

Full Board of Control
January 15, 2026 11:30 AM
KHSAA Office
Lexington, KY

Convene Board of Control, 8:00 AM

Present Board Members:

Greg Howard, Russell Thompson, Matt Wilhoite, Jim Demler, Damon Kelley, Gavin Washington, Michael Phillips, David Zuberer, Randy McCallon, Claudette Herald, Brandy Carver, Mandi Hudson, Noel Crum, Chuck Mullins, Donna Moir, Jeremy Roach, Terry Yeast.

Absent Board Members:

Brian Courtney

KHSAA Staff:

Julian Tackett, Butch Cope, Darren Bilberry, Joe Angolia, Sarah Bridenbaugh, Rob Catron, Chad Collins, Jenny Elder, Kara Howard, Abby Jackson, Brian Milam, Jeanie Molloy.

Others Present:

David Couch, KDE/KBE
DT Wells, Scott County District Athletic Director

Attachments can be found at the following link:

<https://portal.ksba.org/public/Agency.aspx?PublicAgencyID=4374&AgencyTypeID=1&BeginDate=07-01-2025&EndDate=06-30-2026>

Public Comment Session:

As the KHSAA is subject by regulation to the Kentucky Open Meetings Act, an opportunity was afforded to anyone who attended the board meeting to make any public comment they desire, limited to three minutes per person.

Comments related to moving first round state tennis to four satellite sites

Tim Dethridge- Greenwood High School Tennis Coach

Taylor Osborne- Bourbon County Tennis Coach

Bobby Smith- North Laurel Tennis Coach

Comments related to Agenda Item-8th Region Alignment (Collins Move)

Kate Tucker, Collins High School Athletic Director

Legal Session for Update on Specific Items

Commissioner and General Counsel desired Board to go into Closed Session per KRS 61.810 (c) to review legal matters

Motion Passed: Motion to go into closed session per KRS 61.810(c) and then subsequent motion to leave closed session and return to open session will be required passed with a motion by Randy McCallon and a second by Claudette Herald.

17 Yeas - 0 Nays

Greg Howard-Yes, Russell Thompson-Yes, Matt Wilhoite-Yes, Jim Demler-Yes, Damon Kelley-Yes, Gavin Washington-Yes, Brian Courtney-Absent, Michael Phillips-Yes, David Zuberer-Yes, Randy McCallon-Yes, Claudette Herald-Yes, Brandy Carver-Yes, Mandi Hudson-Yes, Noel Crum-Yes, Chuck Mullins-Yes, Donna Moir-Yes, Jeremy Roach-Yes, Terry Yeast-Yes.

Motion Passed: Moved to come out of closed session passed with a motion by David Zuberer and a second by Matt Wilhoit.

17 Yeas - 0 Nays

Greg Howard-Yes, Russell Thompson-Yes, Matt Wilhoite-Yes, Jim Demler-Yes, Damon Kelley-Yes, Gavin Washington-Yes, Brian Courtney-Absent, Michael Phillips-Yes, David Zuberer-Yes, Randy McCallon-Yes, Claudette Herald-Yes, Brandy Carver-Yes, Mandi Hudson-Yes, Noel Crum-Yes, Chuck Mullins-Yes, Donna Moir-Yes, Jeremy Roach-Yes, Terry Yeast-Yes.

No action was taken in the closed session.

Adjourn to Work Session

Re-convene Full Board of Control Meeting

Pledge and Reflection

Pledge-Jim Demler

Reflection-Randy McCallon

Mr. McCallon shared a personal look at why we must prioritize people over schedules. Inspired by the time his grandparents invested in him, he highlighted the importance of being a steady mentor for our students. He reminded us that time isn't just a resource—it's our most valuable currency.

ITEMS REFERRED FROM WORK SESSION

ITEMS FOR REPORTS AND INFORMATION OF THE BOARD AND APPROVAL

Operations Reports

A series of reports to inform the Board of Control were conducted and in the end, a summary motion to accept the reports into the record

- Sports and Sport Activities Reports from Staff
- Non-Championship Reports from Staff
- Arbiter Sports and Technology Update
- Status of Basketball Prime Date Reports and Reminders

Motion Passed: Accept the Operations Reports as Submitted and direct any necessary action passed with a motion by Noel Crum and a second by David Zuberer.

