At 4:10 p.m., Wednesday, May 22, 2019 James T. Zack, President, called the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Michael A. Barber, Kennett Square .......................................................... District 1
Dr. Pat Nugent, Spring Ford ................................................................. District 1
Francis M. Majikes, Wilkes-Barre ......................................................... District 2
Dr. Ronald H. Kennedy, Mount Joy .......................................................... District 3
Douglas M. Bohannon, Myerstown ......................................................... District 3
David Bitting, Hummelstown ............................................................... District 3
James T. Zack, Coal Township ............................................................... District 4
Paul Leonard, Cairnbrook ................................................................. District 5
William W. Marshall, Cresson ............................................................... District 6
Dr. Patrick J. Mannarino, Pittsburgh .................................................. District 7
Scott Seltzer, Pittsburgh ................................................................. District 7
Scott D. Heinauer, Mars ................................................................. District 7
Michael A. Gavlik, Pittsburgh ............................................................... District 8
James B. Manners, Brookville ........................................................... District 9
Kirk Scurpa, Sharpsville ................................................................. District 10
Robert F. Hartman, Jr., Whitehall ...................................................... District 11
Michael W. Hawkins, Fort Washington ........................................ District 12
Joseph D. Sette, Warminster .......................................................... District 12
Brian W. Campbell, Harrisburg
  Representing............................................................... PA. Dept. of Education Representative
Jonathan Bauer
  Representing............................................................... PA Principals Association Representative
Cathy Wreski, Middletown
  Representing............................................................... Female Parents’ Representative
David A. Troxell, Catasauqua
  Representing............................................................... Male Parents’ Representative
Lee Ann Wentzel, Folsom
  Representing ............................................................... PASA
Michael J. Craig, Mechanicsburg
  Representing ............................................................... PSADA
Dr. Richard L. Frerichs, Millersville
  Representing ............................................................... PSBA
Catherine Foley, Pittsburgh
  Representing ............................................................... Female Officials
Kevin J. McNamara, Montoursville
  Representing ............................................................... Male Officials
MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued)

Danielle Turner, Warrington
   Representing .......................................................... Girls’ Athletics
Harold A. “Hal” Griffiths, Shiremanstown
   Representing .......................................................... Private Schools'

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Robert A. Lombardi, Executive Director ......................................... PIAA
Mark E. Byers, Chief Operating Officer ............................................... PIAA
Melissa N. Mertz, Associate Executive Director ................................... PIAA
Patrick B. Gebhart, Assistant Executive Director ................................. PIAA
Jennifer S. Grassel, Assistant Executive Director ................................. PIAA
Michael L. Solomon, Esq., Director of Legal Affairs ............................. PIAA

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS

Alan R. Boynton, Jr., Esq., ...................................................... PIAA Legal Counsel
Dana Chilson, Esq., ............................................................... PIAA Legal Counsel

GUESTS PRESENT

Sean Kelly, Assistant Executive Director ............................................ District 1
Sean P. McAleer, Director of Education ............................................. Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
George B. Shue, Executive Director ................................................ PSFCA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Majikes, The Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the Wednesday, March 20, 2019, meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, as presented by the Executive Director.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:30 p.m., President Zack called an Executive Session of the PIAA Board of Directors to discuss pending litigation.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

At 4:40 p.m., President Zack returned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors to Regular Session.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

In the absence of Mr. Goodman, Dr. Lombardi reported on PIAA legislative matters.
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PIAA BY-LAWS

On a motion made by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Hartman the Board suspended protocol and amended the language of Article VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, effective immediately, to clarify the standard of review for a student requesting a waiver of ineligibility under Article VI, as follows:

ARTICLE VI
TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING

B. Waiver of ineligibility.
A student who is not otherwise presumptively eligible under Section 2 of this ARTICLE may, through the Principal of the school at which the student seeks eligibility, request that the Regional Panel or District Committee, within their respective jurisdictions, waive the period of ineligibility in some or all sports. Said waiver shall not be granted unless the student demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence if the Regional Panel or District Committee finds that there exists a reasonable likelihood that the transfer was not materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose relating to the sports for which eligibility is sought all sports and that granting eligibility of if such determination would not otherwise circumvent the purpose of this ARTICLE of deterring transfers which are materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose. If granted, eligibility shall be effective as of the date of transfer.

