

**UTAH HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 9, 2025 @ The UHSAA Office - 9:00 A.M.**

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

1. Welcome & Chair Business:

- A. Chair general observations:** Mr. Craig Hammer thanked the board for attending the meeting.
- B. Reverence/thought:** Ms. Roberta Hardy shared that employee evaluations at her school were completed in the last month. This made her ponder what the purpose of an educator is. If an educator truly understands their purpose, they can be instrumental in helping students be successful and to graduate. Current educators have a legacy to live up to and a responsibility to the students they serve. Students need their educators to stand up for them. For some students, if their educator doesn't do it, no one will. Athletics really shape the students and is instrumental in their happiness and success in the classroom.
- C. Pledge/patriotic thought:** Mr. Rodney Shaw reminded the committee that the 81st anniversary of D-day was on June 6th. Six beaches were attacked that day. Mr. Shaw's great uncle served in infantry that landed on Utah beach. His brother was in the Navy in San Diego. After Pearl Harbor the troops were despondent, Admiral Nimitz focused on the positives. It is important to do the same as we are faced with difficult situations in our schools. He then led the pledge.
- D. Acknowledge outgoing committee members:** Chair Hammer thanked the outgoing board members and gave those in attendance the opportunity to speak.
 - 1. Jason Smith – Region 5
 - 2. Ryan Bishop – Region 7
 - 3. Roger Arbabi – Region 10
 - 4. Daryl Guymon – Region 11
 - 5. Nate Marshall – Region 14
 - 6. Ty Kennedy – Region 16
 - 7. Craig Morris – Region 17
 - 8. Roberta Hardy – Region 19
- E. Minutes of April 23, 2025, meeting:**

MOTION: Mr. Kim Bailey made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 23 committee meeting. It was seconded by Ms. Hardy. The motion carried

- 2. USBE Report:** Ms. Teri Davis thanked the committee for all they are doing for the students with regard to extracurriculars. She explained that right now there is controversy on whether marching band gets credit for PE. She clarified that it does not, because the students are learning more about music than physical education. She then showed her husband's vision board. As he is preparing for retirement, a counselor suggested he create one, so knows where he is going. She encouraged the committee to

consider it, not only with their personal life, but with their careers. She then shared a quote by David Goggins: “The most important conversation is the one you have with yourself.”

3. BOT Report:

A. May 6, 2025, meeting: Mr. Rob Cuff outlined the meeting for the board.

4. 2025-26 Meeting Schedule: Mr. Cuff shared the proposed dates for the committee. All meetings are scheduled for Wednesdays except the last meeting. He then opened discussion on those dates.

Mr. Hammer asked the committee if they want to leave the first meeting on Aug 6th due to potential conflicts. An alternate date of July 31st was proposed. It was decided to move the meeting to July 31. It will start at 8:00 a.m. for new board members and 9:00 a.m. for the rest of the committee.

MOTION: Mr. Craig Morris made a motion to approve the Executive Committee meeting dates for the 2025-26 school year. It was seconded by Kim Bailey. The motion carried.

5. Executive Committee Terms 2025-26: Mr. Cuff reviewed the terms and asked the committee to confirm.

6. Board of Trustees Terms 2025-26: Mr. Cuff referred the committee to the list of BOT members for the upcoming year.

7. UIAAA Business: Mr. Everett Kelepolo shared hot topic items that the UIAAA is currently discussing. First are the weight classes in girls wrestling, and second is the poll regarding the cheer and drill seasons. Mr. Kelepolo also reminded the committee that the UIAAA Golf tournament is on July 9 at Cedar Hills Golf Course.

8. UHSAA Calendar:

A. 2025-26:

1. Ms. Jan Whittaker reminded the committee that there are two clinics, the golf etiquette & rules clinics.

a. 2A-6A Boys – September 15 deadline

b. 1A Boys, ALL Girls 1A-6A – April 15 deadline

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a. Academic All-State: Mr. Chris Shipman reminded the board the dates of deadlines are provided.

b. Sport Specific Moratorium Dates: Mr. Brenan Jackson reminded the committee to be aware of the sport specific moratoriums.

c. Basketball Sites: Mr. Jackson proposed the state tournament dates for 1A on Feb 26, 27, 28 at SLCC; 2A at UVU Feb 23-25; 3A at SUU Feb 19-21; 4A at Weber State Feb 19-21; 5A & 6A at University of Utah Feb 23-28. He asked if there were any questions on the sites. Each classification was asked if they had any concerns with the proposed dates and venues.

