

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Florida High School Athletic Association**  
**Officials Advisory Committee Meeting**

10:00 am, December 17, 2019  
Robert W. Hughes FHSAA Building  
Gainesville, Florida

1. Welcome, introductions, purpose,
  - a. Attendance: Charles Arrasmith, Butch Goble, Dr. Joe Underwood, Melody Johnson, Robert Owen Jeff Dean John Mantica, Wayne Haefner. FHSAA Staff: Kellie Doucette, Frank Beasley, Robbie Lindeman, Taylor Gies, Jeremy Hernandez, Justin Harrison
2. Review agenda and verify completion of expense vouchers
3. Approval of December 10, 2017 OAC meeting minutes Meeting Minutes last year:
  - a. John Mantica motioned Dr. Underwood seconded; Unanimous approval
4. Review recommendations of the following sport committees
  - a. Football – Frank Beasley
    - 1) Recommendations
      - a. Game Clock Exception on Free Kick Following a Fair Catch – Dr. Underwood  
Free kick following a fair catch and the clock wouldn't start. Nothing in NFHS rules to address this. Frank can take it to the NFHS rules committee. Rule currently states that the clock starts once the ball is legally touched. This exception would be made very rarely.  
Dr. Underwood – have Frank bring to NFHS rules committee  
Action Item Pulled
      - b. Eliminating Pink Flags – Dr. Underwood  
Breast Cancer Awareness flags and towels are the same color. Breaking the rules that a towel and penalty flags are the same color. Dr. Underwood had an incident this year where a pink towel was mistaken for a penalty flag. Rule 1.5.3.5(a) 5. Uniform adornments, with the exception of: (a) One moisture-absorbing solid-colored towel that is not ball- or penalty flag-colored.  
FHSAA will send something out to the associations on behalf of the committee.
      - c. Playoff Chain Crews – Charles Arrasmith  
Having the schools pay for a chain crew from the association rather than use volunteers. For post season only. Allows for junior officials to get experience with playoff game crews. Only pitfall could be the additional vehicle and travel. Utilize the local association provide the chain crew.  
Motion – Joe Underwood  
Second – Wayne Haefner  
7-0 Approved
      - d. Playoff 25/40 Clock Operators – Charles Arrasmith

Having someone from the association who is trained to run the 40 second clock. Schools don't communicate with Frank who has a clock operator and who doesn't.

Motion – John Mantica

Second – Dr. Joe Underwood

7-0 Approved

## 2) Discussions

a. Playoff Mileage Reimbursement – Dr. Joe Underwood

FHSAA follows the rate of a "State Actor" based off of the legislative state statute. The reimbursement fee is based off of this rate.

b. Playoff Assignments – Dr. Joe Underwood

Memo used to go out to association stating when associations wouldn't get playoff assignments. Frank still send out this memo to associations leadership. Number of assignments per associations. The list used to be published for everyone to see, officials stated that they believed it caused animosity between associations and that the information didn't need to be shared. Too many factors that impact assignments to accurately depict why associations receive a certain number of games.

b. Swimming & Diving – Kellie Doucette

1) Recommendations - none

2) Discussions - none

c. Volleyball – Robbie Lindeman

1) Recommendations - none

2) Discussions – none

Finding line judges for the post season. Robbie only had one of two associations that had this issue. Collectively it has improved over the past 4 years.

## 5. General recommendation

## 6. Open Agenda (discussion only)

a. Officials Compensation

Task force created, met 3 times, 5 officials from the Officials Advisory Committee and 5 Athletic Directors from the Athletic Directors Advisory Committee. Compensation came for the averages of the Southeast states. Travel is based off of the mailing address of the association and not the individual officials address. Dr, Underwood brought up that there will be issues that may come up with schools like Key West that are 150+ miles away.

b. Exam Window

The FHSAA is able to work with transfer officials who have an NFHS exam on their account. However, we cannot "waive" accounts that don't have any exam score on their account.

c. Veterans Patches

Readjust the position of the patch location – adjust to be under the American flag rather than above it.

7. Adjournment – 12:15 pm