On a motion by Mr. Gavlik, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, the Board unanimously suspended protocol and modified ARTICLE XVI, Section 2, Rules and Regulations, Subsection E. Open Gyms, to provide that such provision applies only to team competitions and those where at least one coach is involved, effective July 1, 2019, to read as follows:

Within 10 days prior to the start of each sports season, no student enrolled at a PIAA member high school may participate in any team competition on a team on which all other players and at least one coach are also affiliated at that student’s school.

On a motion made by Mr. Gavlik, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved, on a third and final reading basis, and effective July 1, 2019 to update language of Article II, AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS to address participation on national teams and inflation since prior adoption of the provision to read as follows:

ARTICLE II
AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS

Section 3. Permissible Awards.
B. Sponsors of Athletic Events: A student may accept, from the sponsor or sponsors of an athletic event or group of athletic events, items of apparel, a blanket, watch, ring, scroll, carry-on or warm-up bag, photograph, medal, plaque, or similar award, with appropriate institutional insignia or comparable identification, if the student participated in the athletic event and/or earned an award for an athletic event or events. The fair market value of items provided to any such student may not exceed $750. Such sponsor or sponsors may also pay the expenses for a student to participate in educational programs, tours, and field trips provided by the sponsor or sponsors in connection with the athletic event or events.
C. Media and Other Public Recognition: A student may accept, from a non-profit service organization approved by the Principal of the student’s school, or the news media, items of apparel, a blanket, watch, ring, scroll, carry-on or warm-up bag, photograph, medal, plaque, or similar award, with appropriate institutional insignia or comparable identification in recognition of the student’s athletic ability or performance, and present the same at a time appropriate to such recognition. The fair market value of items provided to any such student may not exceed $750 $500.

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I. Operation Gold and National Governing Body (NGB) Participation: Consistent with NFHS policy, a student may accept monies under this program, which provides monetary rewards to athletes who place in the Olympic Games and/or World Championships in designated sports. Additionally, a student and/or the student’s parents may accept monies for participation on National Teams or tryouts sponsored by the NGB and NCAA Youth Development Camps.

On a motion by Mr. Gavlik, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, the Board unanimously suspended protocol and added a Note to ARTICLE XV OFFICIALS, Section 1, to make clear that PIAA-registered officials are not restricted to officiating PIAA Contests only, and modified language of ARTICLE XV, OFFICIALS, Sections 3 and 7, to make clear that the background certification requirements and mandatory removals for convictions adopted by PIAA are those required under state law, said changes to be effective July 1, 2019, and to read as follows:

ARTICLE XV OFFICIALS

Section 1. Sports Officials Must Be Registered With PIAA.
All sports officials, in all Contests participated in by a member school of PIAA, shall be persons who are (1) registered, (2) on active status and (3) in good standing, with PIAA.
NOTE: Section 1 does not apply to Contests played outside of Pennsylvania. Additionally, registration with PIAA does not in any way limit or restrict the ability of officials to officiate sports at any level or for any entity including but not limited to intercollegiate, professional, recreational, AAU and other sports organizations.

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Section 3. Background Certifications.

d. Rejection Of Applicants Based Upon Information Disclosed In Certifications.

Pursuant to state law, PIAA shall reject the application of a person who has been identified on one or more of the background certifications set forth in Section 3a of this Article as having been convicted of, or who has pled guilty or no contest to, any of the offenses identified at the time of violation in 24 P.S. § 1-111(e), or an equivalent offense under the current or former laws of the United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation, or a former law of this Commonwealth, and any other felony, unless a period of at least ten years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.

