

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

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FALL MEETING

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TUESDAY

APRIL 23, 2019

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The DC State Athletic Commission met in the Eleanor Holmes Norton Room I, 1050  
First Street, NE, Washington, D.C., at 6:00 p.m., Rosalyn Overstreet-Gonzalez,  
Chairperson, presiding.

PRESENT

ROSALYN OVERSTREET-GONZALEZ, Chairperson

DWAYNE FOSTER, Commissioner

MICHAEL HUNTER, Commissioner

TERRENCE LYNCH, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT

CLARK RAY, Executive Director, DCSAA

NATALIE RANDOLPH, DCSAA

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Rosalyn Overstreet-Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM: The Chairperson determined that there was not a quorum. The Commission proceeded with its business as noticed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 18, 2018 MEETING: The Chairperson determined that there was not a quorum of members to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2018 Winter Meeting of the Commission.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: Director Clark Ray gave the report.

In personnel updates, the Mr. Clark thanked Natalie Randolph, who is moving on to the position of Director of Equity Justice and Community at Sidwell Friends School. Ms. Randolph delivered some remarks in appreciation of her tenure at the DCSAA. Chair Overstreet-Gonzales said that Ms. Randolph has been integral in the administration of scholarships and Title IX analysis. Commissioner Lynch thanked Ms. Randolph on behalf of the Commission.

Director Ray remarked that, in light of Ms. Randolph's departure, the Association, with the help of DCHR, will reclassify some positions. Attorney Advisor Aniton will take over the legal review of Title IX regulations, Ms. Shelby will maintain all of the reporting required by the law, the DCSAA will create an Associate Director of Sports and Activities constituted by the duties currently being performed by Mr. Kenny Owens, and there will be a vacancy that will be advertised accordingly.

The Association's budget mark remains the same. Last year, the Mr. Clark requested an additional \$180,000 for coaching certification and \$100,000 for operating expenses from the Mayor's Office. In that time the Association has worked with the Department of General Services and the Office of the State Superintendent of Education regarding occupancy of their current offices, and the Mayor has informed OSSE that it shall continue to host the Commission in its current facility, thereby adding no further operating expense to the DCSAA's budget. Commissioner Lynch remarked that he'd spoken to several Councilmembers who said they'd consider increasing the budget, and the Director corroborated that he'd also been in communication with the Council regarding the vote in May.

In winter sports updates, the DCSAA held their basketball tournament at the Entertainment and Sports Arena and indoor track and field at the PG Sports and Learning Complex.

In spring sports updates, the Association is working on baseball, softball, outdoor track and field, ultimate frisbee, and tennis at the Southeast Tennis and Learning Center. Commissioner Lynch congratulated the team at the basketball championship.

The High School Hall of Fame will take place June 6<sup>th</sup>, and will inaugurate such figures as Willie Steward, Maury Wills, Esther Story, John Tatum, Sr., and Otto Jordan, among others. It will be broadcast by the DC Office of Cable TV.

A Founders Breakfast is being considered by the Association wherein the Hall of Fame Committee, while often awarding posthumous awards, would honor their living recipients with a plaque and continental breakfast; it is projected to take place June 11<sup>th</sup>.

In June Basketball Events, the NFHS National High School Boys Basketball Association and the NCAA have reserved the last two weekends in June as live events for college coaches. The Association has applied for an application and been granted sanctioning for the two-weekend event, the first of which will be at Murray where 16 teams have been invited. The Association will generate a \$200 registration fee per team, \$150 per coaching packet, and \$10 per admission. The only issue that the event poses is the cost of officials, which would run between \$9,500-9,600 for the second weekend event while the revenue projection is about \$5,000. The next state sanctioned events are in Philadelphia and North Carolina.

**COMMISSION LEADERSHIP ROLES:** Pursuant to Subsection 2-275 Open Meetings and the Commission's Rules of Governance, the Commission was due to enter into closed session to vote on Commission leadership roles, but was unable to do so due lack of a quorum.

The Chair remarked upon the leadership recommendations she had solicited from the Commissioners the previous meeting, noting Commissioner Lynch's idea that the Commission hold its meetings in the community, as well as the B-league team which will start happening this year, and the audit of the Association as suggested by Commissioner Foster. The Chair then opened the floor to the Members regarding recommendations to the body as a whole that would, consistent with the organization's charter, make a lasting imprint in the community and create an athletic tradition. She did mention that the Commission has not seen a demand for hearing panels in matters of school/LEA-level concerns, as many issues resolve themselves at that level.

Commissioner Lynch emphasized the criticality of engaging youth in quality experiences and activities, expressing his opinion that youth are not being successfully engaged. The Chair suggested that such initiatives may be pursued through partnerships with private entities, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and other similar entities.

Ms. Randolph said that many of the Association's activities may be reviewed on the agency's website, which staff is working diligently to keep up-to-date with information.

Commissioner Foster brought up the need to accurately inform the public about the purpose of the Commission, which is not only concerned with hosting championship tournaments, but primarily with rulemaking and rule governing of high school athletics in the District. To that end, he remarked that the Commission should commit to following through on the regulatory language by which it and all member schools abide, and be especially cognizant of DCSAA-sanctioned schools that, due to not participating in a championship, unilaterally opt out of compliance with the rules of the sanctioning body. As DCSAA continues to grow, he said, such administrative consistency would afford the Association more credibility with other state athletic associations.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Chairperson entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Commissioner Lynch and seconded by Commissioners Foster and Hunter, whereupon the Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m. The June Meeting date will be June 18, 2019.