

DIAA Board of Directors' Meeting
Thursday, May 11, 2023
Hybrid

Meeting Minutes

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Chairman Doug Thompson

B. Roll Call was conducted by Faye Wheeler:

Present in Person: Doug Thompson, Dorrell Green (joined at 9:25 a.m.), Jackie Griffith, Bonnie Ingram-Grubb (joined at 10:13 a.m.) Ivan Neal, Joe Papili, Lenny Richardson, Mark Robinson, Mike Rodriguez, Kevin Smith, Bob Watson (joined at 9:13 a.m.)

Present Virtually: Allison Alpaugh, Dr. Amelia Hodges (joined at 9:50 a.m.), Dr. Shawn Larrimore, Matt Smith

Absent: Father Chris Beretta, Dr. Bradley Bley, Dr. Sherry Kijowski, Ted Laws, Jason Miller, Dr. William O'Hanlon

DIAA Staff Present: Mark Boone, Laura Makransky, DAG, Angel Prinos, Faye Wheeler

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Mark Robinson for approval of the agenda, the motion was seconded by Lenny Richardson. The motion carried with a vote of 11 Yes (Doug Thompson, Jackie Griffith, Dr. Shawn Larrimore, Ivan Neal, Joseph Papili, Lenny Richardson, Mark Robinson, Michael Rodriguez, Kevin Smith, Matt Smith, Bob Watson) and 0 No.

D. Approval of March 9th, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Bob Watson for approval of minutes of March 9th, 2023 DIAA Board Meeting, seconded by Jackie Griffith. The motion carried with a vote of 11 Yes (Doug Thompson, Jackie Griffith, Dr. Shawn Larrimore, Ivan Neal, Joseph Papili, Lenny Richardson, Mark Robinson, Michael Rodriguez, Kevin Smith, Matt Smith, Bob Watson) 0 No, and 1 Abstention (Allison Alpaugh).

E. Approval of April 20th, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Doug Thompson state that he would like the minutes for agenda item K to be amended to reflect that he had concerns about the statements made about the new hire in the office and that he opposed the contract. Motion made by Lenny Richardson for approval of minutes of April 20th, 2023 DIAA Board Meeting with the amendment to agenda item K,

seconded by Jackie Griffith. The motion carried with a vote of 11 Yes (Doug Thompson, Jackie Griffith, Dr. Shawn Larrimore, Ivan Neal, Joseph Papili, Lenny Richardson, Mark Robinson, Michael Rodriguez, Kevin Smith, Matt Smith, Bob Watson), 0 No, and 1 Abstention (Allison Alpaugh).

F. Approval of April 20th, 2023 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Bob Watson for approval of April 20th, 2023 executive session meeting minutes, seconded by Mike Rodriguez. The motion carried with a vote of 11 Yes (Doug Thompson, Jackie Griffith, Dr. Shawn Larrimore, Ivan Neal, Joseph Papili, Lenny Richardson, Mark Robinson, Michael Rodriguez, Kevin Smith, Matt Smith, Bob Watson), 0 No, and 1 Abstention (Allison Alpaugh).

G. DIAA Financial Report

Mike Rodriguez discussed the DIAA financial report and stated last month's budget was amended and \$10,000 was removed from Boys' and Girls' basketball that was overbudgeted and were able to move those funds along with \$6,000 was transferred from winter swimming and moved to the new Boys' volleyball line that was just added by finance. A request for increase of \$80,000 was submitted to help cover spring sports. Motion made by Ivan Neal for approval of DIAA financial report, seconded by Mark Robinson. The motion carried with a vote of 12 Yes (Doug Thompson, Allison Alpaugh, Jackie Griffith, Dr. Shawn Larrimore, Ivan Neal, Joseph Papili, Lenny Richardson, Mark Robinson, Michael Rodriguez, Kevin Smith, Matt Smith, Bob Watson) and 0 No.

