

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 18, 2026

The regular spring meeting of the Board of Directors was held in person on June 18, 2026.

The meeting was called to order by President Ingold at 10:02 a.m. The following members were present in person: Hogue, Warnke, Yoder, Johnson, Ingold, Marquardt, Kerr, Vanausdoll, Davis, and Drees. Also present were Nicole Schaeffbauer, Chris Frasco, Jackie Litwiller, and Jonathan Hauter from the IESA staff and Chuck Milem from Erie. Not present were Haupt, Marski, Chavers, Allensworth, and Duncan.

Motion by Johnson/Marquardt to approve the April 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented. **Carried.**

Mr. Yoder presented the Treasurer's report. **Motion by Yoder/Marquardt** to approve the Treasurer's report as of May 2026. **Carried.**

Division Reports

There were no division reports.

Administrative Reports

Matt Hawkins, TPG- Provided an update to the Board on the status of pending proposals and the plan for the upcoming school year. Social media numbers were also shared with the Board.

Jonathan Hauter, Assistant Executive Director- Reviewed the IESA Bowling State Tournament. Reviewed the Celebration of Excellence and thanked everyone for their involvement. Updated the Board on Golf registrations and preparations for the upcoming tournament. An update was shared on the status of the girls wrestling season and state tournament, as well as an update on ongoing conversations with the DWC and NIU. Mr. Hauter also highlighted the completion of the meeting technology upgrade, which included the boardroom and lobby.

Jackie Litwiller, Assistant Executive Director- Shared music updates with the Board. Updated the Board on the organizational status of the upcoming softball state tournament. Reviewed the upcoming Volleyball state host sites. Shared information on the planning of the cheer state competition. Updated the Board on the Athletic Director Workshop and her work with IADA. Mrs. Litwiller will be working on recruiting photographers for the intern program.

Chris Frasco, Associate Executive Director- A review of the Scholastic Bowl state tournament was shared with the Board. Reviewed the dates for the Baseball post-season and also shared information on the partnership with Athletes Go Live and Pitch Kount. Mr. Frasco has also begun work on hiring the necessary officials for the Girls and Boys Basketball seasons.

Nicole Schaeffbauer, Executive Director- An update was provided on the re-enrollment numbers. Additional information was provided on the work of our trademark attorney on a use and royalty policy. Highlighted the need to start working with the Association employment attorney to update the employee manual. Congratulated the staff on an outstanding year. Shared that the new logo and document look will be unveiled this year. An update was provided on possible new partnerships- Gill Athletics, NFHS Network. Unveiled the new look for the Regional, Sectional, and State awards.

Old Business

Tabled Athletic Director recommendation- The recommendation will remain tabled as the administrative staff explores various options.

Tabled Chess recommendation- The recommendation to change the competition date is no longer recommended.

Tabled Wrestling recommendation- After further review by the Committee, the original recommendation has been rescinded.

New Business

Apparel letter- The Executive Director received a request from an apparel vendor regarding the possibility of creating a licensed vendor program. The Executive Director reached out to the Association's legal counsel and will pursue program specifics and requirements with the attorney.

State Final Sites- Motion by Vanausdoll/Johnson to approve the 2026-27 State Final sites.

Board Committee Reports

The Board entered Executive session at 10:52 and returned to regular session at 11:18.

Staff Relations- Motion by Johnson/Yoder to approve the recommendation presented. **CARRIED.**

Finance- None.

Advisory Committee Reports

Girls Wrestling- The Girls Wrestling Advisory Committee met on May 13, 2026. **Motion by Davis/Yoder** to approve all recommendations presented (#1- state tournament championship weight class rotation; #2 -set sectional team scoring). **CARRIED.** Complete advisory minutes are available at the following [link](#).

Bowling— The Bowling Advisory Committee met on May 1, 2026. **Motion by Hogue/Yoder** to approve all recommendations presented (#1- adjustment to the advancement structure between team and individual qualifiers from the Friday to the Saturday of the state tournament, #2 -remove unnecessary language, #3 - prohibit SMART watches from warm-ups and competition, and #4- prohibit bowlers from receiving coaching from spectators at any time while rounds are in progress). **CARRIED.** Complete advisory minutes are available at the following [link](#).

Scholastic Bowl—The Scholastic Bowl Advisory Committee met on May 29, 2026 via Zoom. **Motion by Yoder/Davis** to approve recommendation #1 (adding four bonus questions). **CARRIED.** **Motion by Vanausdoll/Drees** to approve recommendation #2 (recommending moderators prompt when 3 seconds remain). **CARRIED.** **Motion by Hogue/Vanausdoll** to approve a modified recommendation #3 (removal of units requirement). **CARRIED.** **Motion by Vanausdoll/Kerr** to approve recommendation #4 (clarifying who may answer a bonus question from the controlling team) **CARRIED.** **Motion by Davis/Kerr** to approve recommendation #5 (5 team regionals will compete in a round-robin format). **CARRIED.** **Motion by Ingold/Hogue** to approve recommendation #7 (add a third class to the activity beginning in 2028). **CARRIED.** Recommendation #6 was tabled. Complete advisory minutes are available at the following [link](#).

President Ingold recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:07 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Track and Field--The Track and Field Advisory Committee met on June 10, 2026. **Motion by Marquardt/Hogue** to approve recommendation #1 (raise the boys hurdle height to 33"). **CARRIED.** **Motion by Vanausdoll/Warneke** to approve recommendation #2 (move the practice start date to the Monday of Wk 35). **CARRIED.** **Motion by Kerr/Drees** to approve recommendation #3 (add the 400 M race to the wheelchair division). **CARRIED.** **Motion by Marquardt/Vanausdoll** to approve recommendation #4 (adjust the state final order of events). **CARRIED.** **Motion by Hogue/Drees** to approve recommendation #5 (set the state final pole vault warmup period to 20 minutes). **CARRIED.** **Motion by Hogue/Johnson** to approve recommendation proposed 2027 qualifying standards. **CARRIED.** Complete advisory minutes are available at the following [link](#).

Music—The Music Advisory Committee met on May 28, 2026. **Motion by Vanausdoll/Drees** to approve both recommendations (#1- move the entry deadline and participation deadline, #2- allow for doubling of parts in instrumental/vocal ensembles). **CARRIED.** Complete advisory minutes are available at the following [link](#).

Activity composites were reviewed.

The dates of the meetings for 2027-28 were announced: Sept. 14, Jan. 29, April 9, and June 17.

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

There being no further business, **motion by Drees/Marquardt** to adjourn the meeting. **CARRIED.** President Ingold adjourned the meeting at 12:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


