

In accordance with the Canyon Athletic Association (CAA) Constitution, a meeting of the Executive Board was held on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at the CAA League Office, 8102 N. 23rd Ave Suite E Phoenix AZ 85021.

Executive Board President Josh Leon called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Josh Leon - Legacy Traditional Schools
Nikki Foster - Leading Edge Academy
Erik Gray - Premier Prep Online Academy*
Nate Wong - A+ Charter Schools
Keven Barker -Ridgeline Academy

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Myles Jackson - Southwest Leadership Academy
Troy Miletta - LPA - Heritage

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Randall Baum, CAA Executive Director
Rachel McCune, CAA Executive Assistant*

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Carl Wunsch - Roosevelt Prep*
Dave Hodges - West Valley Christian Academy*
Michael Morneau - Ville de Marie*
Blas Guillen - Gateway Early College*
Jason McDonnell - Tri City Christian*

*Indicates members were present via teleconference

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – OCTOBER 14, 2026

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board approved the adoption of the October 14, 2026 agenda.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

On a motion made, seconded, and carried the Executive Board approved the September Meeting Minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 9:24 - 9:53 AM

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS – 9:10 - 9:20 AM

Cory Tubbs - Arcadia Christian Academy
Sarah Anderson - BASIS Goodyear

FINANCIAL REPORT
In accordance with Article 34.6 of the CAA Bylaws, the Executive Board approved the following financial report:

- Financial report for current Profit & Loss Statement

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE:

The CAA concluded a successful Season 1 state tournament season, providing student-athletes and member schools with opportunities to compete, demonstrate sportsmanship, and celebrate their accomplishments. Congratulations to all member schools that competed in this past season's state tournaments, with special recognition to our state champions and runners-up. Thank you to our host schools, athletic directors, coaches, officials, site personnel, and CAA staff for their work in delivering these events.

Scheduling delays remain an operational concern that must be addressed. Late program changes, team withdrawals, and incomplete scheduling information have required revisions and delayed the finalization of schedules. These disruptions affect member schools' ability to secure facilities, arrange transportation, assign officials, and communicate with families.

Moving forward, staff will emphasize timely program commitments, accurate team information, adherence to scheduling deadlines, and prompt entry of contests into Bound. Clear expectations and consistent accountability will be necessary to reduce avoidable revisions and provide schools with reliable schedules earlier in the planning process.

As we transition into the upcoming seasons, our focus remains on improving communication, strengthening operational consistency, and providing a positive experience for our member schools and student-athletes.

NEW SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP

After reviewing the membership application and scheduling a site visit with the Executive Director, the following new member schools were approved by the membership for the 2026-2027 school year.

School	Level	Membership Type
Apache Trail High School	High School	Associate Member
Copper Sky Academy	Junior High	Full Membership

High School Drops:

School	Sports
Estrella High School	Boys Flag Football
South Ridge High School	Varsity Boys Soccer
Sequoia Charter School	Varsity Boys Soccer
St Peters Indian Mission	Boys Flag Football
Alta Vista High School	Varsity Boys Soccer
Verde Christian Academy	JV Girls Basketball
Leupp Schools	Varsity Boys Basketball
Leupp Schools	Varsity Girls Basketball
Brighton Charter School	Varsity Girls Basketball
Sequoia Pathfinder Academy at Verrado Way	JV Girls Basketball
New Way Academy	Varsity Boys Basketball
American Heritage Academy Cottonwood	Varsity Girls Basketball
Peoria Accelerated	Boys Open Basketball
Bella Vista College Prep	Varsity Girls Basketball
AZ Compass Prep School	Boys Open Basketball
Elite Sports Academy	Boys National Basketball

Sequoia Charter School	Boys JV Basketball
Victory Futures Academy	Boys JV Basketball
Iron Prep Academy	Boys Open Basketball
Carefree Christian Academy	Boys JV Basketball

Junior High Drops:

School	**Sports**
Heritage Academy Gateway JH	7 v 7 Football
Academy of Math and Science Power	Softball
EDUPRIZE Gilbert	Boys Volleyball
Imagine Prep at Avondale	Boys Volleyball
Academy of Math and Science Desert Sky	Boys Volleyball
Eagle College Prep South Mountain	Boys Volleyball
BASIS Phoenix South	Boys Volleyball
Leading Edge Academy Maricopa	Softball
BASIS Goodyear	Boys Volleyball
Maricopa Wells MS	Boys Volleyball

APPEALS

GENERAL APPEALS:

Article 5: Eligibility of Players

5.11.3 *If an appeal is approved, JH players can only play for the CAA school's JH team*

5.11.3.1 *Ineligible for Varsity sports*

School	Approved/Denied	Level/Sport
The Jones Gordon	Denied	Varsity Girls Basketball

Article 8: Scrimmages, Regular Season Contests, Tournaments Post Season Play, and Sanctioned Events

8.2.2 *Scrimmages may only occur prior to the official start date of the regular season for that sport.*

School	Approved/Denied	Level/Sport
Ville de Marie Academy	Denied	Varsity Girls Volleyball

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8.6.8 *Forfeited contests shall not count toward: • State rankings • Power rankings • Postseason seeding criteria*

School	Approved/Denied	Level/Sport
Mission Heights	Denied	Varsity Boys Soccer

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8.12.7 *Schools must meet all minimum scheduling requirements and remain in good standing to qualify for postseason participation.*

School	Approved/Denied	Level/Sport
ASU Prep Poly`	Approved	Varsity Girls Volleyball

Empower College Prep	Approved	Boys Soccer

GENERAL APPEALS CONT'D:

Article 10: Penalties and Fines

10.4.3 *Failure to Travel for a Mandatory Game*

School	Approved/Denied	Level/Sport
Berean Academy	Denied	Varsity Girls Volleyball

Note: Arcadia Christian is responsible to pay official fees and rental cost of the Berean facility.