II. Action Items

A. Appointments of DIAA Committee Members (Regulation 1021-4.5)

1. Field Hockey Committee-Angel Prinos addressed the board and stated that Sarah Broehl and Beth Bozman were recommended for the committee. Motion for approval of the committee appointments for field hockey made by Mike Rodriguez, seconded by Kevin Smith. The motion carried with a vote of 13 Yes (Doug Thompson, Allison Alpaugh, Dorrell Green, Jackie Griffith, Dr. Shawn Larrimore, Ivan Neal, Joseph Papili, Lenny Richardson, Mark Robinson, Michael Rodriguez, Kevin Smith, Matt Smith, Bob Watson) and 0 No.
2. Rules and Regulations Committee- Angel Prinos stated that there are 3 new recommended appointments. Earl Burnham, Leslie Norman-Harris, and Kathy Carpenter-Brown are the candidates. Motion for approval of the appointments for rules and regulations committee made by Jackie Griffith, seconded by Lenny Richardson. The motion carried with a vote of 13 Yes (Doug Thompson, Allison Alpaugh, Dorrell Green, Jackie Griffith, Dr. Shawn Larrimore, Ivan Neal, Joseph Papili, Lenny

Richardson, Mark Robinson, Michael Rodriguez, Kevin Smith, Matt Smith, Bob Watson) and 0 No.

3. Track and Field Committee-Angel Prinos informed the board there are 5 recommendations put forward who meet qualifications. The 5 candidates are Katrina Holloway, Rick Schuder, Brittany Keller, Tim Byrne, and Dick Wolf. Doug Thompson addressed the board and had concerns about Dick Wolf serving on the committee since he isn't a Delaware resident and that he believes the committee members should be Delaware residents. Motion for approval of Track and Field appointments made by Mark Robinson, seconded by Joe Papili. The motion carried with a vote of 9 Yes (Allison Alpaugh, Dorrell Green, Dr. Shawn Larrimore, Joseph Papili, Lenny Richardson, Mark Robinson, Mike Rodriguez, Matt Smith, Bob Watson), 0 No and 4 Abstentions (Doug Thompson, Jackie Griffith, Ivan Neal, and Kevin Smith).
4. Girls Basketball Committee-Applications were not available for review. Motion made to table the appointments until next month made by Ivan Neal, seconded by Doug Thompson. The motion carried with a vote of 13 Yes (Doug Thompson, Allison Alpaugh, Dorrell Green, Jackie Griffith, Dr. Shawn Larrimore, Ivan Neal, Joseph Papili, Lenny Richardson, Mark Robinson, Michael Rodriguez, Kevin Smith, Matt Smith, Bob Watson) and 0 No.
5. Girls Lacrosse Committee- Angel Prinos pointed out the 2 candidates from the girls' lacrosse committee who are Corinne Valentine of Newark Charter School and Katherine Phillips from Tatnall School. Motion made for approval of girls' lacrosse committee members made by Lenny Richardson, seconded by Bob Watson. The motion carried with a vote of 13 Yes (Doug Thompson, Allison Alpaugh, Dorrell Green, Jackie Griffith, Dr. Shawn Larrimore, Ivan Neal, Joseph Papili, Lenny Richardson, Mark Robinson, Michael Rodriguez, Kevin Smith, Matt Smith, Bob Watson) and 0 No.

B. Sanctioned Events

1. Friends of Bob Behr- Angel Prinos addressed the board and stated the event already took place but would like event to be sanctioned so that it aligns administratively with regulations. Motion to approve the sanctioned event Friends of Bob Behr made by Bob Watson, seconded by Kevin Smith. The motion carried with a vote of 13 Yes (Doug Thompson, Allison Alpaugh, Dorrell Green, Jackie Griffith, Dr. Shawn Larrimore, Ivan Neal, Joseph Papili, Lenny Richardson, Mark Robinson, Michael Rodriguez, Kevin Smith, Matt Smith, Bob Watson) and 0 No.

