

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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SUMMER MEETING

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MONDAY
JUNE 18, 2018

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The DC State Athletic Commission met in the Eleanor Holmes Norton Room III, 1050 1st street NE, Washington, DC, at 6:00 p.m., John Koczela, Acting Chairperson, presiding.

PRESENT

KAREN CURRY, Commissioner
DWIGHT FRANKLIN, Commissioner
MICHAEL HUNTER, Commissioner
JOHN KOCZELA, Commissioner
TERRANCE LYNCH, Commissioner
DIANA PARENTE, Commissioner
BENJAMIN WATKINS, Commissioner
KEVIN WILLS, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT

CLARK RAY, Executive Director
MICHAEL ANTON, ESQ., OSSE Counsel
DWAYNE FOSTER, Acting Executive Director
SHAWN STOVER, Chief of Secondary Schools
JOHN WEBSTER, Staff

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Koczela, Acting Chairperson, called the Board to order at 6:05 p.m. Commissioners present stated their names for the record. Chairperson Overstreet-Gonzales was not present.

ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM: Commissioner Koczela determined there was a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 17, 2018: Commissioner Koczela asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2018 Board meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins to approve the minutes, it was seconded by Commissioner Lynch, and passed unanimously.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS: Acting Chair Koczela extended remarks on behalf of the Commission toward Chairperson Overstreet-Gonzales's hospitalized condition, wishing her a speedy recovery.

Commissioner Koczela next acknowledged retiring Commissioner Diana Parente. On behalf of the District of Columbia State Athletic Association and the Commission the Acting Chairperson presented Commissioner Parente with an appreciation of service certificate.

Commissioner Parente, Executive Director of Athletics for DCPS as of this meeting, said that she received an exciting opportunity to run the athletic program of a private school in Virginia. She said DCPS has appointed Mr. Dwayne Foster as acting executive director of athletics.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: Director Clark Ray gave the report, summarizing the results of the DCSAA spring season.

Out of 60 applications, sixteen \$1,000 academic scholarships were awarded at the scholarship reception, of which \$15,000 was underwritten by United Bank. A Director's Award was given to a young man from Thurgood Marshall Academy named Zion Kelly, whose twin brother, Zaire, was gunned down in a senseless crime act. Ten student athletes were inducted into the Hall of Fame. E.B. Henderson, the nation's first African-American physical education teacher, was honored.

Director Ray gave the floor back to the Acting Chairperson, who announced that the Commission would enter a closed, *in-camera* working session. Commissioner Parente introduced Shawn Stover, the DCPS Chief of Secondary Schools and a non-voting member for DCPS; she again acknowledged Dwayne Foster's standing before the Commission, and petitioned for their right to be present during the *in-camera* session.

Director Ray responded that David Jones in the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointment (MOTA) would be involved in the nomination and confirmation process of

Dwayne Foster to the Executive Directorship. The Commissioners voiced no objection to the presence of Mr. Stover and Mr. Foster at the *in-camera* session, with the Chair stipulating that this occasion would not merit precedence for future such acts.

Director Ray and the Commission concluded the conversation around equitably governing eSports and then moved to the next item in the Public Session.

FALL 2018; WINTER, SPRING & SUMMER 2019 MEETING CALENDAR:

Director Ray and the Commission set dates for the next seasonal Commission meetings. The fall meeting was set for September 18, 2018. The winter meeting was set for December 18, 2018. The spring meeting was set for April 17, 2019. The summer meeting was set for Wednesday, June 19, 2019.

2019 BUDGET: Director Ray stated the budget book reflects that the Commission has been appropriated \$1,289,000 for FY2019, of which \$100,000 is to be allocated to the O-Type fund. There was no increase in budget.

Commissioner Koczela commented that the FY2009 budget had been passed but not yet signed. He addressed the millions of dollars of tax revenue generated from the Washington Capitals Stanley Cup victory and proposed that the Commission request a proportion of that revenue from the City. Director Ray echoed that additionally, the \$467,000 Fiscal Impact Statement was never funded, and a request was made to the City for partial compensation of that lapse. Mention was also made of funding a general counsel, which must comply with the benefits of an LX-line salary. Commissioner Lynch suggested that a letter be sent by the Commission to the Mayor asking that a portion of the Caps additional tax revenue be budgeted for use by the DCSAA. There was general agreement on the concept of a letter, which the Chair said he would work out with the Executive Director.

At the end of FY2018, the Commission will have \$40,000 left in local funds, which they will use to buy all their trophies for FY2019.

DCSAA HANDBOOK (DRAFT): Director Ray received the 2019 Handbook draft on the date of the instant meeting and sent it to the typesetter. He will make the draft available online for the Commission's edits and comments. It is 75 pages versus 2018's 120 pages.

PlayVs (eSports): Director Ray reviewed the earlier eSports conversation.

NFHS NETWORK: Director Ray remarked upon the agreement between the Commission and Monumental Sports to broadcast the city's football championship, basketball championship, soccer, and select other showcase events. The Commission receives no remuneration for that venture.

The National Federation of High School Associations (NFHS) is in its fifth year of NFHS Network. NFHS gives DCSAA a \$35,000 five year guaranteed per year for rights for all high school sports. The Network, like Monumental Sports, charges a web-based streaming prescription per broadcast event. However, unlike Monumental, it remains available online for 24 hours. The student can create highlight reels through the service.

Commissioner Parente advised that the Commission would have to go through the due procurement process which may not guarantee a contract with NFHS specifically. The contract with Monumental ends in the fall of 2018.

Director Ray concluded by proposing programs which may be added given an increased budget, including lacrosse, level 2 basketball, and raises for employees who have not received a raise in five years. The Commission remains in the right to fundraise through its supposedly non-lapsing O-Fund, and corporate sponsorship marketing was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT: The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2018. There being no other comments, upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously

VOTED To adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.