17 Yeas - 0 Nays

Greg Howard-Yes, Russell Thompson-Yes, Matt Wilhoite-Yes, Jim Demler-Yes, Damon Kelley-Yes, Gavin Washington-Yes, Brian Courtney-Absent, Michael Phillips-Yes, David Zuberer-Yes, Randy McCallon-Yes, Claudette Herald-Yes, Brandy Carver-Yes, Mandi Hudson-Yes, Noel Crum-Yes, Chuck Mullins-Yes, Donna Moir-Yes, Jeremy Roach-Yes, Terry Yeast-Yes.

Officials Division Reports

A series of reports to inform the Board of Control were conducted and in the end, a summary motion to accept the reports into the record

- Officials Licensing Comparison and Arbiter Sports Update
- Disqualification report and comparison
- Reminders - Policy Board Hiring Procedure

Motion Passed: Accept the Officials Report as Submitted and direct any necessary action passed with a motion by Noel Crum and a second by David Zuberer.

17 Yeas - 0 Nays

Greg Howard-Yes, Russell Thompson-Yes, Matt Wilhoite-Yes, Jim Demler-Yes, Damon Kelley-Yes, Gavin Washington-Yes, Brian Courtney-Absent, Michael Phillips-Yes, David Zuberer-Yes, Randy McCallon-Yes, Claudette Herald-Yes, Brandy Carver-Yes, Mandi Hudson-Yes, Noel Crum-Yes, Chuck Mullins-Yes, Donna Moir-Yes, Jeremy Roach-Yes, Terry Yeast-Yes.

Regulatory Reports

A series of reports to inform the Board of Control were conducted and in the end, a summary motion to accept the reports into the record

- Status of Regulation Promulgation
- Status of Legislative Discussions
- Status of Title IX Revisits
- Update on Transfer Case Timeline and Transition
- Transfer and Appeals Eligibility Report
- Review of Procedure for President-Elect
 - The Board of Control annually elects from its membership, a President-elect to serve the following year, and then transition to the President position in the second year following.
 - Board members are reminded that the officers for the following year are elected at the 5th meeting of the year, which will be held on February 20.
 - As adopted, the procedure for the election is as follows:
 - ELIGIBILITY AND NOMINATIONS
 - To be eligible to seek the position of President-elect, the individual shall be in at least the second year (rising to the third year) of his/her first term, or in his/her second term.
 - Nominations shall be made in open session with a motion from a sitting member of the Board of Control. No second shall be required for the nomination.
 - BALLOTING
 - Balloting shall be done in open session with a public vote.
 - ELECTIONS WITH ONE CANDIDATE
 - In an election with one candidate, the candidate shall receive at least ten (10) votes to be elected or may be elected by approval of a properly made motion to accept the candidate by acclamation.
 - ELECTIONS WITH TWO CANDIDATES
 - In an election with two candidates, a candidate shall receive at least ten (10) votes to be elected.
 - A ballot that is tied or in which no candidate receives ten (10) votes shall be repeated a maximum of two times.
 - If three ballots are held with no member receiving ten (10) votes, the election shall be decided by a coin toss with the candidate alphabetically listed first having “heads” on the coin.
 - ELECTIONS WITH MORE THAN TWO CANDIDATES
 - In an election with more than two candidates, a candidate shall receive at least ten (10) votes to be elected.
 - If no candidate receives ten (10) votes and one candidate has a greater number of votes than the other two (2) candidates, and the other candidates not having the greater number of votes are tied, a candidate shall be eliminated by coin toss with the candidate alphabetically listed first having “heads” on the coin. The election shall then proceed according to either section (2) or (3) above based on the number of remaining candidates.
 - If no candidates receive ten (10) votes and one candidate has a greater number of votes than the other two (2) candidates, and the other candidates not having the greater number of votes are not tied, the candidate shall be eliminated with the fewest votes. The election shall then proceed according to either section (2) or (3) above based on the number of remaining candidates.
 - The current Board classes are listed below (with eligible officer members under the previously adopted policy underlined). It is further noted that any third year member (rising to

fourth) who cannot seek an additional term could seek the position but would not be able to serve as president after expiration of board eligibility):

