

## **Full Board of Control**

September 26, 2024 8:00 AM  
KHSAA Office, Lexington, KY

### **Present Board Members:**

Matt Wilhoite, Greg Howard, Russell Thompson, Claudette Herald, Randy McCallon, Brandy Carver, Brian Courtney, Noel Crum, Jim Demler, Mandi Hudson, Damon Kelley, Marty Mills, Michael Phillips, Coy Samons, Gavin Washington, David Zuberer, Chuck Mullins, and Denny Williams.

**Present Others:** Scott Walz, Bass Fishing Coach, North Oldham High School; David Christopher, Bass Fishing, Boyle County Schools; Travis Leffew, Boyle County Athletic Director; Bill Smith, Bass Fishing Coach, Covington Catholic; Anthony Ray, Garrard County; Jason Frakes, Courier-Journal; and Bill Tingley, Official.

**Present KHSAA Staff:** Julian Tackett, Joe Angolia, Darren Bilberry, Sarah Bridenbaugh, Rob Catron, Butch Cope, Jenny Elder, Abby Jackson, Connor Link, Sara McClain, and Chad Collins.

### **Board of Control convened at 8:00 AM**

### **Public Comment if Requested in Advance**

### **Legal Session for Updates on Specific Items Per KRS 61.810(c)**

Commissioner Tackett and General Counsel Collins requested the Board to go into Closed Session per KRS 62.810(c) to review legal matters.

A motion is required to go into closed session which must reference the KRS 61.810(c) provision. At the end of the closed session, a motion is required to come out of closed session. There was no action taken in the closed session.

**Motion Passed (18-0):** Moved to go into closed session per KRS 61.810(c) Passed with a motion by Russell Thompson and a second by Noel Crum. Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Brandy Carver Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Noel Crum Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Mandi Hudson Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Coy Samons Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, David Zuberer Yes, Chuck Mullins Yes, and Denny Williams Yes.

### **Adjourned Full Board into Work Session**

### **Re-Convened Full Board of Control Meeting**

**Motion Passed (18-0):** Moved to come out of closed session. Passed with a motion by Claudette Herald and a second by Randy McCallon. Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Brandy Carver Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Noel Crum Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Mandi Hudson Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Coy Samons Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, David Zuberer Yes, Chuck Mullins Yes, and Denny Williams Yes.

### **Pledge of Allegiance-Noel Crum**

### **Reflection-Claudette Herald**

Ms. Herald reflected on what high school athletics had meant to her as a participant and, later, as an athletic administrator. She explained how athletics can change the lives of all involved, including parents and educators. She also mentioned that sports can be both a positive and negative influence on athletes and how adults behave and treat athletes make a difference in the kind of experience athletes have. She also commented that her son had developed many positive traits because of athletics.

### **Work Session Items**

## **Legal Session for Update on Specific Items**

Discussion on Ongoing Matters

## **Items for Information of the Board**

### **Operations Reports**

Staff presented reports around operations since the last Board meeting.

### **Non-Championship Reports from Staff**

#### **Status of Legislative Discussions**

Staff reviewed ongoing meetings with legislative members and leaders, as well as input from that group about the Association.

In addition, likely future measures were discussed and KHSAA alternatives, especially surrounding student transfers and the participation opportunities for non-traditional students.

#### **Sports Reports from Staff**

Primary sports contacts presented updates on their various tournaments held after the May meeting as well as fall updates.

#### **Review of Process, Progress and Challenges, Ongoing Data System Work**

The Commissioner and staff reported on the data transition, feedback, and training opportunities upcoming. The challenges and opportunities, were mentioned; yet, tremendous progress has been achieved. Input from the Board was appreciated.

#### **Review of NFHS Section Meetings from Staff**

The members of the Executive Staff recently attended the NFHS Section 2 Meeting in Columbus. The true continuous improvement opportunities for staff are fairly few and far between. This meeting allowed for not only instructional setting, but collaboration with the other state association staffs and verifying current operations or coming up with new ideas to address current problems.

The staff was afforded a chance to share their own experiences.

The Commissioner shared an extremely helpful mental health discussion at Section 3. We will be promoting this reference material:

Trailer for Not Good Enough - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YI3wE3I5ojE>

Full Version - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xOAXFnRGHAA>

#### **Officials Licensing Comparison and Arbiter Sports Update**

An update on current season officials licensing was shared.

#### **Disqualification Report and Comparison**

Current year disqualification totals were shared.

#### **Transfer and Appeals Eligibility Report**

The staff shared ongoing appeals status reports and timelines.

#### **Status of Regulation Promulgation**

Staff updated the Board on the start of the regulation promulgation process including:

- Changes and updates in policies around sports medicine, NIL, drones, officiating and other clarifications necessitated by legislation or changes by other bodies
- Amendments to bylaws voted on by the membership
- Clarifications to the bylaws and constitution approved by the Board in 2023-24 including NIL reporting
- Changes in the due process procedures with timelines, windows and definitions of statutory matters

- Various forms updated annually

### **Status of Title IX Revisits**

The individuals responsible for Title IX as well as other staff reviewed the upcoming audit schedule.

