

MIAA Football Committee

Minutes – Sept. 17, 2025

- 1) Welcome and introductions of any new members; attendance taken
J. Costa offered thank you to D. Ventura
- 2) Election of Officers
Chair - J Costa (D. Heres, J. Gamache) 15-0-0
Vice-Chair - D Heres (J. Gamache, J. MacCreery) 15-0-0
Secretary - D Pignone (J. MacCreery, D. Heres) 15-0-0
- 3) Minutes of Previous Meetings – Jan. 29, Feb. 12, & March 11, 2025
Move and approve all three versions of minutes (B. Bustin, R. Conway) 14-0-1
- 4) Chick-fil-A Sponsorship
 - JJ. Alberts introduces Chick-fil-A partnership and four attendees representing CFA
 - Introduces concepts for the sponsorship for the football season and year.
 - PPT presented to committee members
- 5) 2025 Football Tournament – Update
 - Finals at Gillette Stadium will be held Thursday (2), Friday (2) and Saturday (4) for 2025
 - TD R. Christie spoke to planning for the 2025 tournament
 - S. Dembowski, questions about post-game interviews, can there be assist to help get equipment off the field
 - 2026 Format – January Meeting
 - R. Pearson discussed non-playoff committees
 - M. Freidman - central
 - B. Bustin - south
 - D. Pignone - North
 - J. Gamache - west
 - Committee discussed format statement about if you don't play a scheduled non-playoff game; consider more clarity for future format
- 6) Playoff Proposal Sub-Committee – Update
 - J. Costa mentioned the work of the subcommittee and desire to wait for current calendarization discussion to be completed
- 7) Other Member Initiatives/Topics – Update/Discussion
R. Pearson discussed following areas for committee awareness, discussion and/or action
 - Standards for number of championship divisions
 - Alignment discussion
 - Minimum of 8 divisions
 - Advisory vote to continue support of 8 divisions at this time (Steve D, Joe G) 15-0-0

- Standardized Annual Calendar - Discussion by committee
- 1A division of statewide tournament

8) MIAA Rules/Changes – Discussion

- MIAA Tiebreaker Rule vs NFHS recommended
- Prohibited Field Equipment
 - Both topics for future meetings
 - Add discussion about running clock (stop at end of period, or change of possession)

9) Officials Topic

- T. Azevedo and some other south shore officials are going over taunting with their teams
- T. Azevedo discussed topics that have come up this season

10) Coaches Topics

11) Other

Adjourn

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

Jan. 28, 2026; *virtual*

March 3, 2026; Franklin Office