- 2026 (4th year)
- Courtney, Brian *
- McCallon, Randy *
- Moir, Donna *
- Phillips, Michael *
- Zuberer, David *
- 2027 (3rd year)
- Hudson, Mandi *
- Howard, Greg
- Carver, Brandy *
- Wilhoite, Matt
- 2028 (2nd year)
- Crum, Noel *
- Demler, James
- Herald, Claudette
- Mullins, Chuck *
- Thompson, Russell
- 2029 (1st year)
- Kelley, Damon
- Roach, Jeremy *
- Washington, Gavin
- Yeast, Terry *

- * Eligible to seek Additional Term

Board of Control Election Status Report

The Commissioner updated the Board members on the status of ongoing elections to replace outgoing members

- At this time, the following currently serving members are eligible to seek an additional term, provided they continue to remain eligible to be on the Board of Control
- McCallon, Randy (subject to KBE reappointment)
- Courtney, Brian
- Moir, Donna
- Phillips, Michael
- Zuberer, David
- All except Mr. McCallon will have nominations solicited beginning January 16 and with nominations due by January 30.
- Ballots will be distributed on Tuesday, February 3 to be received back by Tuesday, February 10.
- Accept the Regulatory Reports as Submitted and direct any necessary action

Motion Passed: Accept the Regulatory Reports as Submitted and direct any necessary action passed with a motion by Russell Thompson and a second by Jim Demler.

17 Yeas - 0 Nays

Greg Howard-Yes, Russell Thompson-Yes, Matt Wilhoite-Yes, Jim Demler-Yes, Damon Kelley-Yes, Gavin Washington-Yes, Brian Courtney-Absent, Michael Phillips-Yes, David Zuberer-Yes, Randy McCallon-Yes, Claudette Herald-Yes, Brandy Carver-Yes, Mandi Hudson-Yes, Noel Crum-Yes, Chuck Mullins-Yes, Donna Moir-Yes, Jeremy Roach-Yes, Terry Yeast-Yes,

Finance and Business

A series of reports to inform the Board of Control were conducted and in the end, a summary motion to accept the reports into the record

- **TPG Sponsorship Review**

Three times per year, the representatives of TPG give a summary report to the Board of the success or deficiencies of their operations. Such is attached.

• **Main Office Maintenance and Update Report**

The Commissioner and Office Operations Director reviewed the status of ongoing updates to the physical plant since the last meeting

Motion Passed: Accept the Finance and Business Operations Reports as Submitted and direct any necessary action passed with a motion by David Zuberer and a second by Mandi Hudson.

17 Yeas - 0 Nays

Greg Howard-Yes, Russell Thompson-Yes, Matt Wilhoite-Yes, Jim Demler-Yes, Damon Kelley-Yes, Gavin Washington-Yes, Brian Courtney-Absent, Michael Phillips-Yes, David Zuberer-Yes, Randy McCallon-Yes, Claudette Herald-Yes, Brandy Carver-Yes, Mandi Hudson-Yes, Noel Crum-Yes, Chuck Mullins-Yes, Donna Moir-Yes, Jeremy Roach-Yes, Terry Yeast-Yes.

General Reports

The Commissioner reminded the Board members serving on the selection committee for the Hall of Fame of the balloting deadlines.

"2026 (4th year)
Courtney, Brian *
McCallon, Randy *
Moir, Donna *
Phillips, Michael *
Zuberer, David *
2028 (2nd year)
Crum, Noel *
Demler, James
Herald, Claudette
Mullins, Chuck *
Thompson, Russel"

Member School Issues - Mergers and Splits

The Commissioner and staff reviewed issues related to these schools and their pending change in structure-

- Hopkinsville-Christian County
- West Carter/East Carter merger

This item was for information only with no action was taken.

