UTAH HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 11, 2026 @ The UHSAA Office

1. **Welcome & Chair Business**: Chair Craig Hammer welcomed the board and recognized Ryan Bishop, the new executive director.

   A. **Reverence/thought:** Mr. Mike Martini shared that his great aunt recently passed away, having died of old age. Looking back on her life, she lived through Great Depression, WWII, and the Vietnam war. She had a lot of hard times during her life and yet she showed up and was a positive influence on everyone around her. She was always there, supporting all those around her. She was only five feet tall and was a ball of energy, even on her death bed. It was important that we show up and have a smiling face.

   B. **Pledge/patriotic thought:** Mr. KC Olson explained that there was a recent situation at Monticello HS, where he is the principal. Some might view it as anti-patriotic, but he didn't see it that way. Living in a small farming community, he has never dealt with that before. He had a graduating student approach him and requested to not stand for the pledge. After a discussion, they agreed that he would stand for the pledge but not stand towards the flag or put his hand on his heart. For Mr. Olsen, having served in unit in the Gulf War where his unit suffered many losses and injuries, as they fought for freedom for those that didn't have a choice, Mr. Olsen was thankful that we have the freedoms we do and instead of being offended, he felt grateful that we live in a country where we can choose to exercise those freedoms.

   C. **Chair general observations:** Mr. Hammer expressed his gratitude for all those that have attended the meeting

   D. **Acknowledge outgoing committee members**: Chair Hammer thanked the outgoing board members and welcomed the new members.

      1. Todd Dawson – Region 3
      2. Matt Christensen – Region 7
      3. Kevin Henshaw – Region 8

   E. **Minutes of April 22, 2026, meeting (summary on UHSAA website):**

      MOTION: Mr. Darrin Jenkins made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. It was seconded by Karl Jensen. The motion carried.

2. **USBE Report:** Ms. Teri Davis provided an update on the Utah State Board of Education. She shared that currently three board rules are being adjusted and will have language that will affect the schools. The first rule is R227-322, regarding code of conduct. The second one is R227-605 which pertains to coaching standards and athletic clinics. The third rule is R227-465 and includes CPR certification and having AED's readily available in the schools. She also shared that the USBE board loves school sports and the messaging from UHSAA to the state board will be important and must include transparency.

3. **BOT Report**

   A. **May 5, 2026, meeting (summary on UHSAA website):** Mr. Rob Cuff reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting.

4. **2026-27 Meeting Schedule for Boards:** Mr. Cuff shared that the dates for the Board of Trustees have already been approved. Mr. Cuff referred to the board regarding the chosen dates for the Executive Committee meetings and asked for any conflicts.

   MOTION: Ms. Kim Monkres made a motion to approve the Executive Committee meeting dates for the upcoming year. It was seconded by Steve Gordon. The motion carried.

5. **Executive Committee Terms 2026-27:** Mr. Cuff asked if there were any additional changes to the committee. There were none.

6. **Board of Trustees Terms 2026-27**: Mr. Cuff shared the updates with the board. Mr. David Cluff will be serving as the 1A/2A Principal. The new 1A School Board member will be Mr. Ron Nielsen, who will be taking the place of Mr. Zack McKee.

7. **Realignment 2027-2029**: Mr. Cuff, Mr. J. Cluff and Dr. Nate Marshall shared the timetable, format and procedures and then led a discussion on the upcoming realignment. Mr. Cuff then referred the board to page 164 and discussed the potential changes to the handbook and the proposal on page 166 from the Board of Trustees. He then asked for feedback on that proposal.

   MOTION: Ms. Lora Nichols made a motion to approve the changes to the language in the proposal for section B in the handbook from two years to three years of data. It was seconded by KC Olson. The motion carried.

   Mr. Cuff then discussed the remaining text on pages 165-167, with a potential change in section C. – Procedures.

   MOTION: Mr. David Cluff made a motion to recommend the changes to page 167 in C-2. Mr. Karl Jensen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

   MOTION: Mr. Caleb Fine made a motion to add geography to C-3. It was seconded by Mr. Jim Crosbie. The motion carried.

   Mr. Justin Whittaker asked for a change to section B to address the schools that request to move up a classification in one sport, requiring them to not have a region if that request is granted. Discussion ensued. It was discussed that football should be treated separately, but for all other sports, they be allowed to stay in their region for games, but in the playoffs, participate with the higher classification or alternatively just be responsible for their own schedule, and not be in a region. It was discussed by the committee.

