

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION (OSSE)  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (DCSAA)

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

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WINTER MEETING

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TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 18, 2018

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The Commission met in the Eleanor Holmes Norton Room I, 1050 1st Street, NE, Washington, D.C., at 6:00 p.m., Rosalyn Gonzalez-Overstreet, Chairwoman, presiding.

PRESENT

ROSALYN OVERSTREET-GONZALEZ, Chairperson  
DWAYNE FOSTER, Commissioner  
MICHAEL HUNTER, Commissioner  
JOHN KOCZELA, Commissioner  
TERRENCE LYNCH, Commissioner  
BENJAMIN WATKINS, Commissioner  
KEVIN WILLS, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT

CLARK RAY, Executive Director, DCSAA

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Rosalyn Overstreet-Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

**ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM:** Chairwoman Gonzalez-Overstreet determined the presence of a quorum.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 18, 2018:** The Chairperson entertained a motion to accept the Minutes from the September 18, 2018 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Koczela moved and Commissioner Lynch seconded the motion. The Commission voted to approve the September 18 meeting minutes.

**DIRECTOR'S UPDATE:** Director Clark Ray gave the report. He congratulated Commissioner Foster for being duly sworn in and approved as commissioner from his previous position as acting commissioner.

The Commission's general counsel Michael "Wes" Aniton was this day welcoming the birth of his second child.

John R. Webster moved on from the Commission to a social media position at Prince George's County Community College.

In budgetary news, the DCSAA received a maximum allowable ceiling request (MARC) of \$1.2 million from the Mayor's Office.

This is the same budget that the DCSAA has had since its inception, however the MARC did not take into account the separation of DCSAA as an independent agency. Although the agency is housed at OSSE, there is a cost of \$104,000 to remain housed there, while the D.C. Department of General Services provided a cost of \$100,000 to move out of OSSE into another building. The difference between these costs is that DGS will give the agency six months of free rent for relocating.

Director Ray expressed that the preference would be to remain in OSSE, although the agency has requested a \$100,000 budget enhancement for operating costs for FY2020. The agency also asked for \$80,000 toward coaching certification, and \$76,000 for an additional FTE for an administrative assistant to support the agency and the Commission. Total requests amounted to \$256,000 in addition to the MARC.

Commissioner Koczela raised a question relating to the agency's independence versus operating as a unit of OSSE, to which Director Ray affirmed that the agency is indeed independent. He had recently met with the Mayor's budget review team for the first time, whereupon, among other things, the DCSAA was able to secure a new agency code, access to the Office of Contracting and Procurement, and payroll through the Office of Human Resources.

Commissioner Lynch moved that the Commission issue a letter of correspondence to the Mayor's budget office in light of the reasonable requests. Director Ray echoed the

reasonableness of lobbying the City Council. Commissioner Koczela echoed the comments.

Commissioner Lynch also advocated for cost of living and merit increases for staff members.

Director Ray continued his report with a recap of Fall Sports. Champions were crowned in cross-country, volleyball, soccer, football, as well as All-State Awards. As the schools moved into their winter season, basketball was extended to include an A and AA boys and girls division. Indoor track and field will be housed at PG Sportsplex. Although the new Entertainment and Sports Arena is not suitable for indoor track and field, DCSAA is considering the venue for basketball finals.

Winter and spring trophies are out for bid.

DCSAA talked to the DC Office of the Chief Technology Officer regarding the creation of an athletic database as well as a Title IX database.

Lastly, as the Commission becomes established on the DCSAA website, Director Ray requested that the Commission members send a headshot of themselves to him for such purpose. The deadline will be January 10th, 2019.

**COMMISSION LEADERSHIP ROLES:** Pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Governance, the Commission shall annually select its leadership. The first meeting of the Commission was December 16, 2017.

Commissioner Lynch suggested that the Commission take this matter up on the first meeting of 2019 to nominate and elect the leadership.

Commissioner Koczela suggested making a contingency resolution that until such time as the Commission take up the formal election that the Chairperson Overstreet-Gonzalez remain in the position of Chair.

Commissioner Lynch suggested looking at the need for other officers and that per lack of due diligence the Commission was not ready to vote at this meeting.

The Chairperson conceded to the substance of Commissioner Koczela's contingency motion. Commissioner Koczela moved to continue the chairpersonship of Rosalyn Overstreet-Gonzalez until such time as the Commission completes its formal election process. Commissioner Curry seconded. Commissioner Lynch amended that the matter be fully informed, vetted, and addressed first thing next meeting. Pursuant to vote, the motion was passed unanimously.

**TITLE IX UPDATE:** There was no update provided due to officer's absence. Commissioner Koczela requested a brief paragraph in this matter from Ms. Randolph.

**BOARD TRAINING:** The Chairperson, pursuant to conversation with Commission attorney Wes Aniton, suggested that the Commissioners receive board training from Mr. Aniton or an outside coaching organization. The Chairperson expressed her desire for the Commission to run its ship smoothly and efficiently on behalf of the city, to set precedence, and to set its course of direction. Such meeting would likely occur on a Saturday.

**DCSAA MEMBER SCHOOLS DATA COLLECTION AUDIT:** Commissioner Foster articulated the merits of conducting a membership-wide school data collection audit.

State associations across the country collect data related to accountability and compliance on member schools. It is important to ensure that rules, regulations, and guidelines are mirrored across member schools, and an audit done in such a way would begin to tell a story in that regard. Audits are done two to three times a year to make sure the rules are being applied appropriately and to look at such data as how many waivers, how many transfers, what schools, certification of eligibility, and such things.

Commissioner Foster remarked that he just returned from the National Athletic Directors Association in San Antonio where he had a chance to speak with peers regarding the applicability of rules and regulations. For example, PIAA, Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, is taking their data to create competitive balance. As such, per the new regulations, Commissioner Foster proposed that it is a perfect time to be looking into this area.

Commissioner Lynch approved of the performance of an audit, but requested more substantial information regarding cost and scope to consider next meeting.

Director Ray commented that through the National Federation of High School Sports, the DCSAA has the ability to conduct a survey of its membership. As such he petitioned the NFHS to put out a survey and he read into the record the contents of a letter addressed to the NFHS Directors which he received in response. The letter requested the NFHS Directors to describe the methods and practices at their disposal for conducting such an audit. Director Ray was yet to receive that information from the NFHS. There will likely be a cost associated with this performance.

**SPRING MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019. The Chairperson advised against holding a special meeting intermittently if the Commission could help it.

The Chairperson mentioned that she would like to meet over coffee with each of the Commissioners in order to hear and note the direction each wants to take the Board. Director Ray remarked that the Board should be able to travel to relevant events and conventions, such as the NFHS summer meeting.

Lastly, the Chairperson mentioned the possibility of moving the commission meetings into the community.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Chairperson entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Commissioner Koczela and seconded by Commissioner Lynch, whereupon the Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.