

**NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Sunday, August 29, 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 President Bobby Wilkins, Vice President Rob Jackson, Past President Jerry Simmons, Ronnie Beverly, Chris Blanton, Mark Byrd, Brian Carver, Chad Duncan, Michael Gainey, Stephen Gainey, Troy Lindsey, John Luciano, Cathy Moore, Tod Morgan, Tanya Turner, and Joy Warner. Members absent included Mark Garrett, Fred Lynch, and Andy McCormick.

Affiliate members included Vernon Aldridge representing the North Carolina High School Athletic Directors Association. 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, Joe Franks of the North Carolina Coaches Association, were absent due to other commitments.

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

Bobby Wilkins opened the meeting letting Board members know that the Officers of the Board had a conversation on Saturday night about discussions between Association Staff and a Senator seeking to mediate HB 91 and try to amend the bill with language that the Association can work with. Commissioner Tucker provided the Board with a detailed timeline of events since the last meeting in July. She highlighted several areas that staff believed to be problematic in the amended version of HB 91 and notified the Board that the Association had not been involved in crafting any of these terms. Commissioner notified the Board that staff were approached by a Senator friendly to the Association and worked to craft an amendment that was less prescriptive than the current version of HB 91.

Moore asked a question as to the total temperature of the Board. She believed that the Board was fully opposed to any type of legislation, hoping that a memorandum will demonstrate there is not a need for legislation. She noted that in her conversations with the State Board and they believe that legislation will happen. Asked whether the Board should start working towards legislation that works for the Board, and not in straight opposition to any type of legislation regarding the NCHSAA.

The Board got updates on the legislative strategies behind working towards this amendment and what steps may be forthcoming.

Motion by Jackson to authorizing the Executive Committee and Staff to move forward in negotiations with Senators to craft the most favorable bill or amendments and work with the State Board on the MOU that is most favorable to the Association possible, seconded by Blanton. Motion approved unanimously 16-0.

Motion by Lindsey to resolve the Board is in full opposition to HB 91 sixth edition as passed in the Senate Education/Higher Education on Thursday, second by Morgan. Motion approved unanimously 16-0.

Motion by Stephen Gainey to resolve to authorize Commissioner Tucker to continue speaking and working on behalf of the Board of Directors relative to Association business, seconded by Michael Gainey. Motion approved unanimously 16-0.

Respectfully submitted,



James Alverson
Assistant Commissioner