

M I N U T E S
Suffolk County Public High School Athletic Association
Section XI – Athletic Council

NYSPHSAA, Inc.

May 13, 2026

Section XI Office

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order by President Ryan Cox at 9am. The following were in attendance:

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

President:	R. Cox	X	Central Comm.:	T. Horan	X
1st Vice Pres:	M. Reggio	X		K. Masterson	X
2nd Vice Pres:	J. Mercado	X		L. Lohman	X
Past Pres:	K. Masterson	X		F. Pugliese	X
At Large:	D. Ferry	X		T. Mullins	X
At Large:	J. Polanski	X			
At Large:	T. Gulluscio	X			
At Large:	R. Haas	Abs.			
Supt Rep:	J. Quinn	X			
Supt Rep:	J. Cummings	X			
Ex-Officio:			Executive Director:	T. Combs	X
Treasurer:	S. Leister	Abs.	Assistant Director:	P. Blieberg	X
Counsel:	K. Seaman	X	Consultant:	K. O'Reilly	X
			Officials Rep:	Carol Lovrich	X

CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES

I.	N. Taylor	X	II.	A. O'Farrell	X
	M. Keltos	X		C. Cobb	Abs.
	D. Barth	X		M. DeVincenzo	X
	G. Beutel	X		S. Restivo	X
	K. Mitchell	X		L. Dolson	X
	M. Vaccaro	Abs.		A. Beyersdorf	Abs.
III.	S. Lipshie	Abs.	IV.	S. Petretti	Abs.
	S. Bricker	Abs.		J. Ruggero	X
	J. Cohen	X		D. Phillips	X
	S. Reh	X		G. Wormuth	X
	A. Shannon	X		A. Strickland	X
	A. Daleo	X		R. Mott	Abs.

Approval of Minutes

"to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2026 Athletic Council Meeting."

Motion: J. Cohen Second: N. Taylor

Motion: **Approved**

II. REPORTS

The Executive Board met on Monday, April 20, 2026, In attendance: President R. Cox, M. Reggio, J. Mercado, T. Horan, L/ Lohman, J. Quinn, K. O'Reilly, S. Leister, K. Seaman, T. Mullins, T. Combs and P. Blieberg. (abs. K. Masterson, D. Ferry, J. Polansky, T. Gulluscio, F. Pugliese, and J. Cummings)

I. **PRESIDENT** – Ryan Cox

A. Ryan Cox called the meeting to order at 4:07pm.

B. Internal Claims Auditor

- The February and March 2026 Internal Claims Auditor report was reviewed by the Executive Board.
- The Board reviewed the Internal Claims Auditor Duties along his proposal for 2026-27 with an increase from \$62 per hour to \$66. **Approved**
- The tentative scheduled dates for 2026-27. **Approved**

II. **NYSPHSAA REPORTS** – Kathy Masterson/Tim Horan

A. Executive Committee Agenda – The Executive Board reviewed the agenda for the upcoming Executive Committee meeting

III. **TREASURER** – Tom Combs

A. Tom Combs reviewed the Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual report for the period of July 1, 2025 to April 2026.

IV. **FINANCES** – Tom Combs

A. The Executive Board **approved** the following:

➤ **Contractual Items:**

- a. