

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

STATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

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SUMMER MEETING

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TUESDAY
JULY 12, 2022

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The D.C. State Athletic Commission met via videoconference at 6:03 p.m. EDT, Rosalyn Overstreet-Gonzalez, Chairperson, presiding.

PRESENT

ROSALYN OVERSTREET-GONZALEZ, Chairperson
LARRY CARROLL, Commissioner
MICHEAL HUNTER, Commissioner
TERRENCE LYNCH, Commissioner
LAUREN ORZECOWSKI, Commissioner
MARCUS TURNER, Commissioner
KEVIN WILLIS, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT

KENNY OWENS, Executive Director, DCSAA
DAVID MARTINEZ, General Counsel, DCSAA
DESMOND STEWART, Sports Coordinator, DCSAA

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Overstreet-Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM: The Chairperson determined that there was a quorum, consisting of five of the eight members of the Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Chairperson entertained a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 17, 2022 meeting of the Commission. Upon a motion by Commissioner Terrence Lynch, duly seconded by Commissioner Larry Carroll, the Minutes of the May 17, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: Director Kenneth Owens introduced new members of the Commission and gave his report.

Director Owens reported on the staff's attendance at the National Federation of High School Sports and the Commission discussed ways of engaging directly with peers in similar information-sharing fora in the future. Director Owens reported on the DC Scholastic basketball showcase event, which brought 98 coaches to the Sidwell Friends School over a three-day period—90 of which were from Division I schools.

NEW COMMISSIONER ORIENTATION: Mr. David Martinez presented to new members on the role of the Commission in the D.C. government as an independent agency created to provide oversight for interscholastic athletics. Mr. Martinez reviewed the statutory composition of the Commission and detailed the Commission's duty to oversee the State Athletic Association; its primary duties therefrom are to maintain the State's Athletic Association Handbook, conduct athletic appeals panels, and advise the Mayor, the Office of the State Superintendent for Education, and the Council on interscholastic athletics in the District. Mr. Martinez reviewed the State's Athletic Association Handbook, which contains all of the eligibility criteria for interscholastic athletics in the District. Mr. Martinez reviewed the athletic appeals panel, which is composed of three Commissioners, and hears appeals from the DCSAA on complaints or questions of eligibility; said appeals are heard *de novo*. Mr. Martinez reviewed the Commission's administrative responsibilities, which include selecting a chairperson, electing an executive director for a three-year term, and holding meetings at least once a quarter.

The Chairperson discussed the work done that she attributes to a decreasing number of appeals facing the Commission, and requested dates when Commissioners may be available for appeals as they arise.

APPROVAL OF HANDBOOK: The Chairperson reviewed the new State Athletic Association Handbook and entertained a motion to approve the revised DCSAA Handbook. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Lynch, and duly seconded by Commissioner Carroll, the revised DCSAA Handbook was approved.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Carroll, and duly seconded by Commissioner Kevin Willis, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the Summer Meeting at 6:34 p.m.