



District of Columbia State Athletic Commission

Special Session
Saturday, January 27, 2018
10:00 AM
Meeting Minutes

Doors Opened – 10:00 AM
Office of the State Superintendent of Education
1050 First Street, NE
1st Floor – Eleanor Holmes Norton II
Washington, DC 20002

10:16 AM – Quorum Reached

- Those Present (Bolded Names are members of the DCSAC)
 - **Rosalyn Overstreet-Gonzalez**
 - **Benjamin Watkins**
 - **Kevin Wills**
 - **Diana Parente**
 - **Terry Lynch**
 - **John Koczela**
 - **Michael Hunter**
 - **Clark Ray**
 - Natalie Randolph
 - John Webster
 - Joy Taylor
 - Mitch Gore
 - Patricia Briscoe
 - Marvin Tucker
 - Marvin Parker

Chair Rosalyn Overstreet-Gonzalez called the meeting to order. First order of business, approval of minutes from previous meeting.

MOTION (John Koczela)

***Whereas, the minutes from the December 13th meeting have been presented to body, and
Whereas, the body has reviewed the minutes in their entirety, and
Whereas, the only note to the minutes is that commissioner Parente has now been sworn in, it is
moved that the minutes be approved.***

SECONDED BY: COMMISSIONER LYNCH

VOTE DONE BY 'AYE' AND 'NAY'



MOTION CARRIED unanimously – Minutes were approved.

Chair Overstreet-Gonzalez turned the floor over to Executive Director Ray.

10:18 – Executive Director Updates

DCSAA Executive Director Clark Ray presented upcoming events for the State Athletic Office. National Girls and Women in Sports Day will be February 3rd at Deanwood Recreation Center – Natalie Randolph is the POC. Indoor track and field championship will be February 13th at PG Sports and Learning Complex. The boys and girls basketball championship will run from February 29 through March 3rd – Kenneth Owens is the POC.

Questions/Statements from the Board and Public

Commissioner Parente – Gave an update on her email address and noted that she was not receiving all the emails.

Commissioner Lynch – Thanked Executive Director for the constant updates on what the DCSAA is doing.

Commissioner Koczela – Echoed the appreciation of Commissioner Lynch. Questioned the status of the legal counsel for the commission. Executive Director Ray noted that currently we are using the legal services at the Mayor’s office. Councilmember Grosso expects to have funding for legal counsel.

Joy Taylor (Public Participant) – Is this a conflict of interest with the DCSAA/DCSAC being an independent agency to be using the Mayor’s legal counsel? Director Ray responded that the Association and the Commission are being represented by OAG until such time as counsel can be hired.

Executive Director Ray gave the floor back to the Chair.

10:25 AM – In-Camera Session – Rules of Governance

Chair Overstreet-Gonzalez asked members of the public to leave for the in-camera session. They would be invited back in after the in-camera session.

11:38 am – Break – Public invited back into the room

11:44 am – Public Session

Chair Overstreet-Gonzalez opened the floor for remarks from the public regarding the Athletic Rules, 2 minutes per person

- Patricia Briscoe, Eastern High School – Athletic Director
 - o The rules are unfair. They do not hold the private schools to the same standards. There has to be equity between the programs, to hold everyone accountable. All entities must be treated the same.
 - The GPA rule – 2.0 vs. all students must participate in athletics
 - Commissioner Koczela noted that this was changed in the rules to apply to all schools, public, public charter, and private
 - o Do you think that all sports should comply or should it be on a sport by sport basis?
 - Briscoe – Noted that in Texas they do not comply as it relates to football. Since the District is so small, it should be a compliance for all sports.

- Commissioner Lynch appreciated the comments
 - Physical examinations and medical personnel 26.33 on page 38 of the document – is this only for football or all athletic events?
 - Commissioner Parente – the law states that they must have medical personnel at games.
 - Executive Director Ray – 26.35 clears this information up.
 - Commissioner Hunter – All public charter school have some form of medical personnel at every athletic event.
 - On page 6 and 7 under the penalties against a coach – the coach should be more heavily penalized in the sport in which the violation occurred.
- Marcin Tucker, Parent & Activist
 - Questions regarding the transfer rules. It is a travesty for all these students to live outside of DC and play for DC schools.
 - Charters for the charters schools don't include athletics, they are solely educational
 - Exception is Maya Angelou
- Joy Taylor, Capital Athletics
 - DCMR rules went from 13 pages to now being a 64 page document. Should these rules not go in the DCSAA Handbook as opposed to the DCMR? The average person would need an attorney to review these rules. The purpose for these rules is to implement, interpret, and enforce – where does this authority lie. These rules could technically be overwritten by the individual league handbooks. Is there a timeline for getting rules and what are we to go by now?
 - Commissioner Koczela – we are functioning using the current DCMR rules, having adopted them as the rules until such time as the proposed new rules are adopted and become law.
- Mitch Gore, Wilson High School – Athletic Director
 - There needs to be a greater investment in athletics. There are rules in place, we don't need more rules or as an athletic director, more task for our duties – we need funding.
 - Chair Overstreet-Gonzalez encouraged the advocating for funds, parity and quality.
 - Commissioner Hunter noted the rules are going to create parity and ensure that everyone is following the same rules.
- Marvin Parker, Dunbar High School – Track & Field Coach
 - There needs to be a great focus on educating the athletic directors on the rules and holding them accountable for situations. There is a lack of education and understanding of the rules that are in place.
 - Commissioner Parente – Education is definitely key. Will work for professional development of coaches and athletic directors.
 - The cost associated with holding track meets as it relates to security
 - Tucker – MPD is required to handle this.

12:42 – Final Remarks

Chair Overstreet-Gonzalez thanked the public for their opinions and concerns.

- Question from the floor, Joy Taylor – Will the rules be posted? – Yes

Seeing no further discussion, Chair Overstreet-Gonzalez asked if there was a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Lynch made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioners Watkins and Wills. There was no dissent and the meeting adjourned at 12:46pm.