Motion Passed: Accept the General Reports as Submitted and direct any necessary action passed with a motion by Randy McCallon and a second by Noel Crum.

17 Yeas - 0 Nays

Greg Howard-Yes, Russell Thompson-Yes, Matt Wilhoite-Yes, Jim Demler-Yes, Damon Kelley-Yes, Gavin Washington-Yes, Brian Courtney-Absent, Michael Phillips-Yes, David Zuberer-Yes, Randy McCallon-Yes, Claudette Herald-Yes, Brandy Carver-Yes, Mandi Hudson-Yes, Noel Crum-Yes, Chuck Mullins-Yes, Donna Moir-Yes, Jeremy Roach-Yes, Terry Yeast-Yes.

ITEMS FOR REVIEW FOR POSSIBLE ACTION AT A LATER MEETING

Handbook Issues Including Bylaws

- 2026 Bylaw Proposal Discussion - Track and Field Limit of Seasons
- Review of Items Submitted for 2025-2026 revisions

The Commissioner and General Counsel discussed the few changes that have been proposed in the draft documents, primarily due to the action of the Delegate Assembly in September.

Motion Passed: Accept the report and direct any necessary subsequent action passed with a motion by Mandi Hudson and a second by David Zuberer.

17 Yeas - 0 Nays

Greg Howard-Yes, Russell Thompson-Yes, Matt Wilhoite-Yes, Jim Demler-Yes, Damon Kelley-Yes, Gavin Washington-Yes, Brian Courtney-Absent, Michael Phillips-Yes, David Zuberer-Yes, Randy McCallon-Yes, Claudette Herald-Yes, Brandy Carver-Yes, Mandi Hudson-Yes, Noel Crum-Yes, Chuck Mullins-Yes, Donna Moir-Yes, Jeremy Roach-Yes, Terry Yeast-Yes.

Finance, Business and Operations

Championship and Competition rules information

Other Sports and Sport Activities

Discussion of Current Football Bracket Development and Process

Prior to the adoption of an alignment for 2027-28, this presents an opportune time to review suggestions for bracketing and/or pairings within the playoffs.

The board previously set up pairings to be played for this first two rounds within District as a means of addressing travel. While this was very much favored by many senior administrators, it was not very well thought of by the coaching community. The Board heard several survey reports and made the determination that pairing schools in the early rounds by "sister" districts would be more favored by the membership. However, one thing that is already apparent with this current system is the return of an even wider spread of score between games in those early rounds. In addition, repeated matchups often reduce opportunities to improve support and strengthen attendance. Our own championship games are evidence of what happens when the same teams repeatedly come.

One concept that might work would be to continue the sister district plan for the first round and then begin a cross state or semi-state bracketing for the 2nd and 3rd rounds. This would likely allow for newer matchups and better match ups and could still use the same ranking system that's automatically calculated now. Our own score data could continue to be used and a new perspective on matchups during that critical time that the coaches have always identified is so important for football to be in the spotlight, and that's the time between the regular season end and the time for the start of winter sports regular season. it would be appropriate to have a discussion among the board and gather thoughts and see what other data might be necessary. Likely these type of decisions have to be made before an alignment is drafted as once the alignment is known and pairings are known it will likely skew the opinions of different people looking at the system.

Motion Passed: Accept the report and direct any subsequent information to be brought to the February board meeting passed with a motion by Noel Crum and a second by Jim Demler.

17 Yeas - 0 Nays

Greg Howard-Yes, Russell Thompson-Yes, Matt Wilhoite-Yes, Jim Demler-Yes, Damon Kelley-Yes, Gavin Washington-Yes, Brian Courtney-Absent, Michael Phillips-Yes, David Zuberer-Yes, Randy McCallon-Yes, Claudette Herald-Yes, Brandy Carver-Yes, Mandi Hudson-Yes, Noel Crum-Yes, Chuck Mullins-Yes, Donna Moir-Yes, Jeremy Roach-Yes, Terry Yeast-Yes.

