



MINUTES BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Facilitator: Eric Bamberger

Location: Alhambra HS
150 E Street, Martinez, CA 94553

Date: Thursday Jan 22, 2026

Time: 8:45am Principals and ADs
10:45am ADs ONLY

DAL MEETING NORMS; (1) The meeting will start ON TIME. (2) Minimize side bars; (3) Only one person speaks at a time; (4) There will be time limits on the agenda; (5) A vote on a motion stops discussion on that item; (6) Robert's Rules of Order will be followed.

D=Discussion, P=Participation, A=Action, I=Information only, R=Review/prior topic, C=Consent

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1. Introduction and roll call (8:45-8:50) ✓Acalanes: E Shawn/R Takahashi ✓Alhambra: F Beede/A Ertola ✓Benicia: B Kleinschmidt/K Webber ✓Berean Christian: N Harris/ L Wells M Lyle ✓Campolindo: P Alvarez/R Meadows ✓CV Charter: Eric Bamberger ✓College Park: R Richardson /Hurtado, Bautista ✓Concord: J Mackinnon/M Harrod ✓Las Lomas: B Sullivan/T Kruger ✓Miramonte: B Campopiano/S Hennessey ✓Mt. Diablo: Dr. Markel , Mangelsdorf/Mua ✓Northgate: K Cooper/B Ballard ✓Ygnacio Valley: Loushin/B Zielinski ✓DAL: M Tran/J McGonagle		I	Bamberger	Call to order 8.49a	
2. Approval of Agenda (8:50-8:55)		RDA	Bamberger	Add Item #7.I 3 Proposals for NCS Flag Football. Action items (Aca/Con; PASSED 13-0)	Con/LL PASSED 13-0
3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Oct 2, 2025 (8:55-9:00)	A	CDA	Bamberger	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZGzD_Ns9ITZvOO75K8ELXFCUHpg3nDhEfxBTs-qOtU/edit?usp=sharing	Con/Mir PASSED 13-0
4. Public Comment (9:00-9:05) Pursuant to Ed Code 33353.2(C), any person wishing to speak on any item on the agenda, or comment on the policies and practices of the DAL will be heard at this time.		ID	Bamberger	Rory O'Connor, the MDUSD new district Athletic Director present as observer	
5. CIF Information/Discussion/ Action Items (9:05-9:10)			Bamberger		
A. CIF proposing Baseball and Softball State Championships for 2026-27		I	Tran	If approved, it would force the NCS playoffs to start one week earlier. CIF is aware.	
6. NCS Information/Discussion/ Action Items (9:10-9:55)			Bamberger		
A. NCS BOM Summary Fri Oct 3, 2025		ID	Tran Bamberger Mackinnon	https://cifncls.org/governance/board-of-managers/BOM_Min_10-3-25_complete.pdf 1. Football (HDNL) - Proposal to adjust the entries for the NCS Football Championships	

