

THE FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC. AND  
THE FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION LAND CORPORATION, INC.  
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
January 28-29, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Florida High School Athletic Association, Inc., met in due process hearing Sunday, January 28, 2018, duly called at 1:00 p.m. at the FHSAA, Robert W. Hughes Building, 1801 NW 80th Blvd, Gainesville, FL. Members of the Board and staff were present as noted.

Board Members Present:

Scott Bass, Superintendent, Glades County, Moore Haven  
Andy Chiles, Athletic Director, Lake Nona High School, Orlando, (President-Elect)  
Douglas Dodd, Board Member, Sections 1 & 2, Inverness  
Richard Finlayson, Principal, Aucilla Christian Academy, Monticello  
Bobby Johns, Athletic Director, Wewahitchka High School  
Eugene Lamb, Citizen-At-Large, Midway  
Yvette McKinney, Citizen-at-Large, Sections 3 & 4, Miami  
Larry Moore, Superintendent, Jackson County, Marianna  
Carlos Ochoa, Athletic Director, Hialeah Gardens High School  
Lauren Otero, Assistant Principal and AD, H.B. Plant High School, Tampa  
Frank Prendergast, Athletic Director, Lake Highland Prep, Orlando, (President)

Board Members Absent:

John Gerdes, Athletic Director, Clearwater Central Catholic  
Randy McDaniel, Citizen at Large, Sections 1 & 2, The Villages  
Hershel Lyons, Chancellor, K-12 Public Schools, DOE, Tallahassee  
Chris Patricca, Board Member, Sections 3 & 4, Fort Myers  
Chuck Sennett, Athletic Director, Miami Country Day School

FHSAA Staff in Attendance:

George D. Tomy, Executive Director  
Will Adams, Contract Administration Specialist  
Frank Beasley, Director of Athletics  
Michael L. Colby, Director of Eligibility  
Craig Damon, Associate Executive Director for Compliance & Eligibility Services  
Carlene Flitcraft, Executive Assistant to the Executive Director  
Justin Harrison, Associate Executive Director for Athletic Services  
Jeremy Hernandez, Assistant Director of Officials  
Robbie Lindeman, Director of Athletics  
Nadia Musleh, Network Administrator  
Alex Ozuna, Assistant Director of Athletics  
Corey Sobers, Director of Athletics  
Jordanne Stark, Assistant Director for Compliance  
Ed Thompson, Director of Athletics  
Ashton Moseley  
Intern Justin Crawl  
Intern Katie Neely  
Intern Kevin Eastman

Attorney:

Leonard E. Ireland Jr., FHSAA General Counsel

The meeting was called to order by President Prendergast, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL Executive Director Tomya called the roll and a quorum was present. (Members Gerdes, McDaniel, Lyons, Patricca and Sennett were absent.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS President Prendergast welcomed all in attendance and member school personnel were recognized. The Executive Director introduced the FHSAA spring Interns.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Motion by Mr. Lamb Seconded by Mr. Ochoa  
Moved to adopt the January 28, 2018, meeting agenda as presented.  
The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion carried 11-0

APPEALS **Postponed at Attorney's request.**  
Case A – Jones High School

Student Expulsion Case B – Dillard High School  
Motion by Mr. Moore Seconded by Mr. Dodd  
Moved to accept the Executive Director's recommendation to approve the Level Four (4) suspension.  
The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion carried 11-0

Student Expulsion Case C – Miami Senior High School  
Motion by Mr. Bass Seconded by Mr. Finlayson  
Moved to accept the Executive Director's recommendation to approve the Level Four (4) suspension.  
The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion carried 11-0

INFORMATION Frank Beasley, Football Administrator, gave a Football Playoff status report. The Football Coaches Advisory Committee will continue to look at the following items and these items will be discussed at the Operations Committee meeting this afternoon with possible recommendation for board action tomorrow:

1. Postponed and interrupted contest procedures.
2. More points awarded for playing and losing to a category one (1) team.
3. Points rewarded for playing teams in larger classifications.
4. Allowing six (6) teams per region into the playoffs for classes 1A–4A as opposed to, in the past, taking four (4) teams.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m. and members convened to their respective committee meetings.

