SUMMARY OF PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTIONS FROM THE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025

- **1.** Approved the Minutes of the January 22, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors.
- 2. Held an executive session to discuss personnel matters and active litigation.
- 3. The Board approved the Executive Staff requesting a member school administration attend the March Board of Directors' meeting to provide details regarding their submission of an ineligible student athlete into the post season.
- **4**. The Board received a legislative update from legislative counsel.
- **5.** Addressed the following recommendations, reports and updates from the Executive Director:
 - The Board approved, the unaudited financial reports for the months ending October 2024, November 2024 and the audit prepared by Boyer and Ritter for the fiscal year 2024;
 - The Board approved, on a third and final reading basis, effective immediately, an amendment to Article VI, Transfers, Residence and Recruiting, Section 7, C., h., to add "Documents showing a substantial reduction in family income is required as stated under item h. i.e. mortgage, utilities, tax returns, car payments and other living expenses";
 - The Board approved, on a second reading basis, an amendment to Article VI, Transfers, Residence and Recruiting, Section 7, C., d., to add retirement and/or discharge from the military for post season waiver;
 - The Board approved, on a third and final reading basis, revisions to the Competition Formula, with all previous readings consolidated into one final policy, effective immediately;
 - The Board approved, on a first reading basis, an amendment to Article VI, Section 11. Recruiting of students, B. Out-of-Season Activities, #12, and add New #14, regarding participation in out of season teams and competition.
- **6.** Accepted the following reports from the Assistant Executive Director:
 - The Board received a review of the Competitive Spirit Championship held January 30 & 31, 2025 at the Santander Arena, Reading.
- 7. Accepted the following reports from the Assistant Executive Director:
 - The Board received an update of the Swimming and Diving Championships to be held March 12-15, 2025 at Bucknell University, Lewisburg:
 - The Board received a copy for review of the Trademark Policy Authorization Agreement Form.
- **8**. Accepted the following reports from the Assistant Executive Director:
 - The Board received a review of the Team Wrestling Championships held February 7-8, 2025 at Altoona High School, Altoona.
- **9.** Accepted the following reports from the Associate Executive Director:
 - The Board received an update of the Basketball Championships, to be held March 27-29, 2025 at the Giant Center, Hershey.

- **10.** Accepted the following reports from the Chief Operating Officer:
 - The Board received an update of the Individual Wrestling Championships to be held March 6-8, 2025 at the Giant Center, Hershey.
- **11.** The Board approved the following requests for termination of Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2024-2025** school year:

District III- Harrisburg Christian and Covenant Christian High Schools (baseball).

District VII- Ellwood City Lincoln and Mohawk Area Junior High Schools (boys' wrestling).

District IX- West Forest, East Forest and Abraxis/Arlene Lissner High Schools (baseball).

District VIII – Taylor Allderdice and Westinghouse High Schools (softball).

District VIII – Brashear High School and Perry Traditional Academy (boys' soccer).

District XII- Shoemaker Mastery Charter and Hardy Williams Mastery Charter High Schools (girls' volleyball).

12. The Board approved the following requests for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2024-2025** school year (**Will not** affect classification size of Team(s)):

District II – Mid Valley and Lakeland High Schools (boys' lacrosse).

District III - West Shore Christian Academy, Harrisburg Christian School and Covenant Christian Academy (baseball).

District III – Halifax Area and Northern Dauphin Christian High Schools (boys' and girls' track and field).

District VI- Greater Johnstown Middle School and Ferndale Area Junior High School (boys' and girls' track and field).

District VI – Mifflin County and Bellville Mennonite High Schools (boys' lacrosse).

District VI & VII - Armstrong, Grace Christian School of Armstrong County and West Shamokin (boys' and girls' track and field).

District VII – Bethlehem Center and Jefferson Morgan High Schools boys' and girls' track and field).

District VII- Sto-Rox Junior Senior High School and Nazareth Prep (baseball).

District VII & X – Butler Area and Slippery Rock High Schools (boys' and girls' lacrosse).

District IX - North Clarion, West Forest and East Forest High Schools (baseball).

District XI – Saucon Valley and Palisades High Schools (boys' lacrosse).

District XII- Thomas Mastery Charter and Hardy Williams Charter High Schools (boys' volleyball).

- **13.** The Board approved the following requests for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport effective beginning of the 2025-2026 school year (Will not affect classification size of the Teams(s)):
 - **District VI** Mifflin County and Bellville Mennonite High Schools (girls' soccer).
 - **District IX** West Forest and North Clarion Junior High Schools (boys' golf).
 - District XII- Thomas Mastery Charter and Hardy Williams Charter High Schools (girls' volleyball).
- **14.** The Board held discussion of Article VI, Transfers, Residence and Recruiting, Section 10. Feeder Schools for Private Schools. No action was taken.
- **15.** The Board held discussion of the <u>Executive Order of February 5, 2025</u> regarding student participation in athletics, taking the following actions:
 - The Board approved to remove the Transgender Policy in accordance with the Executive Order, from the PIAA Policy and Procedures Manual, effective immediately;
 - The Board approved, effective immediately, an amendment to Article XVI, Season and Out-of-Season Rules and Regulations, Section 4. Mixed Gender Participation:
 - **E.** Where a student's <u>sex gender</u> is questioned or uncertain, the decision of the <u>school Principal</u> as to the student's <u>sex gender</u> will be accepted by PIAA. <u>In accordance with the Presidential Executive Order 14201 entitled "Keeping Men Out of Women's Sports", dated February 5, 2025, schools are required to consult with their school solicitors relative to compliance with the Order.</u>