Football Alignment and Competition Rules Discussion

Prior to a draft alignment being considered, there's been significant conversation and a request for the board to continue discussing options around football alignment parameters. Some of those options will be detailed during these discussions.

At the same time these discussions are being held and prior to an alignment being developed the board should be aware that the Commissioner is issuing a moratorium on the signing of contracts for 2027 and 2028 playing seasons. Interestingly while many schools have not yet even submitted their spring football practice for 2025-26 they are jumping ahead and trying to schedule games for 2027-2028 and beyond and this step became necessary

There are two common factors in use and examples are attached-

- Discussion of Success Factor in Alignment Development for postseason play, and review of options already existing in other states.
- Discussion of a multiplier for specific schools
- Enrollment Thresholds
- Divisions,
- Bracketing,
- Format,\
- Senior Night Ceremonies,
- Participation Numbers, etc.

Strategic Discussion of potential three-year pilot project on soccer postseason

Based on input from the membership over several meetings, it is important to have a discussion about the possibilities and ramifications, both pro and con, of doing a different structure for postseason in soccer than perhaps it's being done in other sports. The discussion would likely need to center specifically around that sport, with a time limit on how long data will be collected, and exactly what data would be relevant to be collected to determine if the experiment could continue.

Motion Passed: Accept the report and direct any subsequent information to be brought to the February board meeting passed with a motion by Noel Crum and a second by David Zuberer.

17 Yeas - 0 Nays

Greg Howard-Yes, Russell Thompson-Yes, Matt Wilhoite-Yes, Jim Demler-Yes, Damon Kelley-Yes, Gavin Washington-Yes, Brian Courtney-Absent, Michael Phillips-Yes, David Zuberer-Yes, Randy McCallon-Yes, Claudette Herald-Yes, Brandy Carver-Yes, Mandi Hudson-Yes, Noel Crum-Yes, Chuck Mullins-Yes, Donna Moir-Yes, Jeremy Roach-Yes, Terry Yeast-Yes.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Finance and Operations

Approve Minutes, November 2025 Board Meeting

The minutes of November 2025 were presented for approval.

Motion Passed: Approve the November Board minutes passed with a motion by Terry Yeast and a second by Randy McCallon.

17 Yeas - 0 Nays

Greg Howard-Yes, Russell Thompson-Yes, Matt Wilhoite-Yes, Jim Demler-Yes, Damon Kelley-Yes, Gavin Washington-Yes, Brian Courtney-Absent, Michael Phillips-Yes, David Zuberer-Yes, Randy McCallon-Yes, Claudette Herald-Yes, Brandy Carver-Yes, Mandi Hudson-Yes, Noel Crum-Yes, Chuck Mullins-Yes, Donna Moir-Yes, Jeremy Roach-Yes, Terry Yeast-Yes

Approval and Directive – Past Minutes

At present, and for a couple of years, the minutes of the Board of Control have been presented at the subsequent meeting, and after discussion and / or clarifications, have been approved. Unfortunately, in each of those cases, the meetings remain labeled DRAFT when published and have not been signed as official and authentic by the current year authors.

This is an important step for the historical data within the association.

Motion Passed: Authorize the Commissioner and General Counsel to correct this omission using the data available in the KSBA system, refine the format of the minutes, and seek signatory authorization of the two officers in place for each of those years with the project to be completed by April 1, and resulting information published on the KHSAA website. passed with a motion by Randy McCallon and a second by Mandi Hudson.

17 Yeas - 0 Nays

Greg Howard-Yes, Russell Thompson-Yes, Matt Wilhoite-Yes, Jim Demler-Yes, Damon Kelley-Yes, Gavin Washington-Yes, Brian Courtney-Absent, Michael Phillips-Yes, David Zuberer-Yes, Randy McCallon-Yes, Claudette Herald-Yes, Brandy Carver-Yes, Mandi Hudson-Yes, Noel Crum-Yes, Chuck Mullins-Yes, Donna Moir-Yes, Jeremy Roach-Yes, Terry Yeast-Yes

Approve Financial Reports July to present

The Board format financial report was presented to give current status to Board members

Motion Passed: Approve Financial Reports for July to Current as Submitted and direct any necessary action passed with a motion by Terry Yeast and a second by David Zuberer.