8. **UIAAA Business:** Mr. Jesse Roberts provided an update on current UIAAA items.

9. **UHSAA Calendar:**
   - **A. 2026-27:** Mr. J. Cluff shared that this is now up on the website. He asked the committee to look it over to make sure that there aren't any errors or conflicts that need to be changed or adjusted.
     1. A reminder was provided regarding the team golf etiquette & coach clinic. These are two separate clinics required for golf. The etiquette needs to be completed with the team and

then a form needs to be filled out to say it was completed. The coaches' clinic must be completed by the coach.

10. Activities Report:

A. Unified Track and Field: Mr. Chris Shipman shared that they held two state events this spring in the south and north and it was an all-comers event. It went well.

B. Track and Field: It was held at BYU and went well. There was one female student athlete that won her 16^{th} gold medal.

C. Lacrosse: It went well, but there were issues with the lights at Westminster. Mr. Shipman will look at different options for the future, as lacrosse is expanding and they are outgrowing Westminster.

D. Boys Soccer: Mr. Brenan Jackson shared that they improved on their ejections but still will remain on probation.

E. Boys Tennis: Ms. Missy Mackay-Whiteurs said that the event went well. She announced the winners in each classification.

F. Softball: Ms. Missy Mackay-Whiteurs said all went well and then announced the winners in each classification.

G. Girls Golf & 1A Boys Golf: Ms. Jan Whittaker said there was great weather and all went well. She announced the winners in each classification.

H. Boys Volleyball: The 2A/3A was separated as it continues to grow. The committee was reminded that the textured ball will be used next year, so they need to be ordered. She then announced the winners in each classification.

I. Baseball: Mr. J. Cluff said baseball was very exciting and went well. He then announced the winners in each classification.

J. Ejection Report: Mr. J. Cluff provided a breakdown for the year of all ejections and highlighted the significant numbers both positive and negative.

There were 11 appeals in the post season, and it was a successful process. The feedback from the committee was very positive. Allowing the coaches to have a voice, even if the ejection wasn't overturned, was very appreciated.

11. Information and Follow Up Items:

A. Constitution/By-Laws Review: Mr. Cuff reminded the committee that they had been asked to take the changes back to their regions and he went over those potential changes.

MOTION: Mr. K.C. Olson made a motion to accept the text for the second moratorium on page 48 as written. It was seconded by Mr. Jim Crosbie. The motion carried.

Out of season participation with the two weeks prior was discussed. With the additional moratoriums, it was decided to do away with the two weeks prior for the sports that still had that restriction. A team selection date and first contest date was added.

MOTION: Ms. Kim Monkres motion to approve the changes to the two-week prior. Ms. Lora Nichols seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. **UHSAA Summer Moratorium (June 29 – July 5, 2026):** Mr. Jackson provided an update on school moratorium requests. Only a couple of schools have requested changes to their moratorium dates. The moratorium applies to the entire school.

C. **Coaches' Certification:** If your district allows it, you can use NFHSlearn.com to get a lot of the certification done. State board rule R277-605 states that all coaches, even volunteers, need to be certified. There are only four approved CPR certifications.

D. **Soccer Items:** Mr. Jackson requested permission from the committee to schedule the semis and finals at Zion's Bank Stadium, and then if available they can be changed to America First Field.

MOTION: Ms. Monkres made a motion to schedule the soccer semis and finals at Zion's Bank Stadium with the caveat that the finals will be changed to America First Field, if available. Mr. Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

E. **Football Reminders**: For any questions, refer to the football page on the UHSAA website. In addition, there are two camps – the THUD camp, which is a five-day camp, where the first two days they are in helmets and the next three days in helmets and shoulder pads only and everything is upper body, with no tackling allowed. The second camp is a five-day full padded contact camp, which requires eight total days of acclimatization. There is also more information available about the two camps on the UHSAA website football page.

There was a request for 4 teams to play at Snow College again for their Endowment Games. Two on September 14th and two on the 15th.

MOTION: Mr. Devin Smith made a motion to approve the four teams to play at Snow College; two on September 14th and two on the 15th. It was seconded by Mr. Nate Blackner. The motion carried.