The Board of Directors of the Florida High School Athletic Association, Inc., met in regular session Monday, January 29, 2018, duly called at 9:00 a.m., at the FHSAA Robert W. Hughes Building, 1801 NW 80th Blvd, Gainesville, FL. Members of the Board and staff present as noted.

**Board Members Present:**

Scott Bass, Superintendent, Glades County, Moore Haven  
Andy Chiles, Athletic Director, Lake Nona High School, Orlando, (President-Elect)  
Douglas Dodd, Board Member, Sections 1 & 2, Inverness  
Richard Finlayson, Principal, Aucilla Christian Academy, Monticello  
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Frank Beasley, Director of Athletics  
J. A. Colasanti, Membership Specialist  
Michael L. Colby, Director of Eligibility  
Craig Damon, Associate Executive Director for Compliance & Eligibility Services  
Kellie Doucette, Director of Athletics  
Quinten Ershock, Marketing Specialist  
Carlene Flitcraft, Executive Assistant to the Executive Director  
Justin Harrison, Associate Executive Director for Athletic Services  
Jeremy Hernandez, Assistant Director of Officials  
Robbie Lindeman, Director of Athletics  
Nadia Musleh, Network Administrator  
Kyle Niblett, Public Relations Specialist  
Alex Ozuna, Assistant Director of Athletics  
Jamie Rohrer, Associate Executive Director for Administrative Services  
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Intern Kevin Eastman  
Intern Megan Knoblock  
Intern Van Carswell

**Attorney:**

Leonard E. Ireland Jr., FHSAA General Counsel

The General Business meeting was called to order by President Prendergast, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL                      Executive Director Tomyn called the roll and a quorum was present.  
(Members Gerdes, McDaniel, Moore, Patricca and Sennett were absent.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCE-  
MENTS                      President Prendergast welcomed all in attendance and member school  
personnel and guests were recognized. Executive Director Tomyn introduced  
two FHSAA spring interns.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA                      Motion by Mr. Dodd                      Seconded by Mr. Lamb  
  
Moved to adopt the January 29, 2018, Business Meeting agenda as  
presented.  
  
The question was called.                      Upon Vote: Motion carried 11-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES                      Motion by Mr. Bass                      Seconded by Ms. McKinney  
  
Motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Meetings of  
November 12-13, 2017 and the Emergency Appeals held on October 26, 2017  
and November 9, 2017 as presented.  
  
The question was called.                      Upon Vote: Motion carried 11-0

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE                      Finance Committee Chair Bass noted the committee met Sunday,  
January 28, 2018, and reviewed the following action items presented  
by staff.

FHSAA, AMENDMENT # 1                      Motion by Mr. Bass                      Seconded by Mr. Dodd  
  
Moved to approve the FHSAA Budget Amendment # 1 as presented.  
  
The question was called.                      Upon Vote: Motion carried 11-0

FHSAA Financial Stmt. as of Dec. 31, 2017.                      Motion by Mr. Bass                      Seconded by Mr. Ochoa  
  
Moved to approve the FHSAA financial statements as of December 31, 2017 as  
presented.  
  
The question was called.                      Upon Vote: Motion carried 11-0

**The general business meeting was recessed and the meeting of the FHSAA Land Corporation, Inc. was convened.**

FHSAA Land Corporation, Inc.,  
Financial Stmts.  
Period Ending  
12/31/17

Motion by Mr. Bass

Seconded by Mr. Chiles

Moved to approve FHSAA Land Corporation, Inc., Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2017 as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion carried 11-0

2017-18 Budget  
Amendment #2

Motion by Mr. Bass

Seconded by Mr. Johns

Moved to approve the Budget Amendment # 2 – Land Corporation, Inc. as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion carried 11-0

**The meeting of the FHSAA Land Corporation, Inc., was adjourned and the general business meeting was reconvened.**

REPORT OF  
GOVERNANCE  
COMMITTEE

Governance Committee Chair Johns reported that there were no action items at this time. There was discussion on proposed policy changes and continued coach's training. Mr. Damon reported on the Sectionals Appeal results from December 2017 to January 2018. It was also noted that approximately 80% of the appeals in this time period were approved.

