dr. Wenig provides new information from the NFHS, as he is on the committee. It is important to review that list of medical personnel that are approved to do physicals.
- H. Football Endowment Request:** Approval is needed to allow Skyridge and Mountain Ridge to play in the televised game on Thursday versus Friday night when the endowment games are scheduled to be played.

MOTION: Mr. Dawson made a motion to approve Skyridge and Mountain Ridge to participate in the Thursday night game, so it can be televised. Mr. Christensen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

I. Coaches' Certification: The committee was asked to encourage their coaches to get their certifications done before the deadlines, so all coaches can receive their credentials in time for the state tournaments.

J. Coaches' Credentials: Mr. J. Cluff shared that the credentials have gone out this week. Monica in the front office can answer any questions regarding this.

Mr. Jason Lee, an assistant coach from Mountain Crest, and the principal Ms. Denise Mouritsen, explained that another coach was provided with Mr. Rollins' credential to enable him to coach during the state wrestling tournament. They explained the reasoning behind this.

Mr. Thomas Luthy assistant principal, and Mr. Justin Thompson, athletic director at West HS explained that they had a girls' basketball coach who also coached football at Mountain Ridge and used his credential to get a student in to allow him to sit on the bench. This was discovered by an UHSAA assistant director and the credential was confiscated.

A discussion ensued about how to handle the penalties for Mountain View HS and West HS. It was decided to fine each credential holder who loaned out the credential a fine of \$250.00.

MOTION: Mr. D. Cluff made a motion to fine Mountain View HS and West HS \$250.00 for each credential holder who loaned out the credential to a non-certified coach. It was seconded by Mr. Jensen. The motion carried.

K. GoFan Postseason Ticketing: Any post-season event using ticketing is required to use GoFan.

L. Officiating Update/Sportsmanship Concerns/Ejection Appeals: Mr. J. Cluff explained that there is a shortage of referees for girls' lacrosse, baseball and softball. He asked that they avoid scheduling Tuesdays and Fridays for sub-varsity baseball, Softball and Lacrosse, to help with the shortage.

There have been some sportsmanship concerns that have not necessarily been an ejection, but there have been restrictions due to behavior of coaches and parents. Ejections are about the same as previous year. Mr. J. Cluff provided a reminder ejections can be appealed if the student athlete is going to miss any part of the playoffs. You must contact Mr. J. Cluff within 24 hours and an appeal board will hear the ejection appeal. Video footage is encouraged.

M. Spring Minimum Number of Contests and End Dates for Sub Varsity: Mr. J. Cluff went over the numbers as a reminder.

N. PSR Review: The change was for one year, 1A-4A on MaxPreps. 5A-6A stayed with the RPI. He asked the committee to go back to their regions and decide if they want it to stay the same next year or change back. He asked the committee to be ready to discuss it in the next executive committee meeting on June 11, 2026.

11. Staff Items

A. Sportsmanship Items:

1. School Sportsmanship Award Applications: Ms. Whittaker shared that these are due on May 26, 2026.

- B. Drill Team Items:** Please select your region's competition dates and venues using the form located on the UHSAA website. The drill score sheets are changing back from caption scoring to the score sheet. 80% of coaches want everything on one scoresheet.

MOTION: Ms. Nichols made a motion to change back to one sheet scoring in drill. It was seconded by Mr. Fine. The motion carried.

C. Student Leadership Conferences - Fall 2026:

- 1. Sportsmanship Specialists Training:** This will take place in September.

- D. Cheer Safety Clinics 2026:** Ms. Lori Rupp is the director of this. Please contact her with any questions.

12. Reports:

- A. 1A Athletics:** Mr. D. Cluff had nothing to report.
- B. 2A Athletics:** Mr. Devin Smith had nothing to report.
- C. 3A Athletics:** Mr. Kade Morrell had nothing to report.
- D. 4A Athletics:** Ms. Kim Monkres had nothing to report.
- E. 5A Athletics:** Mr. Josh LeRoy had nothing to report.
- F. 6A Athletics:** Mr. Dawson had nothing to report.

- 13. NFHS Summer Conference – Salt Lake City, Utah (June 26-29, 2026):** Mr. Cuff invited the committee to let him know if they want to attend the conference.