<https://khsaa.org/07-18-24-title-ix-schools-being-revisited-for-2024-2025/>

### **Update on Bowling Green Independent Schools**

As required by the consent agreement, staff reviewed progress as well as other issues that may have arisen.

### **Approval of Operations Reports**

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Accepted Reports and directed necessary action. Passed with a motion by Randy McCallon and a second by Michael Phillips. Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Brandy Carver Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Noel Crum Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Mandi Hudson Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Marty Mills No Vote, Michael Phillips Yes, Coy Samons Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, David Zuberer Yes, Chuck Mullins Yes, and Denny Williams Yes.

### **Reports on Association Membership Meetings**

Staff presented reports around membership meetings since the last Board meeting.

### **Annual Meeting of the Membership (September 17)**

Staff shared that 211 had registered, and 192 official attended. Sessions regarding future of the transfer rule were very fruitful.

### **HYPE Student Leadership Conference (September 19-20)**

Staff shared that 39 schools registered with over 600 in attendance. Staff reviewed final attendance and activities.

### **Advanced Administrators Workshop Meeting (October 17, Lexington)**

To date, 89 schools signed up to attend on October 17 at the Central Bank Center.

### **Regional Meeting Reports (August 20 to September 5)**

There were 350 member school representatives signed up for this year's regional meetings, hosted in Regions 1/2, 3, 5, 6/7, 9/10, 11, 14 and 16. Plans are already underway for next year's meetings.

Attendance was strong and the association staff was able to present a broad range of information for the attendees.

### **Advanced KHSAA360/Arbiter Training**

KHSAA Staff, along with representatives from Arbitrator will conduct advance in-person training in two locations. October 15, 2024, Knicey Center, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green. October 16, 2024, Central Bank Center, Lexington.

### **Title IX Meetings (October 3 and 4)**

Two webinars will be held on consecutive days in October.

Thursday, October 3

Friday, October 4

### **Hall of Fame Screening (November meeting)**

A reminder that the Hall of Fame screening committee discussion will be held after the November Board meeting, with a brief summary and then the screening committee members submitting their material shortly thereafter.

### **Approval of Reports on Membership Meetings**

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Accepted the reports and directed any necessary follow-up and action. Passed with a motion by Greg Howard and a second by Mandi Hudson. Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Brandy Carver Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Noel Crum Yes,

Jim Demler Yes, Mandi Hudson Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Marty Mills No Vote, Michael Phillips Yes, Coy Samons Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, David Zuberer Yes, Chuck Mullins Yes, and Denny Williams Yes.

## **General Reports**

Staff presented various reports around general areas since the last Board meeting.

## **Around the State & Nation**

### **Approval of General Reports**

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Accepted the reports and directed any necessary action. Passed with a motion by Gavin Washington and a second by Noel Crum. Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Brandy Carver Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Noel Crum Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Mandi Hudson Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Marty Mills No Vote, Michael Phillips Yes, Coy Samons Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, David Zuberer Yes, Chuck Mullins Yes, and Denny Williams Yes.

### **Items for Review for Action at a Later Meeting**

#### **Status of Possible Future Items from August Meeting**

#### **Universal Expiration of Safety Course**

The Commissioner reviewed potential consideration of a re-interpretation surrounding the Sports Safety Course. Information was shared with the board before consideration of a recommendation by the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.

#### **Changes in Sports Medicine due to TUFSS report, and KMA Review**

The Commissioner was part of the hosting of a group at the office in May and meeting entitled TUFSS (Team Up for Sports Safety). A brief report was shared and discussion of next steps. The KMA Sports Medicine Committee met in August and discussed possible enhancements to already existing policies based on that meeting.

## **Championship and Competition Rules**

### **Review of Girls' Wrestling Weight Class Issue**

There was a general discussion about alignment and moving forward following a historical review.

### **Update on Boys' Volleyball Participation and Planned Next Steps in November**

Staff shared ongoing efforts of finalizing a list of teams to prepare an alignment along with postseason format.

### **Update on Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse Participation and Planned Next Steps in November**

Staff shared ongoing efforts of finalizing a list of teams to prepare an alignment along with postseason format.

### **Discussion of Diving Requirement for Postseason Entry**

The Commissioner and Staff have been gathering data and reviewing the Association requirements that are specific to this event. Details were shared with final action anticipated for November.

### **Discussion of Boys' and Girls' Pole Vault Requirement for Postseason Entry**

The Commissioner and Staff have been gathering data and reviewing the Association requirements that are specific to this event. Details were shared with final action anticipated for November.

## **Alternate Tournament Format Report**

The Commissioner gave a report on Region 1 soccer and early Region 6 discussions for baseball and softball.

## **Approval of Reports Regarding Championship and Competition Rules**

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Approved the reports and directed any necessary action. Passed with a motion by Jim Demler and a second by Russell Thompson. Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Claudette Herald Yes,

Greg Howard Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Brandy Carver Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Noel Crum Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Mandi Hudson Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Marty Mills No Vote, Michael Phillips Yes, Coy Samons Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, David Zuberer Yes, Chuck Mullins Yes, and Denny Williams Yes.