REPORT OF  
OPERATIONS  
COMMITTEE

Operations Committee Alternate Chair Otero noted the committee met Sunday, January 28, 2018 and reviewed the following action items.

Motion by Ms. Otero

Seconded by Mr. Bass

Moved to increase the number of matches permitted in Golf due to the number of weeks in the season.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion carried 11-0

Motion by Ms. Otero

Seconded by Mr. Lamb

Moved to approve the number of football teams that qualify for the 4A – 1A state series.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion carried 11-0

Shelton Crews, president of the Florida Athletic Coaches Association, was recognized by Ms. Otero. He handed out information documenting the need for professional development for coaches and requiring them to be certified. Mr. Crews requested that Rules Clinics should be made mandatory for our member schools.

Executive Director Tomyn mentioned seeking information and working with staff to bring back some ideas to the Board of Directors in April.

## REPORT OF LEGAL COUNSEL

Counselor Ireland reported on the following:

- The C2C deposition is set for February and the case is up for trial in May.
- All briefs are now in on the Cambridge School football case; court may grant oral argument which has been requested or it will reach a continuance.
- A special needs student, attending a small school in Duval County that did not have sports, wanted to participate in sports at another private school. This is not what the state statute or our bylaws provide. He was offered the opportunity to participate in his public school in his district but he did not want to do that and a complaint was filed against the Association asking for a temporary injunction. Executive Director Tomyn and myself represented the Association at a hearing last week and the judge ruled in our favor. The legislature may look at this issue in the future.

## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Tomyn reported on the following:

- Announced at last Board meeting that the annual audit would be presented at the January meeting but it has not been completed yet by our private firm. We will provide it to you as soon as it becomes available.
- Announced at last Board meeting that Andrea Messina with Florida School Boards Association who led a great Board orientation retreat for new board members in November would present to the entire board at the January meeting. I was unable to schedule her due to her busy Legislative schedule but will reschedule with her at a later date.
- Since our last meeting we concluded the Fall State Championships, Girls Volleyball, Football and a new Dual Wrestling Finals. The Dual Wrestling championship was a great event with a lot of positive comments. Thanked Board for approving this new championship.
- Upcoming finals events will be Girls Weightlifting, Cheerleading, Boys and Girls Soccer, Girls Basketball which has been extended by one day, Individual Wrestling and Boys Basketball, also extended by one day and then Boys Weightlifting.
- Excited about the new venue at the University of North Florida for Volleyball and Track championships.
- Thanked Board members who have been able to attend the final events thus far. Please continue to support student-athletes with your presence.
- Our local neighbors at times ask to use our conference room and tomorrow the FASMed will be here as they work closely with our Sport Medicine Advisory Committee.

- Thanked all the Advisory Committees for their valuable insight and suggestions.
- Thanked the sport specific committees that meet after the state championship events.
- Athletic Directors and Officials meet throughout the year and the public is welcome to attend. At the last Football Advisory Committee meeting we invited media to attend. It was a good pro-active move that brought us good press. The media got to see how our Association works.
- We are in the process of some office realignment as the Interns will be working the reception desk and there will also be some security enhancement regarding exterior doors.
- Florida Legislature is in session for 60 days. There was some legislation that came to our attention through our lobbyist. Representative Sullivan and Senator Baxley submitted companion bills that provided an extra benefit that home school students received over traditional students. Mr. Damon, Associate Executive Director for Compliance and Eligibility and I met with Representative Sullivan, Senator Baxley and our lobbyists to discuss this issue. It was a positive meeting. Both of those committees have passed the legislation that we approve of and we know is good for our student athletes.
- In December visited with Senators Passidomo, Stargel, Montford and Representative Rommel on other FHSAA issues.
- Two weeks ago Mr. Damon and I met with a group of Catholic School Superintendents who oversee 38 catholic schools who are members of the Association.
- In January attended the NFHS Executive Directors meeting in Arizona.
- In April Mr. Ireland and I will go to Indianapolis to attend a NFHS Legal Council Meeting.
- We are fortunate to be close to the University of Florida and continue to have outstanding interns come to us.
- Happy and sad to announce Mike Colby, Director of Compliance will be retiring but not until this summer. Thanked Mr. Colby for his service to our Association.

