

Wyoming Sports Officials Association (WSOA)

Summer Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, July 18, 2026

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: Holiday Inn

1. Call to Order

President Tyler Spear called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Tyler Spear, Mike Maloney, Kathy Hamer-Smith, Jason Wasserburger, Eric Quinney, Chris Edwards, Angla Hendrickson, Ryan Gross, Mitchell Johnson, Gary Glenn, Michael Walter, and Todd Pearson.

Absent: Kevin Skaggs and Heidi Linford. (No proxy votes announced)

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented for approval. Eric Quinney requested to add discussion on WSOA Hall of Fame to the agenda.

Motion: Chris Edwards

Second: Kathy Hamer-Smith

Agenda was approved as amended. Motion carried.

4. Approval of 2025 Meeting Minutes

The 2025 Summer Meeting minutes were presented for approval.

Motion: Eric Quinney

Second: Michael Walter

Motion carried.

5. Closed Book Exam

The Board discussed alternative options for administering the closed book examination.

Discussion included:

- Potential use of state championship venues as testing sites.
- Developing additional testing sites similar to the teacher practicum model, where officials could complete testing at approved locations.
- Officials may take any sport's closed book exam at any camp. The exam does not have to match the sport associated with the camp they are attending.
- For example, an official attending volleyball camp could take the basketball closed book exam.

Action/Decision: Chad will look into available options for alternative testing locations and procedures. The discussion will be tabled until the next meeting.

6. Recruitment and Retention

The Board discussed strategies for recruiting and retaining officials.

Discussion included:

- Continued efforts to increase awareness and participation in officiating.
- Incorporating recruiting videos and educational information into the Leadership Summit.
- Exploring the development of public service announcement (PSA) videos to promote officiating opportunities at sporting events, including culminating events.
- Meeting with schools and coaches during the season to help promote officiating and encourage recruitment.

Action/Decision: The Board will continue exploring opportunities to incorporate recruiting and educational materials into existing events and promote officiating through video and PSA efforts.

7. Evaluations

The Board reviewed the evaluation process.

Discussion included:

- Any certified official may complete an evaluation (Basketball/Volleyball).
- Evaluations may be completed when arranged with an evaluator.

- WSOA will assist officials in locating an evaluator if needed.
- Discussion regarding how long evaluations should remain valid.

Sport Updates:

- **Basketball:** Basketball has already incorporated evaluations as part of the postseason requirements.
- **Volleyball:** Beginning this year, evaluations will be included as a postseason requirement.
- **Softball:** The implementation process for softball evaluations will begin during the 2026-27 season. The Board will continue to review and discuss the process before implementing evaluations as a postseason requirement.

Action/Decision: The Board will continue monitoring the evaluation process and implementation across sports.

8. Sportsmanship Recognition

The Board reviewed the new digital sportsmanship recognition process.

Action/Decision: The digital sportsmanship recognition process will be implemented beginning with the 2026-27 school year.

9. State Tournament Rooms

The Board discussed state tournament hotel room arrangements and related procedures.

Discussion included:

- State tournament rooms will be provided by the WHSAA.
- Rooms will be assigned when postseason assignments are released.

Action/Decision: State tournament room assignments will be communicated with postseason assignments.

10. Officials Being Mic'd Up

This item was discussed during the Recruitment/Retention portion of the meeting.

Eric Quinney presented a discussion regarding audio/visual of officials being captured during contests for media purposes.

Discussion included:

- Chad shared that he is not interested in pursuing at this time.

Action/Decision: No further action will be taken at this time.

11. NFHS Pilot Study

The Board discussed an NFHS-approved Pilot Study on mental performance of officials, and whether WY would be interested in participating.

Discussion included:

- Information will be sent out to officials regarding participation in the study.
- The first 16 officials to respond may be included in the pilot study (not just in WY).
- Once the study is complete, information and results will be shared.

Action/Decision: Information will be distributed to officials regarding participation opportunities.

12. Board Elections

With the WSOA board president's term set to expire on June 30, 2027, this board meeting required the election of the president-elect.

Eric Quinney was nominated for President-Elect by Todd Pearson. The nomination was seconded by Mike Maloney.

Eric Quinney accepted the nomination.

No other nominations were offered.

Result: Eric Quinney was selected as President-Elect by unanimous vote of the board. His term as President begins on July 1, 2027.

13. Future Meeting Date(s)

The Board discussed the next meeting date.

Decision: The next WSOA Summer Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 17, 2027, at 8:00 a.m. at the WHSAA office.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Todd Pearson

Second: Ryan Gross

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lana Glanz

Secretary, Wyoming Sports Officials Association