

**SYNOPSIS OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CONFERENCE REALIGNMENT COMMITTEE
JANUARY 26, 2026
IHSAA OFFICE – BOONE, IOWA
9:00 a.m.**

Roll Call: Committee members present were: Superintendents Dr. Andy Crozier - Central Lee, Deron Durflinger - Van Meter, Marty Fonley – W.Monona/W.Harrison/Whiting, Brent Jorth - Central Lyon, Cade Lambert - Des Moines Christian, Trevor Miller – EKH & Audubon, Tara Paul – Indianola, Barb Schwamman - Osage & Riceville, Dr. Bill Watson - Martensdale-St. Mary's; **Athletic Directors** Jeff Bissen – Glenwood, Eric Boyle – Waukee, Zach Clark – Central Decatur, Brent Cook – Dubuque Senior, Julie Girsch – Columbus Catholic, Scott Lamb – Mt. Pleasant, Adam Riley – Decorah, Brandon Ruffridge – Ft. Dodge, Tara Williams – Pleasantville. Also present were **IGHSAU** Executive Director Erin Gerlich and **IHSAA** Executive Director Tom Keating.

The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. Keating reviewed the background and establishment of the committee. Keating and Gerlich shared the purpose and duties of the committee. Keating shared required training required for all committee members.

Selection of Chairperson of Committee – The committee selected Marty Fonley as Chairperson of the committee and Deron Durflinger as Vice-Chair of the committee.

Motion by Crozier to appoint Marty Fonley as Chair and Deron Durflinger as Vice-Chair of the committee. Second by Miller. Approved unanimously. Amended language approved on Feb. 23, 2036

Review Draft of By-Laws – Committee reviewed a draft of by-laws prepared by Gerlich and Keating using HF783 and Chapter 37 language. Committee discussed and recommended edits to the draft. Gerlich and Keating directed to revise draft and present at next meeting.

Processes and Timelines – Committee discussed procedure and timelines.

Committee agreed to designate a “fast track” review for all changes which included unanimous support from all parties impacted. Committee agreed to designate a “full” review for all changes which did not include unanimous support. Committee discussed a possible third category for schools which have been unable to gain entry into a conference and are currently independent, not of their choosing. Committee worked on a timeline for reviews which included submission of applications, committee reviews,

and appeals. Gerlich and Keating directed to develop initial draft of timeline based on discussions.

Next Steps – Committee agreed to meet again in February to finalize by-laws, processes, and timelines. Gerlich directed to poll the committee for available dates.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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