Article 17A: National Division Basketball

17.17 *Basketball-Focused Program Classification*

17.18.1 *A member school or program whose primary athletic or operational focus is basketball must offer and compete with a team in the CAA Open or National Division before it may offer an additional team in a traditional CAA Varsity Division.*

School	Approved/Denied	Level/Sport
Iron Prep Academy	Denied	Boys Basketball

Article 21: Football

21.3.1.1 *Emergency Trained Official. This may include an EMT, Athletic Trainer or Team Doctor. Games will NOT be played if a qualified medical professional is unavailable.*

School	Approved/Denied	Level/Sport
Maricopa Institute of Technology	Approved	Varsity Football

Note: The contest between Imagine Prep Coolidge and MIT should be rescheduled or a forfeit for Imagine Prep Coolidge.

Article 28: Swimming

28.7.4 *High School Athletes must have competed in at least five (5) CAA approved meets in order to be eligible to register in the State Championships.*

School	Approved/Denied	Level/Sport

ASU Prep Poly	Approved	High School Swim

DIVISION CLASSIFICATION APPEALS:

Article 13: Classification of Member Schools

13.7 *Division Placement Appeals A school may appeal to be placed in a higher or lower Division.*

- Glenview College Prep High School – HS Girls Flag Football

Following review and discussion of the information provided, on a motion made, seconded, and carried the Executive Board **denied** the above appeal.

ROSTER HARDSHIP APPEAL

Article 5: Eligibility of Players

5.2.1.1 *High School Grade limits*

5.2.1.1.3.1 *Seniors may appeal to compete at JV level. (w/appeal)*

School	Approved/Denied	Level/Sport
Imagine Prep Superstition	Approved	JV Basketball

Article 5: Eligibility of Players

5.2.1.1 *High School Grade limits*

School	Approved/Denied	Level/Sport
ALA Applied Technologies	Approved	Varsity Girls Basketball
Sequoia Pathfinder Verrado Way	Approved	Varsity Girls Basketball

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Article 5: Eligibility of Players

5.2.1.1 *High School Grade limits*

5.2.1.1.3.5 *Exception: Varsity football players must be in 9- 12 grade.*

School	Approved/Denied	Level/Sport
Ridgeline Academy	Denied	Varsity Football

Skyline Prep High School	Denied	Varsity Football

ROSTER HARDSHIP APPEAL CONT'D

Article 5: Eligibility of Players

5.2.2.1 *Junior High athletes can be in grades 5 - 8.*

School	Approved/Denied	Level/Sport
Leading Edge Academy Gilbert	Denied	JH Girls Flag Football

HARDSHIP APPEAL

The following representatives entered the meeting for a student eligibility appeal and left upon completion of their presentations:

Gateway Early College **Blas Guillen –** Athletic Director

East Valley Athletes of Christ (EVAC)

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 14, Section 2 of the CAA Bylaws, Approved/Denied the following hardship eligibility requests:

School/Appeal	Approved/Denied
Gateway Early College	Denied
EVAC	Approved

COMBINING OF SCHOOLS

Article 5: Eligibility of Players

5.11 School Does not Offer a Sport *Students who attend a CAA member school or an Associate Member school that do not offer a particular sport may send students to other CAA member schools to compete on the members' teams.*

All Schools below have been **approved** to combine schools for those corresponding sports.

Receiving School	Combining School	Level/Sport
Imagine Prep Superstition	Apache Trails High School	HS Wrestling

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SCHOOL VIOLATION

Article 10: Penalties and Fines
10.2 *Penalties*
10.2.2 *ADVISEMENT – A word of caution.*

The Executive Board has further determined that the 2026–2027 programs will be placed on **advisement**—a word of caution moving forward.

School	Sport	Corrective Action Plan
Flagstaff Christian	HS Flag Football	Submit by Oct.28th
Tri City Christian	HS Flag Football	Submit by Oct.28th

Note: Tri City is proceeding with Arbitration for the outcome of the contest.

Roosevelt Prep	HS Girls Volleyball	Submit by Oct.28th

Skyline Prep High School – Article 5. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 2 High School Grade Limits (5.2.1.1.2)

Note: No penalty has been motioned per Article 10. A corrective action plan needs to be submitted for review.

AMENDMENT – Article 8 – Scrimmages, Regular Season Contests, Tournaments Post Season Play, and Sanctioned Events

8.12.12 JUNIOR HIGH OPEN TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Note: Please see Article 8 for all additional updates.

AMENDMENT – Article 30 – Chess

- CAA Chess is moving to an online regular season, with championships held in person using physical chess boards.

NEW BUSINESS

The National Athletic Directors Conference & Exhibit Show is hosted by the NFHS and the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA)

- December 11 - 15th
- Held this year in Phoenix

Additional Metals after Roster limit

Article 4.9 Postseason Roster Limits

- Roster limits are set by the membership to plan accordingly for awards presentations; schools that carry more than the postseason roster maximum will have to produce medals for these student athletes. The CAA state medals are specifically for the state-eligible number allowed to be rostered. The association will not sell or reproduce medals outside of those roster numbers published under Article 4.

Annual Athletic Director's Conference - Save the Date!

- Date: July 23 - 24, 2027
- Location: Talking Stick Resort, Scottsdale AZ

FUTURE MEETINGS

All meetings will take place at 9:00AM

November Executive Board Meeting	November 18	CAA League Office
December Executive Board Meeting	December 9	CAA League Office
January Executive Board Meeting	January 13	CAA League Office

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 1:03 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Randall Baum, CAA Executive Director