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Pursuant to state law, PIAA shall reject the application of any person identified on one or more of the background certifications set forth in Section 3a of this Article as having been convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, any other misdemeanor of the first degree under Pennsylvania law, or an equivalent offense under the current or former laws of the United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation, or a former law of this Commonwealth unless a period of five years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.

Pursuant to state law, PIAA shall reject the application of any person identified on one or more of the background certifications set forth in Section 3a of this Article as having been convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, more than one misdemeanor offense relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance unless a period of three years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the most recent offense.

Section 7. Removal of Registered Sports Officials.

A. Mandatory Removal.

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(2) Felony violations. Pursuant to state law, the Executive Director shall remove from the list of registered sports officials any person identified on one or more of the background certifications set forth in Section 3a of this Article as having been convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, any of the offenses identified at the time of violation in 24 P.S. § 1-111(e), or an equivalent offense under the current or former laws of the United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation, or a former law of this Commonwealth, or any other felony, unless a period of ten years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.

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(4) First degree misdemeanor violations. Pursuant to state law, the Executive Director shall remove from the list of registered sports officials any person identified on one or more of the background certifications set forth in Section 3a of this Article as having been convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, any other misdemeanor of the first degree under Pennsylvania law, or an equivalent offense under the current or former laws of the United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation, or a former law of this Commonwealth, unless a period of five years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.

(5) DUI and Controlled Substance offenses: Pursuant to state law, the Executive Director shall remove from the list of registered sports officials any person identified on one or more of the background certifications set forth in Section 3a of this Article as having been convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, more than one misdemeanor offense relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance unless a period of at least three years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the most recent offense.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon the recommendation of the Executive Director and on a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to accept the PIAA unaudited financial statements for the months ended March 31 and April 30, 2019.

Upon a recommendation of the Executive Director and on a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to accept the PIAA unaudited financial statements for 2018-19 PIAA Winter Sports Championships.

Upon a recommendation of the Executive Director and on a motion made by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to approve the 2019-2020 Board of Director’s meeting schedule.

On a motion made by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Marshall, it was unanimously approved to accept the NFHS-proposed adjustment of the NFHS Network Agreement.

The Executive Director gave a report on:

1) the results of balloting for one proposed amendment to the PIAA Constitution, to amend ARTICLE X, LOCAL MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL, Section 2., Powers and Duties of Principal F., which passed and becomes effective, Monday, July 1, 2019;

2) the 100th NFHS Annual Summer Meeting which is scheduled to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana from June 28 thru July 2, 2019;

3) the Administrative Staff’s attendance at the 2019 District Annual Meetings;

4) the NFHS Summit and Legal meeting dates for 2020, which are April 15-17; and

PIAA SPORTS’ MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion made by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Leonard, it was unanimously voted to accept the PIAA Sports’ Medicine Advisory Committee recommendation to remove those members of the Sports’ Medicine Advisory Committee who do not attend a meeting within a two year period.

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Leonard, it was unanimously approved to accept the PIAA Sports’ Medicine Advisory Committee recommendation not to modify the CIPPE form for the 2019-2020 school year.

On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Griffiths, the Board unanimously accepted the Minutes of the PIAA Sports’ Medicine Advisory Committee from the meeting of Sunday, March 31, 2019.
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Assistant Executive Director Grassel gave a status report on the following:

1) Coaches Education Update;

2) the recently completed 2019 PIAA Boys’ Team Tennis Championships;

3) the soon to be completed 2019 PIAA Boys’ Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships;

4) the upcoming PIAA Boys’ Volleyball Championships, including a change of venue for this year to be in the Pegula Ice Arena, Penn State University, due to construction at the originally scheduled Rec Hall; and

5) the Joint State Government Commission studying the possible change of start times for secondary schools.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Assistant Executive Director Gebhart gave a status report on:

The upcoming 25th Annual PIAA Officials’ Convention to be held Friday, August 9, and Saturday, August 10, 2019, which includes 100 plus sessions and concludes with the 30 Years of Service Banquet.