MOTION: Rodney Shaw made the motion to approve the dates for state Basketball 2025-26. It was seconded by Todd Dawson. The motion carried.

- d. **Football Sites:** The semis and finals for 4A-5A-6A will be at University of Utah (the finals may need to be held on a Thursday) Nov. 20. Ms. Monkres asked if 4A could be the earlier game due to travel for the southern schools and students, so they don't have to arrive home at 4 a.m. It was agreed that for the finals, 4A would be the earliest game possible. 1A-2A-3A will be at SUU for semis. The finals venue is still being decided. More information will be provided at the August meeting.
- e. **Cross Country Site:** – waiting to hear from the Sugar House Park board if the dates are approved.
- f. **Wrestling Divisional Dates**

9. **Activities Report:**

- A. **Ejection Report:** Mr. Jackson explained the report on behalf of Mr. Jeff Cluff. There was a slight increase in ejections, from 426 to 430. Boys' soccer has continued to increase in ejections.
- B. **Baseball:** Mr. Jackson announced the state champions in each classification and congratulated them.
- C. **Boys Soccer:** Mr. Jackson said there was a great turnout and great games.
- D. **Unified Track and Field:** Mr. Shipman explained that 245 athletes competed. They are still working out the logistics of holding Unified Track at the same time as the state track meet.
- E. **Track and Field:** Mr. Shipman announced the winners and said all schools did a great job.
- F. **Lacrosse:** All went well. Mr. Shipman announced the winners in each classification.
- G. **Boys Tennis:** Ms. Missy Mackay-Whiteurs announced the winners in each classification. She asked the committee to discuss whether Skyridge should receive a sanction for switching courts without permission during the state tournament. Lone Peak and Bingham were also involved.

MOTION: Mr. Morris made a motion to send a letter of reprimand to the three coaches that were involved (Skyridge, Lone Peak and Bingham), and then to fine the Skyridge head tennis coach \$500.00 for sportsmanship misconduct. It was seconded by Mr. Bryan Durst. The motion carried.

Regarding 2A tennis, it was decided that Wasatch Academy and Duchesne would compete with Region 13, and South Summit would compete with Region 12.

- H. **Softball:** Ms. Mackay-Whiteurs is working on having the 2A-3A state tournament at a college venue next year. She then announced the winners in each classification. There was a breach of contract between Juan Diego and Richfield. Juan Diego cancelled a game at the last minute, and

Richfield was not informed in time, so their team and fans traveled to the host site and the game was unable to be played.

MOTION: Mr. Kim Bailey made a motion to fine Juan Diego \$1,500.00 for breach of contract. In addition, they will be charged \$1,740.08 for the expenses incurred by Richfield traveling to the game and for Union as the host site. The motion was seconded by Mr. Justin Whittaker. The motion carried.

- I. Girls Golf:** Ms. Jan Whittaker explained the 1A boys and 1A-6A girls golf state tournament was held recently. It went well overall, but there are a lot of challenges. She announced the winners in each classification.
- K. Boys Volleyball:** This was held at UVU. Several teams were added. The number of spectators was down from the previous year. Ms. Whittaker congratulated the winners in each classification.

10. Information and Follow Up Items:

- A. UHSAA Summer Moratorium:** Mr. Jackson reminded the committee of the upcoming all sport moratorium from June 30 – July 6, 2025.
- B. Coaches' Certification:** NFHS Learn is a good option, as many of their courses are free.
- C. Soccer Items:** Already covered.
- D. Football Reminders:** The summer calendar was emailed out recently. No camps are allowed prior to the start date. The committee was asked to refer to the football page on the UHSAA website for more information.
- E. Football Request:** Mr. Patrick Thurman, Athletic Director from Corner Canyon, Principal Dina Kohler and Mr. Hunter Mandell with Overtime Sports asked to speak to the committee. Overtime Sports is launching a four-team national high school playoff in the fall/winter of 2025-2026. It would include two games after the season, with the games held in December. They are hoping to invite Corner Canyon's football team to participate. The committee discussed this, and it was decided that no action was needed on behalf of UHSAA. The school will need to work with Mr. Jackson on a potential moratorium adjustment.
- F. Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Items:** No items.
- G. Cross Country Proposal:** Mr. Shipman introduced Mr. Garth Rushforth from the Cross-Country Coaches' Association. He explained that with the current model, classifications with less than 20 teams would only eliminate 15-17 athletes. With 6 runners able to qualify for the state meet, all schools would be represented. Therefore, the entire team should be allowed to compete at the state meet.