17 Yeas - 0 Nays

Greg Howard-Yes, Russell Thompson-Yes, Matt Wilhoite-Yes, Jim Demler-Yes, Damon Kelley-Yes, Gavin Washington-Yes, Brian Courtney-Absent, Michael Phillips-Yes, David Zuberer-Yes, Randy McCallon-Yes, Claudette Herald-Yes, Brandy Carver-Yes, Mandi Hudson-Yes, Noel Crum-Yes, Chuck Mullins-Yes, Donna Moir-Yes, Jeremy Roach-Yes, Terry Yeast-Yes,

Approve Continued Working Budget, 2025-2026

The year to date financial working budget was presented

Motion Passed: Approve Continued Working Budget, 2025-2026 as submitted and direct any necessary action passed with a motion by Donna Moir and a second by Jim Demler.

17 Yeas - 0 Nays

Greg Howard-Yes, Russell Thompson-Yes, Matt Wilhoite-Yes, Jim Demler-Yes, Damon Kelley-Yes, Gavin Washington-Yes, Brian Courtney-Absent, Michael Phillips-Yes, David Zuberer-Yes, Randy McCallon-Yes, Claudette Herald-Yes, Brandy Carver-Yes, Mandi Hudson-Yes, Noel Crum-Yes, Chuck Mullins-Yes, Donna Moir-Yes, Jeremy Roach-Yes, Terry Yeast-Yes,

Competition Rules Items

Basketball Alignment Review and Discussion on Specific Situations

Foundation Request to move to District 13 (Region 4)

The board heard considerable input regarding the Foundation request for the last several meetings.

Foundation had requested to move from District 14 to District 13 and all schools involved in both districts agreed that the interest of all would be served by approving this request

Motion Passed: Approve the requested move of Foundation Christian to District 13 for all relevant team sports beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. passed with a motion by Noel Crum and a second by Randy McCallon.

17 Yeas - 0 Nays

Greg Howard-Yes, Russell Thompson-Yes, Matt Wilhoite-Yes, Jim Demler-Yes, Damon Kelley-Yes, Gavin Washington-Yes, Brian Courtney-Absent, Michael Phillips-Yes, David Zuberer-Yes, Randy McCallon-Yes, Claudette Herald-Yes, Brandy Carver-Yes, Mandi Hudson-Yes, Noel Crum-Yes, Chuck Mullins-Yes, Donna Moir-Yes, Jeremy Roach-Yes, Terry Yeast-Yes,

Region 8 Realignment Discussion and Next Steps

This topic has been discussed by the Board of Control for several meetings. At the Board's request an additional survey was submitted with clarification on the reasons for the additional data to be gathered. If the regional schools were making the final decision, an attributed survey (and secret ballot) might not be necessary. But because the board is in the position of accepting a recommendation for an item that the board itself must make the final determination, the members felt it important to seek the recorded vote of all 19 schools and have that vote be done in a manner that could be made public

The results of that survey data were attached . The board must determine if any action needs to be taken, and if so, what that appropriate action is . It is also extremely clear from the survey that this is an issue that will not be solved by consensus at the local level

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1fCNqZEjT-DV46dCAM2t9wXt8BPEOK9I&ll=38.809966680062374%2C-85.76905&z=7>

Motion Failed: Accept the item as presented and direct any action necessary based on the discussion failed with a motion by Matt Wilhoite and a second by Michael Phillips.

5 Yeas -11 Nays 1 Abstain

Greg Howard-Yes, Russell Thompson-No, Matt Wilhoite-Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Damon Kelley-No, Gavin Washington- No, Brian Courtney-Absent, Michael Phillips-Yes, David Zuberer-No, Randy McCallon-Yes, Claudette Herald-No, Brandy Carver-No, Mandi Hudson-No, Noel Crum-No, Chuck Mullins-No, Donna Moir-No, Jeremy Roach-Abstain, Terry Yeast-No

Motion Passed: Accept the item as presented and direct any action necessary based on the discussion passed with a motion by Noel Crum and a second by Claudette Herald.