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				<p>(DAL NO 0-13) (NCS BOM PASSED 31-13)</p> <p>2. Winter Soccer - Proposal to establish a 4-team Open Division in boys and girls winter soccer. (DAL 13-0) (NCS BOM PASSED 34-9)</p> <p>3. Seeding (Proposal #1) - Proposal to adjust the seeding criteria for use by Seeding Oversight Committees in competitive equity sports. (DAL YES 13-0) (NCS BOM PASSED 40-3)</p> <p>4. Seeding (Proposal #2) - Proposal to allow Seeding Oversight Committees the ability to evaluate and adjust the top seed in one bracket compared to the last seed in the adjacent bracket. (DAL YES 13-0) (NCS BOM PASSED 44-0)</p> <p>5. Voting Representation - Proposal to restructure NCS voting representation based on number of schools in the league. (DAL YES 13-0) (NCS BOM FAILED 16-28)</p>	
<p>B. Eligibility Committee Weds Nov 19, 2025</p>		ID	Hennessey	<p>https://cifnccs.org/governance/eligibility-committee/11-19-25_min_w_att.pdf The state has backed out of any changes because there is a big NIL lawsuit that has been filed against CIF</p>	
<p>C. Sports Advisory Committee Mon Dec 1, 2025</p>		ID	Tran Kleinschmidt	<p>https://cifnccs.org/governance/sports-advisory-committee/SACmin12-1-25.pdf +All proposals were voted down +WACC and DAL voiced our displeasure regarding the late change in NCS football qualification bylaw, the difficulty in finding games going forward, and the move away from encourage competitive equity competition +Interesting information regarding NCS 8 man football despite only having 12-14 teams competing in the sport. EBAL and DAL exploring a similar model for Beach Volleyball as there are similar number of teams competing in our leagues</p>	
<p>D. NCS BOM Proposals - VOTING Fri Jan 23, 2025 1. Baseball/Softball</p>	B	IDA	Tran	<p>https://cifnccs.org/governance/board-of-managers/agd1-23-26_w_AttC-I.pdf EBAL Proposal to establish an Open/Division 1 playoff bracket +Getting an open division going should be a priority because we can always adjust it later. +This would create more opportunities for our league to win NCS championships, as De La and Cardinal Newman are almost certain to win D1 and D2 without an Open. +LL/ACA VOTE YES 5-8 DENIED</p>	<p>Motion for SPLIT vote Ben/Con PASSED 13-0</p>

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E. NCS Football-Only Alignment		ID	Ertola	<p>+January 5: Ballots emailed to Principals +January 23: Ballots due +THIS IS THE FINAL VOTE! +If this is approved there will be two parallel alignment discussions in the Fall. One for overall conference alignment and one for football league alignments +All alignment starts with the 2028-2029 Season. +Going to Football Only is counter intuitive from how the NCS playoff model is structured. Football only is Competitive Equity, NCS qualifying model is straight wins. +We have more flexibility in scheduling if we stick together as a league. 2 divisions, 3 divisions, bowl game, etc. +For the most part as a league we always strategize to create a situation where most teams qualify for NCS. +The other side of this is that you are likely guaranteed more competitive football games in a regular season schedule which encourages more kids to participate instead of the possibility of getting blown out a few times a year. +What happens to the Super League stipulation for DAL and EBAL? It would have to be added and voted on in a proposal.</p>	
E. General discussion on NCS realignment		ID	Tran	<p>NCS Realignment 2027/28 (1) Do you want to stay in the same section? (2) Do you want to stay in the same league? (3) Any school planning to forth a proposal? +Vote will happen in the Fall based on proposals brought forward. +Emerald needs to go somewhere. Do we want Emerald? Does Emerald want us? **Randy presented the BCL Model and provided a handout of what that MIGHT look like for EBAL, DAL, BVAL –We would go from 3 leagues in our conference to 5 leagues. –Schools can change from one league to another with $\frac{2}{3}$ vote. –Individual schools can change from one league to another with $\frac{2}{3}$ vote. –This voting process would have to have the guidelines set. –Votes go from 6 to 10. –Commissioner structure would be adjusted. 1 overall commissioner and 5 sub commissioners? –This proposal would give us more votes and more flexibility theoretically. But there are more voices in the room. –Instead of four leagues could we add</p>	Randy continue talks with EBAL and BVAL

