

**NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Sunday, July 25, 2021**

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association Board of Directors was called to order by President Bobby Wilkins at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom virtual meeting. Members in attendance included Jerry Simmons, Bobby Wilkins, Rob Jackson, Tanya Turner, Brian Carver, Mark Byrd, Ronnie Beverly, Joy Warner, Mark Garrett, Michael Gainey, Chad Duncan, Stephen Gainey, Tod Morgan, Cathy Moore, Chris Blanton, and Troy Lindsey.

Affiliate members included David Brown of Piedmont Baseball Umpires Association representing Officials and Regional Supervisors, and Burt Jenkins of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. Wendell Hall who represents the North Carolina School Boards Association, Vernon Aldridge representing the North Carolina High School Athletic Directors Association, Joe Franks of the North Carolina Coaches Association, were absent due to State Board of Education meeting commitments.

NCHSAA staff in attendance included Commissioner Que Tucker, Karen DeHart, Mark Dreibelbis, Tra Waters, James Alverson, Brad Alford, and Chiquana Dancy.

The new Board Members introduced themselves. The Commissioner welcomed them and provided the Board an update on HB 91, a bill in the NC Senate to dissolve the NCHSAA. Provided update on a proposed amendment. Board members discussed various legislative options and what they were hearing from their legislative contacts. Many expressed a desire to fight the legislation, though expressing some reservations because of many factors. Some expressed major reservations about fighting and gambling that the NCHSAA would lose when the votes come out, which would impact the kids in NCHSAA programs.

The Board agreed by consensus that they should solicit amendment language from NCHSAA legislative advisors to see what type of amendment language to the bill may be palatable to legislators. After that information is received, the Board will discuss fighting the legislative involvement or working toward an amended bill.

Association attorneys will draft a template resolution for Boards of Education to consider.

Board discussed and asserted that the host school's LEA policy determines the mask requirement for contests.

The Commissioner also noted that Brian Edkins had passed away and the Board would be responsible for selecting a replacement for him from Region 4.

Respectfully submitted,



James Alverson
Assistant Commissioner