

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 10, 2026

The regular spring meeting of the Board of Directors was held in a hybrid format on April 10, 2026.

President Ingold called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. The following members were present in person: Haupt, Marski, Yoder, Johnson, Ingold, Allensworth, Vanausdoll, Davis, and Drees. Marquardt, Kerr, and Wranke were present via Zoom. Also present were Nicole Schaeftbauer, Jonathan Hauter, Chris Frasco, and Jackie Litwiller from the IESA staff. Not present were Hogue, Chavers, and Duncan.

Motion by Marski/Drees to approve January 2026, regular meeting minutes as presented. **Carried.**

Mrs. Schaeftbauer presented the Treasurer's report. **Motion by Ingold/Haupt** to approve the Treasurer's report as of March 2026. **Carried.**

Division Reports

Division D---Mrs. Marski reported on an issue that was brought to her regarding school administrators attending IESA wrestling, cheer, and track state tournaments. She had contacted the IESA Office regarding accepted passes and pass lists. The topic had previously been added to the Board's agenda under New Business.

Division L—Mr. Vanausdoll received communication from his division regarding the adjustments made to the track and field calendar. Mrs. Schaeftbauer indicated that the concern would be added to the Track and Field Advisory Committee agenda.

Administrative Reports

Matt Hawkins, TPG- Provided an update to the Board on the status of pending proposals and his overall progress on the year.

Jonathan Hauter, Assistant Executive Director- Mr. Hauter shared Activity information for Chess, Wrestling, and Bowling. Information on Scholar Attitude was presented, and details of the Celebration of Excellence were shared. Girls Wrestling registration information was shared with the Board. The status of the Board Room technology upgrade was shared, and the timeline for completion was reviewed.

Jackie Litwiller, Assistant Executive Director- Provided a review of the cheer state championship. This year's competition was one of the largest in its history. Updates were provided on music, the volleyball state finals, and Softball. Mrs. Litwiller also provided an update on recent conversations with Special Olympics. She also shared her recent debut on the Educational AD podcast.

Chris Frasco, Assistant Executive Director- Updated the Board on the Basketball State tournaments. Updates were also provided on Scholastic Bowl and the Division Sportsmanship Award. Ejection statistics were shared with the Board. For the upcoming Baseball season, AthletesGoLive will be used, and Mr. Frasco shared the progress and communication he has been having with the company.

Nicole Schaeftbauer, Executive Director- Information was provided on the 2025-26 membership and activity totals. Both are up from previous years. A review of the Association's initiatives was presented. An update on the status of our venue contracts was provided. State sites will be presented for approval at the June meeting. Information regarding the number of competitors in the Wheelchair Division of the upcoming Sectional meets. A

recommendation was presented regarding accepting all Sectional competitors to the State meet. **Motion by Ingold/Marski** to update the Track and Field Terms and Conditions to allow for the Executive Director to alter the qualification standards for the Wheelchair Division as needed. For immediate application. **CARRIED.**

Old Business

Transfer Rule—During the January meeting, the Board requested that staff present several variations of the transfer rule for review and discussion. Two distinct options were put forth and thoroughly evaluated. Following the discussion, the Board concluded that the existing by-law remains the most equitable and facilitates the most consistent application and administration of the rule.

Dues and Fees Deadline- During the January meeting, the Board requested that the staff present alternative wording for the current by-law for further discussion. After thorough internal deliberation, the staff concluded that the existing language facilitates the most consistent administration. The Board agreed with this assessment.

Association Future Focus- The survey data was thoroughly reviewed, and the staff outlined the strategic focus for the 2026–27 academic year. This initiative will prioritize the needs and development of the Association's students. The staff will conduct a comprehensive inventory of existing programs and subsequently devise a campaign for effective implementation.

New Business

Administrator Admission at Cheer, Wrestling, and Track- The Board conducted a thorough review of the historical context surrounding the current policy. It has been requested that the practice of issuing a pass list or an approved pass, based on the specific venue, be standardized and implemented consistently across all three activities.

Shazam contract- **Motion by Vanausdoll/Haupt** to approve the six-year contract. **CARRIED.**

A&M Products contract- **Motion by Yoder/Johnson** to approve the three-year contract with the removal of ribbons. **CARRIED.** The Board instructed the staff to pursue bag tags as a substitute for ribbons beginning in 2026-27.