C. Requests to Allow Eighth Grade Participants at the High School Level for 2023-24 School Year (Regulation 1009-2.7.5)

1. Delmar- Motion to approve request to allow eighth grade participants for Delmar at the high school level made by Kevin Smith, seconded by Lenny Richardson. The motion carried with a vote of 13 Yes (Doug Thompson, Allison Alpaugh, Dorrell Green, Jackie Griffith, Dr. Shawn Larrimore, Ivan Neal, Joseph Papili, Lenny Richardson, Mark Robinson, Michael Rodriguez, Kevin Smith, Matt Smith, Bob Watson) and 0 No.
2. St. Elizabeth- ****Joe Papili was recused from this matter**** Motion to approve request to allow eighth grade participants for Delmar at the high school level made by Lenny Richardson, seconded by Kevin Smith. The motion carried with a vote of 12 Yes (Doug Thompson, Allison Alpaugh, Dorrell Green, Jackie Griffith, Dr. Shawn Larrimore, Ivan Neal, Lenny Richardson, Mark Robinson, Michael Rodriguez, Kevin Smith, Matt Smith, Bob Watson) and 0 No.
3. Milford- Motion to approve request to allow eighth grade participants for Milford at the high school level made by Kevin Smith, seconded by Lenny Richardson. The motion carried with a vote of 13 Yes (Doug Thompson, Allison Alpaugh, Dorrell Green, Jackie Griffith, Dr. Shawn Larrimore, Ivan Neal, Joseph Papili, Lenny Richardson, Mark Robinson, Michael Rodriguez, Kevin Smith, Matt Smith, Bob Watson) and 0 No.

D. Regulation 1021 DIAA Committees

Mark Robinson addressed the board and doesn't believe that residence should be a disqualifying factor for serving on a committee. Doug Thompson believes there are able bodies in Delaware that are willing to serve on committees and there is a need for consistency. Mr. Thompson believes DIAA needs to look at how many committee members are serving on multiple committees. Mr. Thompson believes small schools also need to have representation, so they have a voice. Jackie Griffith believes we have Delawareans that are capable and willing to serve on committees and takes issue to recruiting outside of the state when there are people within the state that can serve. Motion to table regulation 1021 DIAA Committees made by Doug Thompson, seconded by Jackie Griffith. 14 Yes (Doug Thompson, Allison Alpaugh, Dorrell Green, Jackie Griffith, Dr. Amelia Hodges, Dr. Shawn Larrimore, Ivan Neal, Joseph Papili, Lenny Richardson, Mark Robinson, Michael Rodriguez, Kevin Smith, Matt Smith, Bob Watson) and 0 No.

- III. Update to Dave Collins' submitted request for a Waiver of Regulation 1040-8.3.2.7 and DIAA Board's Request for Advisory Opinion from the Public Integrity Commission
Laura Makransky addressed the board and stated she has been working with Mike Rodriguez and Dave Collins to draft a request for an advisory opinion from Public

Integrity Commission and that was submitted to the P.I.C. on May 1st, 2023 and it will be scheduled for June 20th, 2023.

IV. DIAA Committee Updates

A. Unified Committee – May 1, 2023- Angel Prinos addressed the board and stated there were no updates.

B. Track & Field Committee – April 13, 2023- Angel Prinos addressed the board and stated there were no updates.

V. Executive Director’s Report- Mike Rodriguez addressed the board and gave update on how Tommie Neubauer has been helping DIAA making sure there are no issues with spring sports. Boys’ volleyball trophies have been ordered. Mr. Rodriguez informed the board that Academia Alonso was setup with mentor. Mr. Rodriguez also stated the posting for executive director position closes on May 16th, 2023 and currently there are 10 applicants. Anyone who participates in the interview or screening process would have to be recused on the backend.

VI. Other Items for Discussion Only- Doug Thompson addressed the board and discussed that he had concerns over non-resident students sitting on the bench and how it may hurt with recruiting.

VII. Public Comment- Trina LeClerc made public comment.

VIII. Adjournment – 10:25 a.m.

Motion for adjournment made by Ivan Neal, seconded by Jackie Griffith. The motion carried with a vote of 14 Yes (Doug Thompson, Allison Alpaugh, Dorrell Green, Jackie Griffith, Dr. Amelia Hodges, Dr. Shawn Larrimore, Ivan Neal, Joseph Papili, Lenny Richardson, Mark Robinson, Michael Rodriguez, Kevin Smith, Matt Smith, Bob Watson) and 0 No.