F. **Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Items:** Mr. Jackson explained that air quality is still a big concern. Many schools have set up monitors at their schools. There is a push for the state of Utah to look at the recommendations and guidelines that the NCAA uses. There are also concerns regarding mental health and providing more resources for schools.

G. **Undue Influence Review:** There have been rumors that there are people in some communities that are using boosters to pay for people to move or providing homes to students in a recruiting effort. The committee was asked to please be aware of this and report this if they find this happening in their schools.

H. **Wrestling Items:** Mr. Shipman asked the committee to return the information provided about divisionals.

I. **Academic All-State:** Mr. Shipman explained that there are changes in the works to make things easier for activities to receive Academic All-State.

J. **Drill Items:** Ms. Whittaker said teams are requesting that ten teams qualify for state.

MOTION: Ms. Jennifer Christensen made a motion to change the qualification of teams for state drill from nine qualifying teams to ten teams. Ms. Monkres seconded the motion. The motion carried.

K. **Coaches Credentials:** Mr. J. Cluff sent out an email yesterday reminding coaches about the credentials and the upcoming deadlines. Administrator credentials can be requested through the UHSAA website. District staff can also request administrative credentials. The credentials do not provide admission but only allow access to the floor or other locations, depending on the venue.

L. **Officials Update:** Mr. J. Cluff shared that there will be a reduction in the number of physical officials passes, but instead there will be digital passes that will be shown to ticket takers. A photo of the digital passes will be provided to all schools so they will know what to look for.

M. **Season End Dates:** There have been some concerns about the amount of time between the season end date and the reveal date. Mr. J. Cluff asked if the committee would like to have an extra time between the reveal date and the day the game is played. The committee requested the time be extended.

N. **PSR Review (Brackets):** Potential changes were discussed and the committee was asked to decide if they preferred Max Preps or the RPI for 5A/6A.

MOTION: Ms. Christensen made a motion to approve Max Preps for all sports but football. Mr. Mike Martini seconded the motion. The motion carried.

O. **Bracket Reveals:** In 4A/5A/6A, Ms. Monkres made a motion for all sports except Drill Team to go to 16-team tournaments. It was seconded by Mr. Whittaker. The motion carried.

P. **Marketing Update:** There have been over 20 million views on the UHSAA website since it was updated. There have also been high numbers in the streaming views. UHSAA is looking to expand the social media and outreach to highlight more student-athletes.

12. Reports:

A. Sportsmanship Items:

1. **2026 School Sportsmanship Award Recipients:** Ms. Whittaker shared that the winners are posted on the UHSAA website. She showed appreciation for all those that nominated someone.

2. **Criteria for Award:** This is listed on the UHSAA website under the Sportsmanship section.

3. **Zero Ejections:** Ms. Whittaker shared that if any schools have lost their banners to let her know and they can receive replacement banners.

B. 1A Athletics: Mr. David Cluff said they have no items at this time.

C. **2A Athletics:** Mr. Devin Smith said they have no items at this time.

D. **3A Athletics:** Mr. Kade Morrell said they have no items at this time.

E. **4A Athletics:** Ms. Kim Monkres said they have no items at this time.

F. **5A Athletics:** Mr. Josh LeRoy said they have no items at this time.

G. **6A Athletics:** Mr. Todd Dawson said they have no items at this time.

13. **Election for Executive Committee Vice Chair**: Chair Hammer explained that he has one more year left on his term. Once it ends, he will not return, so they would like to have a vice chair shadow him in the upcoming year and then take over as chair in the following year. The committee was asked to discuss this and then consider if they would like to be the vice chair or if they would like to recommend someone else for the position. It will also need to be decided if they want to elect the vice chair to a one-year term, or a three-year term with the final two years as chair. The committee decided on a three-year term. Nominations were then requested and Ms. Monkres was nominated.

MOTION: Mr. Darin Jenkins made a motion to close nominations and select Ms. Kim Monkres as the vice-chair, taking over for Chair Hammer and completing a three-year term. Mr. Karl Jensen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

A. **NFHS Heart of the Arts Award:** Mr. Cuff referred the committee to the article provided.

B. **NFHS Spirit of Sport Award:** Mr. Cuff referred the board to the provided article.

C. **Retaining Coaches/Advisers:** Mr. Cuff also provided this article as a resource for the committee.