12 Yeas- 4 Nays- 1 Abstained

Greg Howard-Yes, Russell Thompson-Yes, Matt Wilhoite-No, Jim Demler-No, Damon Kelley-No, Gavin Washington-Yes, Brian Courtney-Absent, Michael Phillips-No, David Zuberer-Yes, Randy McCallon-Yes, Claudette Herald-Yes, Brandy Carver-Yes, Mandi Hudson-Yes, Noel Crum-Yes, Chuck Mullins-Yes, Donna Moir-Yes, Jeremy Roach-Abstain, Terry Yeast-Yes.

Swimming and Diving

Results of Diving Survey and Action

The commissioner and staff will review the correspondence from the NFHS approval of the diving experiment. The staff will also review the implementation of this experiment as we head into the postseason championships. Accept the item as presented and direct any action necessary based on the discussion

Motion Passed: Accept the item as presented and direct any action necessary based on the discussion passed with a motion by James Demler and a second by Noel Crum.

16 Yeas - 0 Nays-1 Abstain

Greg Howard-Yes, Russell Thompson-Yes, Matt Wilhoite-Yes, Jim Demler-Yes, Damon Kelley-Yes, Gavin Washington-Yes, Brian Courtney-Absent, Michael Phillips-Yes, David Zuberer-Yes, Randy McCallon-Yes, Claudette Herald-Yes, Brandy Carver-Yes, Mandi Hudson-Yes, Noel Crum-Yes, Chuck Mullins-Yes, Donna Moir-Yes, Jeremy Roach-Abstain, Terry Yeast-Yes

State Golf First Round Site Information

State First Round Golf Sites were presented

Site 1 (Regions 1-4)

2026 – Bardstown CC; 2027 – Owensboro CC; 2028 – Hopkinsville CC

Site 2 (Regions 5-8)

2026 – Kenton County GC; 2027 – Shelbyville CC; 2028 – TBD

Site 3 (Regions 9-12)

2026 – Boone’s Trace GC; 2027 – StoneCrest GC; 2028 – Winchester CC

Motion Passed: Accept the item as presented and direct any action necessary based on the discussion with a motion from Terry Yeast and a second by Michael Phillips.

16 Yeas - 0 Nays-1 Abstain

Greg Howard-Yes, Russell Thompson-Yes, Matt Wilhoite-Yes, Jim Demler-Yes, Damon Kelley-Yes, Gavin Washington-Yes, Brian Courtney-Absent, Michael Phillips-Yes, David Zuberer-Yes, Randy McCallon-Yes, Claudette Herald-Yes, Brandy Carver-Yes, Mandi Hudson-Yes, Noel Crum-Yes, Chuck Mullins-Yes, Donna Moir-Yes, Jeremy Roach-Abstain, Terry Yeast-Yes

Implementation of Revised Tennis Postseason State Format

The staff has worked since the board's approval in November of the change in the tennis format, on possible sites a list of both region and potential state first round sites that have been compiled are presented to the board for information.

It is desired to go ahead and approve the State first round sites for 2026 at the January meeting and then have further discussion in February as to a possible long term rotation of the regional pairings. Obviously a lot of the feedback around the format will generally ultimately come down to competitive concerns, particularly if regional pairings are always such that some pairings are repeated each year.

Because many of the schools have been traveling throughout the state to come to the state tournament in past years when facilities were large enough to hold things at 1 or two sites, Dividing the state into two halves for the state first rounds and coming up with some form of rotation may be a very positive step and also a strong step in ensuring that facilities meet the standard expected, regardless of the number of courts

Motion Passed: Accept the item as presented and direct any action necessary based on the discussion passed with a motion by Chuck Mullins and a second by Claudette Herald.