MOTION: Mr. Rodney Shaw made a motion to accept the proposal to allow classifications with less than 20 schools to have all their participating schools compete in the cross-country state meet. Classifications with more than 20 schools will have a divisional. It was seconded by Mr. Whittaker. The motion carried.

- H. Lacrosse Items:** No items at this time.
 - I. Wrestling Items:** Each committee member was given a handout to host divisionals. He requested it be returned by classification.
 - J. Esports Items:** Ms. Whittaker provided an update for the upcoming first season being held from January to April 2026. The season will be held virtually, with the finals event being held at a college venue. Contest limitations will need to be discussed in the next meeting. PlayVersus will be the platform used and the three games are Rocket League, Super Smash Bros., and Mario Kart.
 - K. Golf Items:** The top 16 teams will qualify for the state championship based on team averages from 6 events. Ms. Whittaker provided a proposal for the committee on who qualifies from each classification. A discussion was held regarding this. It was decided that each classification would let Ms. Whittaker know how they wanted their classification to qualify for the state championships.
 - L. Drill Items:** It was proposed that the season for Drill and Cheer be shortened and ended prior to Christmas break. ADEC will be surveying schools regarding this in the fall. The survey will be sent to administrators, the AD's and coaches, with five different options to choose from.
 - M. Emerging Sports Survey:** This survey will be sent to schools in the fall.
 - N. Cheer Items:** No additional items at this time.
 - O. Swim Items:** 2A swimming was split into a north and south division based on geography. Mr. Steve Marsing asked for approval of the proposal to start using ledges during the swim season and at the state tournaments.
- MOTION:** Mr. Morris made a motion to use ledges if they are available at the meets and to allow them to be used at state. It was seconded by Ms. Kim Monkres. The motion carried.
- P. Coaches Credentials:** There is an early submission date of July 31, 2025. The fall deadline is Aug 13, 2025. The winter deadline is November 20, 2025. The spring deadline is March 4, 2026.
 - Q. Officials Update:** July 1 is the beginning of official's registration. Please encourage people in your community to join.

11. Reports

- A. Sportsmanship Items**
 - 1. 2025 School Sportsmanship Award Recipients:** Honoree awards were emailed out. If your school is missing a sportsmanship banner, please let Ms. Whittaker know.
 - 2. Criteria for Award:** It is on the UHSAA website
 - 3. Zero Ejections:** You need to fill out a form to receive this award. It can be found on the UHSAA website under the awards section.

4. **Student Leadership Conference:** Ms. Mackay-Whiteurs explained that it will be held in the fall by region or multi-regions.
5. **Sportsmanship Specialists Training August 19th:** This will be held out at Dugway on August 19. Ms. Mackay-Whiteurs requested the name and information of the designated representative from each region be provided.

B. UHSAA Summit: Mr. Cuff shared that this will be held on August 4, 2025, at the Sevier Valley Center in Richfield. Then on August 5 at the Miller Conference Center in Sandy. It is helpful if one person from each school is able to attend one of the sessions.

C. 1A Athletics: Nothing to report.

D. 2A Athletics: Nothing to report.

E. 3A Athletics: Nothing to report.

F. 4A Athletics: Nothing to report.

G. 5A Athletics: Nothing to report.

H. 6A Athletics: Nothing to report.

12. **Election for Executive Committee Chair:** Mr. Cuff requested that the committee discuss whether they would like to continue with Mr. Hammer as the committee chair for the next two years, or if they had any additional nominations.

MOTION: Mr. Bailey nominated Mr. Hammer to continue as the Chair of the Executive Committee. Mr. Whittaker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

13. **For the Good of the Order:** Mr. Cuff referred the committee to the two articles provided.

Next Meeting: July 31, 2025