## **Strategic Discussion on Future Topics**

### **Discussion of Possible Member School Referendum or Multiple Referendums Following Annual Meeting Discussion**

A follow-up discussion from the Annual Meeting as well as data gathered from multiple region meetings was reviewed.

### **Discussion of Possible Plans for Basketball Shot Clock Survey**

The Commissioner and staff provided an update and sought board input on next steps and timing.

### **Triennial Survey Update and Discussion**

The Commissioner provided an update and sought board input on next steps and timing.

### **Discussion of Basketball Tournament Updates, including Future Dates**

#### **Discussion of Coaching Golf Carts for Future State First and Final Rounds – Options**

Both selected board members and the staff have received feedback from specific coaches about the need to have carts as an option for the state first round and state tournaments specifically for coaches.

Thus far, no workable solution has been proposed. This issue is one of the constant points when state staff managing golf meet at the NFHS Summer Meeting. For the most part, all states cite issues around cart availability, management of the rental of the carts, possible liability issues, changes due to inclement weather, additional carts required by Federal law around ADA and other concerns. Coaches cite the need to get around to multiple players who are not grouped together.

Options should be discussed with the idea that those requesting the allowance come forward with at least the start of a workable solution. Considerations must be:

- Cart availability - and schools being required to fund the rental of any cart not available at the course on a daily basis
- Does this impact the future hosts due to many perhaps not being able to meet a new requirement?
- Management of the rental process
- Cancellation policies for non-qualifiers
- Weather cancellation or cart use alteration for October events
- And others that may be identified through discussion

### **Acceptance of Reports on Future Topics**

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Accepted the report and if desired, gather identified information for a formal proposal at the next Board of Control meeting. Passed with a motion by Damon Kelley and a second by Michael Phillips. Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Brandy Carver Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Noel Crum Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Mandi Hudson Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Marty Mills No Vote, Michael Phillips Yes, Coy Samons Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, David Zuberer Yes, Chuck Mullins Yes, and Denny Williams Yes.

### **Discussion of Track and Field Alignment Options**

#### **Acceptance of the Report**

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Accepted the report and directed gathering of enrollment data for consideration when four full-years of post-pandemic audited enrollment data is available. Passed with a motion by Greg Howard and a second by Mandi Hudson. Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Brandy Carver Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Noel Crum Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Mandi Hudson Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Marty Mills No Vote, Michael Phillips Yes, Coy Samons Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, David Zuberer Yes, Chuck Mullins Yes, and Denny Williams Yes.

### **Continued Review of Future Football Alignment Criteria**

An update and discussion were held about potential parameters and next steps during this process.

### **Review of Basketball Alignment Discussions**

A review of ongoing discussions in a variety of regions was shared. Particular emphasis on feedback prior to November when staff is to present any proposed changes for possible adoption in January.

### **Items for Discussion and Possible Action**

#### **Approval of Annual Meeting Proposals Passed**

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Approved the proposals to be submitted through the regulatory process. Passed with a motion by Claudette Herald and a second by Damon Kelley. Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Brandy Carver Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Noel Crum Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Mandi Hudson Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Marty Mills No vote, Michael Phillips Yes, Coy Samons Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, David Zuberer Yes, Chuck Mullins Yes, and Denny Williams Yes.

#### **Finance and Business**

##### **Review Financial Reports for July 1 to August 31**

First quarter (near) was presented, along with Rupp Arena changes noted.

##### **Approval of Finance and Business Reports**

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Accepted the financial reports and approved necessary action with additional reporting at the November meeting. Passed with a motion by Gavin Washington and a second by Brian Courtney. Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Brandy Carver Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Noel Crum Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Mandi Hudson Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Marty Mills No Vote, Michael Phillips Yes, Coy Samons Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, David Zuberer Yes, Chuck Mullins Yes, and Denny Williams Yes.

#### **Bass Fishing State Site Discussion**

##### **Consideration of Multiple Sites for State Competition**

Representatives of both the Kentucky Lake Area and Lake Cumberland (Russell County section) were on site to discuss the future bass fishing site for 2025 to 2028.

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Following presentation, that the 2025 and 2027 State Bass Fishing Championships be held at Lake Cumberland and the 2026 and 2028 State Bass Fishing Championships be held at Kentucky Lake. Passed with a motion by Noel Crum and a second by Greg Howard. Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Brandy Carver Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Noel Crum Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Mandi Hudson Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Marty Mills No Vote, Michael Phillips Yes, Coy Samons Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, David Zuberer Yes, Chuck Mullins Yes, and Denny Williams Yes.

#### **For the Good of the Order**

As is normally the case, the Commissioner and Staff shared a variety of informational items related to our state and others around interscholastic athletes.

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Moved to adjourn the meeting. Passed with a motion by Randy McCallon and a second by Greg Howard. Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Brandy Carver Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Noel Crum Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Mandi Hudson Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Marty Mills No Vote, Michael Phillips Yes, Coy Samons Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, David Zuberer Yes, Chuck Mullins Yes, and Denny Williams Yes.

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Matt Wilhoite, President

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