## REPORT OF PRESIDENT

President Prendergast stated he appreciates the commitment Mike Colby has made for the students of Florida and this organization; Complimented staff for the meal provided for them; State finals extremely well run, it reflects the professionalism of the staff; NFHS looks to us as a hybrid state; Is confident this staff and Board will find a way to work toward improving coach's education.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/REQUESTS

- Member Johns: Has a continued interest in the presentation made by Mr. Crews; Glad we are moving forward to see if it is feasible; Thanked football administrator, Frank Beasley for the new system, it has changed the process and it was productive and smooth; Thanked staff and Arnold High School for hosting events in the panhandle area; It is a welcome change to have two events scheduled there; The panhandle area folks appreciate that a few championships will now be held in that part of the state.

- **Member Ochoa:** Thanked staff for their outstanding work; Thanked Mr. Colby, he will be missed; wished everyone safe travels.
  
- **Member Lyons:** Presented Board members and staff with two handouts: Florida Closing the Achievement Gap and Black History Month Art and Essay Contests; More than half the Florida High School graduates are graduating with some college credit or industry certification. Pleased Florida is moving in the right direction, particularly when it relates to the achievement gap. There will be three college scholarships awarded for the Black History Month Art Contest and in addition, there will be cash prizes for three student winners as well as three educators who will be honored with the Black History Month Excellence Award.
  
- **Member Chiles:** Thanked Executive Director Tomy and staff; Glad to talk with Operations Committee to improve and grow in our Association; Thank you for the dinner; Thanked County Athletic Directors for attending the Board meetings and providing their input; Thanked other guests for attending the meetings; Thanked Mike Colby and appreciates his work; great to see everyone again.
  
- **Member Lamb:** Has grandchildren and is glad to hear good news concerning St. Johns County being a # 1 school system; Thanked Chancellor Lyons for the good news; Thanked Executive Director Tomy and staff; Congratulated Mike Colby; Football administrator, Frank Beasley continues to do a good job; Supports Coaches Association and agrees schools need coaches training to be a requirement; Thinks celebration can get out of control and need to have all coaches set the example and to know the rules.
  
- **Member Dodd:** Went to the football championships with other Board members and found it very interesting to see the level of play; It was impressive to see the competitive spirit amongst the teams; Watched Baker County game; Many of the schools traveled well; Impressed with staff at events and looking forward to going to Basketball; Happy to see the graduate rates going up.
  
- **Member Otero:** Happy New Year to all; congratulations to Mike Colby; Thanked Executive Director Tomy and staff; Attended regional Cheerleading and it was very impressive.
  
- **Member Bass:** Thanked staff; Had the opportunity last week to see how important athletics are in the lives of our students; shared a story of a student who lives without utilities and is too proud to say anything, he is a two sport athlete and said the reason he likes to play sports is because he gets fed and it is the only time someone cheers for him; Asked colleagues to please go back to your coaches and emphasize that the job they do is much more important than just on the field.



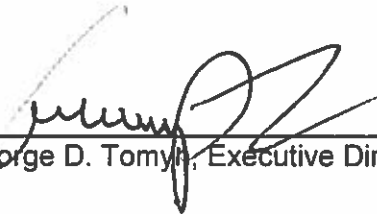
- Member McKinney: Thanked staff for doing a great job; It is important coaches do a good job; Is enjoying her retirement but she misses the comradery of athletes and mentoring students; Wished Mike Colby well and he will be missed.
- Member Finlayson: Thanked Executive Director Tomyr for his hard work; Is also appreciative of being able to hold Sunday Devotions; Thanked staff for supporting Florida Council of Independent Schools; It was good to see at the meeting in November the cooperation between the independent and public schools, it really goes a long way; Congratulated Mike Colby, he is a great professional; Thanked staff for their commitment to all coaches.

ADJOURNMENT      The meeting was declared adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Meetings Scheduled for the Board of Directors:

- Board meeting will be held on April 29-30, 2018. (2017 Hall of Fame Banquet 4-29-18)
- Board Meeting June 11 – 12, 2018 (Academic All-State Banquet 6-11-18)

Attest:

  
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George D. Tomyr, Executive Director

Approve:

  
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Frank Prendergast, President