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				another school to be 14 and split into two leagues? Still gets us more voting power. -As a league we are interested in continuing to explore a situation like this. Lets continue conversations with the EBAL and BVAL but nothing has been formally proposed yet.	
7. DAL Information/Discussion/ Action Items (9:55-10:30)			Bamberger		
A. Financial Activity Report 1. 2024 Federal and State Taxes Filed 2. DAL Playoffs for Water Polo	C	IDA	Tran	Update report of 2025-26 DAL Financial Records +DAL WP Championships collected \$1955 in gate but waiting for invoice to pay officials	Con/LL PASSED 13-0
B. Online Approval of DAL Schedules		I	Tran	Principals voted to approve the following 2026 DAL Fall Schedules, and 2026 Swimming online and posted on DAL website (11-0-2) 1. Cross Country 2. Girls Golf 3. Girls Tennis 4. Water Polo 5. Girls Volleyball 6. Flag Football 7. Football 8. 2026 Swimming	
C. Summary of 2025 Fall DAL Sports	D	I	Tran	DAL Champions and ALL DAL Selections posted on league website https://www.dalathletics.com/league-champions https://www.dalathletics.com/all-league-selections	
D. Proposal to change DAL bylaw Voted on as a block 1. Football	E	IDA	Tran	Proposal to change DAL Football OT bylaw to match NCS Guidelines (AD YES 13-0)	Con/Ben PASSED 13-0
2. Girls Golf	F	IDA	Tran	Proposal to change verbiage in DAL Girls Golf Bylaw (AD YES 13-0)	
3. Girls Tennis	G	IDA	Tran	Proposal to change DAL Girls Tennis bylaw regarding (1) the structure of tournament and (2) determination of ALL League Awards (AD YES 13-0)	
E. NCLRA Contract Proposal (BLAX)	H	IDA	Tran	Contract proposal for Boys LAX Officials +Asked to revisit Article 2. Proposed to change 30 to 60 days for the 10% late fee NO +Asked to revisit travel costs NO	Ben/Con PASSED 7-1-5
F. Online approval of senior to play JV boys basketball at Benicia		I	Tran	DAL Principals approved (12-0-1)	
G. Self Reporting: Voted on as a block		IDA	Hurtado/	1. Coach played a transfer before sitout	Con/Ben

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1. CP Girls Basketball 2. YV Girls Tennis	I J		Bautista	period ended 2. Transfer student competed entire season without paperwork submitted	PASSED 13-0
H. DAL Representatives at NCS Committees		ID	Tran	Should the DAL send the same voting representatives to NCS BOM and other NCS Committees? Does changing voting members year after year put DAL at disadvantage? It takes at least a year for the representative to understand the process.	DAL support having more consistency in reps
I. Flag Football Postseason Proposals	K L M	IDA	Takahashi	Proposal #1. Move to 3 divisions for NCS playoffs Proposal #2. Move from T/Th to W/Sa games with higher seed host throughout Proposal #3. Adopt the competitive equity model for postseason	LL/NG PASSED 13-0 Ben/LL PASSED 13-0 Aca/Mir PASSED 13-0
8. Emergency Items (added with a 2/3 vote)			Bamberger	None	
9. Future Agenda Items (10:30-10:32) A. NCS BOM B. NCS Eligibility Committee C. SAC D. Financial Activities E. Winter sports results F. 2026/27 Winter Sports Schedules		I	Bamberger		
10. Upcoming Meetings (10:32-10:35) A. NCS BOM Fri, Jan 23 @ AUSD 8:45a (Bamberger/Mackinnon/Tran) B. DAL AD Thurs Feb 19 @ YVHS 8:45a C. NCS Eligibility Committee Weds Nov 25 @ NCS Office 9:30a (Hennessy) D. SAC Mon Mar 9 @ NUSD 8:30a (Kleinschmidt/Tran) E. BOG Thurs Apr 16 @ Alhambra Principals/ADs 8:45a, ADs 10:45a		I	Bamberger		
11. Announcements (10:35-10:40) ___ Acalanes ___ Alhambra ___ Benicia ___ Berean Christian ___ Campolindo ___ Clayton Valley Charter ___ College Park ___ Concord ___ Las Lomas ___ Miramonte ___ Mt. Diablo			Bamberger	Benicia encourages schools for more spring coach NCS Honor nominees Concord is hosting Benicia high school unified basketball tomorrow. LL hired Derek Clements as new Head Football coach	

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___ Northgate ___ Ygnacio Valley					
12. Adjournment (10:40)			Bamberger	Adjourned at 11.04a	