PIAA OFFICIALS’ COUNCIL STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. McNamara, seconded by Ms. Foley, it was unanimously voted to table the PIAA Officials’ Council recommendation relating to uniform rules, pending further review at the Officials’ Council meeting to be held in June.

On a motion by Mr. McNamara, seconded by Ms. Foley, the Board unanimously accepted the Minutes of the PIAA Officials’ Council Steering Committee from its meeting of Saturday, March 23, 2019.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Associate Executive Director Mertz gave a status report on the:

1) NFHS Student Leadership Summit, which is scheduled for July 22 thru July 24, 2019 in Indianapolis, IN;

2) soon to be completed 2019 PIAA Boys’ and Girls’ Lacrosse Championships;
3) soon to be completed 2019 PIAA Softball Championships.

PIAA SWIMMING AND DIVING STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Marshall, the Board accepted the recommendation of the PIAA Swimming and Diving Steering Committee, to rescind the PIAA modification of the NFHS swimming and diving rules prohibiting jewelry and adopted the “jewelry rule” as written in the NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules Book.

Motion passed: 27 yes, 2 no.

On a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, the Board unanimously accepted the minutes of the PIAA Swimming and Diving Steering Committee from its meeting of Wednesday, April 3, 2019.

PIAA COMPETITIVE SPIRIT STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Ms. Wentzel, it was unanimously voted to table for further study a recommendation from the PIAA Competitive Spirit Committee to create three classifications for competitive spirit.

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Competitive Spirit Steering Committee from its meeting of Wednesday, April 3, 2019.

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER’S REPORT

The Chief Operating Officer gave a status report on:

1) the upcoming PIAA Track and Field Championships;

2) the upcoming PIAA Baseball Championships; and

PIAA WRESTLING STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation of the PIAA Wrestling Steering Committee to submit to the NFHS a proposal to amend the Rules and adopt the use of 12 weight classes for 2020, and if that request is not approved to further request approval by the NFHS of a pilot program for PIAA to use 12 weight classes.
On a motion by Mr. Gavlik, seconded by Ms. Wentzel, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation of the PIAA Wrestling Steering Committee to reduce the number of junior high/middle school weight classes from 18 to 15, effective for the 2019-2020 school year.

On a motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Majikes, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation of the PIAA Wrestling Steering Committee to refer the NCAA grooming rules for wrestling to the PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, for its consideration and possible recommendation.

On a motion by Dr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, the Board accepted the recommendation of the PIAA Wrestling Steering Committee, that in senior high wrestling competition Varsity Regular Season individually bracketed tournaments with 9 or more teams, a team may at the discretion of the Tournament Director, enter an additional wrestler per weight class without counting as additional Team competitions.

Motion passed: 28-yes, 1-no

On a motion by Mr. McNamara, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, the Board unanimously accepted the minutes of the PIAA Wrestling Steering Committee from its meeting of Wednesday, April 3, 2019.

PIAA BASKETBALL STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Troxell, seconded by Mr. McNamara, the Board unanimously accepted the minutes from the PIAA Basketball Steering Committee from its meeting of Wednesday, April 3, 2019.

PIAA CROSS COUNTRY STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Griffiths, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Cross Country Steering Committee to continue to gather qualifier information from each district for their 2016-19 Championships. A recommendation regarding qualifiers will be made by the Committee to the Board of Directors for the next classification cycle.

On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Dr. Barber, the Board unanimously accepted the minutes from the PIAA Cross Country Steering Committee from the meeting of Wednesday, April 3, 2019.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, the Board approved on a first reading basis, an adjustment to the competition formula to reduce the number of transfers from 5 in football and 2 in basketball, to 3 in football and 1 in basketball for the two-year cycle of the competition formula.

