

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
MAY 17, 2022

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The D.C. State Athletic Commission met via videoconference at 6:08 p.m. EDT, Rosalyn Overstreet-Gonzalez, Chairperson, presiding.

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

KENNY OWENS, Interim Director, DCSAA
DAVID MARTINEZ, DCSAA

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Overstreet-Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM: The Chairperson determined that there was a quorum, consisting of six of the eight members of the Commission. The Chairperson noted that this meeting was a make-up of the previous due to the lack of a quorum at that previous meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Chairperson entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021, meeting of the Commission. Upon a motion by the Chairperson, duly seconded by Commissioner Kevin Willis, the minutes of the December 14, 2021, meeting were unanimously approved.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: Director Kenneth Owens gave his report to the Commission.

Director Owens reviewed the winter sports events for the new commissioners, including the Track & Field State Championship, the first State Swimming and Diving Championships, and the first DCSAA Wrestling State Tournament. Director Owens reported that the girls and boys basketball season was the best attended in District history and reported on the girls' victory at the championship. Director Owens reviewed the spring sports events, which are currently in their championships, including golf, ultimate Frisbee, tennis, lacrosse, softball, and baseball.

CHANGES TO HANDBOOK: Director Owens presented proposed changes to the DCSAA Handbook and requested that the Commission be prepared to approve the annual Handbook at the July meeting. The proposal requires annual background checks, as opposed to semi-annual; commences the utilization of the DragonFly system for comprehensive coaching certification recording; and mandates that students perform under the terms of their IEP, if any, in order to participate in interscholastic athletics, in addition to the standard eligibility criteria. Director Owens discussed the Association's work to maintain student-athletes' amateur status while allowing them to engage in commercial outlets for their name, image, and likeness as athletes. The Handbook additionally requires student-athletes to be vaccinated against COVID-19. The revised Handbook requires that students who identify as a certain gender compete only on teams of the same gender in that given season; should the student's identity shift between seasons, they will be able to compete on a team of the appropriate gender for that season. The Commission discussed the importance of reviewing the Handbook annually to ensure it remains contemporary and practical for student-athletes.

SCHOLARSHIPS: The Chairperson discussed the details of scholarship qualification and application process and the possibility of naming one after Clark Ray, former leader of the DCSAA.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kevin Lynch, and duly seconded by Commissioner Willis, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the Summer Meeting at 6:47 p.m.