The Board entered Executive session at 12:03 and returned to regular session at 12:30 at which time President Ingold recessed the meeting for lunch. The meeting reconvened at 12:52 p.m.

Board Committee Reports

Staff Relations- Presented during Executive session.

Finance- **Motion by Marski/Yoder** to approve recommendations 1-6, which were updating the handbook wording to current practice. **CARRIED.** **Motion by Haupt/Drees** to approve recommendation #7 (increase committee/judges/presenters mileage). **CARRIED.** **Motion by Vanausdoll/Allensworth** to approve recommendation #8 (Speech Judge Representative fee increase). **CARRIED.** **Motion by Johnson/Marski** to approve recommendation #9 (increase in coach ejection penalty fee). **CARRIED.** **Motion by Haupt/Davis** to approve recommendation #10 (increase to workshop fee). **CARRIED.** **Motion by Vanausdoll/Drees** to approve recommendation #11 (increase to state host clothing stipend). **CARRIED.**

Advisory Committee Reports

Athletic Director—The Athletic Director Advisory Committee met on March 18, 2026, in person. Motion by Yoder/Marski to approve recommendation #1 (expansion of scope of coach ejection to school personnel). **CARRIED.** Recommendation #2 was tabled for staff review and analysis. Recommendation #3 died for lack of a motion. Full minutes are available at the following [link](#).

Basketball—The Basketball Advisory Committee met on March 12, 2026, at the IESA Office. **Motion by Yoder/Johnson** to approve recommendation #1 (penalty fee for no seeding). **CARRIED and applied to all BB/SB/BK/VB.** **Motion by Haupt/Marski** to approve recommendation #2 (adjustments to Mercy rule). **CARRIED.** **Motion by Yoder/Marski** to approve recommendation #3 (grandfather for logo placement on jerseys). **CARRIED.** Discussion items were reviewed. Full minutes are available at the following [link](#).

Cheerleading--The Cheer Advisory Committee met in person on March 11, 2026. **Motion by Drees/Allensworth** to approve recommendation #1 (providing detailed scoring). **CARRIED.** Recommendation #2 died for lack of a motion. **Motion by Vanausdoll/Drees** to approve recommendations #3-5 (changes to Routine scoring, adoption of new Game Day rubric and scoresheet, adoption of Cheer deduction and technical sheets). **CARRIED.** Full minutes are available at the following [link](#).

Chess--The Chess Advisory Committee met on March 26, 2026. **Motion by Marski/Johnson** to approve recommendation #1 (change to state schedule). **CARRIED.** Recommendation #2 was tabled for further conversation with venue. Motion by Davis/Yoder to approve recommendations #3-6 (update rule 12-7, 13-4, and 19-5). **CARRIED.** Full minutes are available at the following [link](#).

Wrestling—The Wrestling Advisory Committee met on April 8, 2026. Recommendation #1 died for lack of a motion. Full minutes are available at the following [link](#).

Volleyball-- The Volleyball Advisory Committee met on April 9, 2026. **Motion by Davis/Marski** to approve recommendation #1 (state series fan seating). **CARRIED.** Full minutes are available at the following [link](#).

Sportsmanship- The Sportsmanship Advisory Committee met on March 19, 2026. **Motion by Yoder/Marski** to approve recommendation #1 (penalty for fan ejection increased). **CARRIED.** **Motion by Vanausdoll/Johnson** to approve recommendation #2 (adjustment to state series fan ejection penalty). **CARRIED.** **Motion by Marski/Drees** to approve recommendation #3 (Kankakee JHS penalty recommendation). **CARRIED.** Agenda items discussed were shared with the Board.

The dates of the remaining meetings for 2025-26 were announced.

This was the final meeting for Renee Marski (Division D). **Renee was thanked for her service to the member schools of Division D and to the membership of the Association.**

Motion by Drees/Johnson to approve the expenses of the meeting. **CARRIED.**

There being no further business, **motion by Haupt/Drees** to adjourn the meeting. **CARRIED.** President Ingold adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