Motion passed: 23-yes, 6-no
On a motion by Mr. Gavlik, seconded by Mr. Hartman, the Board agreed to initiate consideration of possible amendment of Article VIII of the PIAA By-Laws (known as “the Semester Rule”) to start the period of eligibility to start at the beginning of the 7th grade and to permit thereafter 2 consecutive semesters of eligibility (through grade 12), instead of 8 consecutive semesters after the start of the ninth grade.

On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, the Board unanimously accepted the Minutes and Report of the PIAA Competition Committee from its meeting of May 22, 2019.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT**

On a motion by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, the Board unanimously approved, on a third and final reading, the Budget Committee recommendations for the PIAA Operating Activities Budget for year ending June 30, 2020; and

On a motion by Mr. Heinauer, seconded by Mr. Scurpa, the Board unanimously approved on a third and final reading, the 2019-20 PIAA Cash Flows Budget for year ending June 30, 2020.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

On a motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded, by Mr. Seltzer, the Board unanimously approved the report and recommendation of the Nominating Committee and to elect (1) James T. Zack as PIAA President; (2) Francis M. Majikes as PIAA Vice-President, and (3) Michael A. Gavlik as PIAA Treasurer for 2019-2020, and certified the results of the written balloting electing those candidates as officers for 2019-2020.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

The Board unanimously referred to the Officials’ Council for consideration a request from the Athletic Directors’ Association, as presented by Mr. Craig, to discuss adoption of the diagonal system of control for PIAA soccer officiating and to further discuss the number and protocol to host officials’ chapter meetings.

Approved a request from Mr. Craig, from the Athletic Directors’ Association, to send PIAA-generated surveys to Athletic Directors as well as to Principals.

**APPROVAL OF MEMBER SCHOOL APPLICATION(S), EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019**

On a motion by Dr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Bohannon, it was unanimously voted to approve the following requests for member school applications, effective July 1, 2019:

**District III** – Anchor Christian Academy
**District III** – Lititz Area Mennonite High School
REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE
DURING THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to approve the following request for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective during the 2018-2019 school year (will not affect classification size of Team(s)):

District V – North Star and Somerset Christian High Schools (baseball)

REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR TERMINATION OF
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT,
EFFECTIVE DURING THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Dr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to approve the following request to terminate cooperative sponsorships of a sport, effective for the 2019-20 school year (will not affect classification size of Team(s)).

District III - Halifax Area and Millersburg High Schools (wrestling, boys’ golf, and boys’ and girls’ track and field)

District III - Reading and Berks Catholic High Schools (wrestling)

District IV & II - Benton Area and Northwest Area High (boys’ and girls’ soccer)

District V - Shade and Johnstown Christian High Schools (boys’ basketball)

District VII – Penn Hills and Trinity Christian High Schools (football)

District X - Rocky Grove and Venango Catholic High (girls’ basketball), (pending District 9 approval)

District XII - Simon Gratz Mastery Charter and Pickett Mastery Charter Schools (boys’ and girls’ track and field)

REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE
THE BEGINNING OF THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to approve the following request for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of the 2019-2020 school year (will not affect classification size of Team(s)):

District IV – Central Columbia and Benton Area Middle Schools (football)
RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHO ARE RETIRING
AND/OR TERMS OF SERVICE WILL EXPIRE AS OF JUNE 30, 2019

James B. Manners, PIAA Treasurer and District IX Chairman
Scott D. Heinauer, District VII Alternate Voting Representative
Danielle Turner, Girls’ Athletics Representative
Richard J. Dry, Junior High-Middle Schools’ Representative

ADJOURNMENT

President Zack adjourned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 5:40 p.m.,
Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Dr. Robert A. Lombardi
Executive Director

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: 2:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JULY 16 AND
11:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2019, AT THE PENN STATER, STATE COLLEGE,
PA