15 Yeas - 0 Nays – 2 Abstained

Greg Howard-Yes, Russell Thompson-Yes, Matt Wilhoite-Yes, Jim Demler-Yes, Damon Kelley-Yes, Gavin Washington-Yes, Brian Courtney-Absent, Michael Phillips-Yes, David Zuberer-Yes, Randy McCallon-Yes, Claudette Herald-Yes, Brandy Carver-Yes, Mandi Hudson-Yes, Noel Crum-Abstain, Chuck Mullins-Yes, Donna Moir-Yes, Jeremy Roach-Abstain, Terry Yeast-Yes,

Review of Feedback and Next Steps- Approved Tennis Format Revisions

Additional next steps were reviewed with the Board members.

Motion Passed: Accept the item as presented and direct any action necessary based on the discussion passed with a motion by Jim Demler and a second by Greg Howard.

14 Yeas - 1 Nay - 2 Abstain

Greg Howard-Yes, Russell Thompson-Yes, Matt Wilhoite-Yes, Jim Demler-Yes, Damon Kelley-Yes, Gavin Washington-Yes, Brian Courtney-Absent, Michael Phillips-Yes, David Zuberer-Yes, Randy McCallon-Yes, Claudette Herald-Yes, Brandy Carver-Yes, Mandi Hudson-Yes, Noel Crum-Abstain, Chuck Mullins-Yes, Donna Moir-Yes, Jeremy Roach-Abstain, Terry Yeast-No,

Officials Division

Required Four-Year Review of Officials Fees - Basketball & Wrestling

The current fee schedule for the KHSAA is listed online at <https://khsaa.org/standard-varsity-officiating-and-licensing-fees-for-2025-2026/>

A comparison of officials fees in adjacent states is listed as compiled at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12r6jtf6vS6yzP-WKnDqDubsilf_Onz6Y3us1geIJEzU/edit#gid=631027076

This review of basketball and wrestling starts a four-year review of officials fees as we attempt to address the needs of the officials and balance that with the budgets of the schools. In some cases, an honest review of ticket prices at the gate may be necessary, especially for those schools where the rising costs of officials has not led to any adjustment of fees.

This change is only for varsity, and would be restricted to the varsity level in basketball and wrestling for this year, with no corresponding change in the regional travel allowance. The increase would be \$5 for basketball officials and \$20 for Wrestling.

Along with this increase would come the requirement for score reporting of contest scores by officials in basketball through the arbiter platform that also includes their fee.

Motion Passed: Approve the recommended changes for 2026-27 passed with a motion by Randy McCallon and a second by Damon Kelley.

15 Yeas- 0 Nays-2 Abstain

Greg Howard-Yes, Russell Thompson-Yes, Matt Wilhoite-Yes, Jim Demler-Yes, Damon Kelley-Yes, Gavin Washington-Yes, Brian Courtney-Absent, Michael Phillips-Yes, David Zuberer-Yes, Randy McCallon-Yes, Claudette Herald-Yes, Brandy Carver-Yes, Mandi Hudson-Yes, Noel Crum-Abstain, Chuck Mullins-Yes, Donna Moir-Yes, Jeremy Roach-Abstain, Terry Yeast-Yes

For the Good of the Order

Other Action Items

Motion Passed: Adjourn passed with a motion by Randy McCallon and a second by Greg Howard.

15 Yeas- 0 Nays-2 Abstain

Greg Howard-Yes, Russell Thompson-Yes, Matt Wilhoite-Yes, Jim Demler-Yes, Damon Kelley-Yes, Gavin Washington-Yes, Brian Courtney-Absent, Michael Phillips-Yes, David Zuberer-Yes, Randy McCallon-Yes, Claudette Herald-Yes, Brandy Carver-Yes, Mandi Hudson-Yes, Noel Crum-Abstain, Chuck Mullins-Yes, Donna Moir-Yes, Jeremy Roach-Abstain, Terry Yeast-Yes.

Adjourned at 3:07pm

Greg Howard, President

Date

Damon Kelley, President-Elect

Date

Julian Tackett, Commissioner

Date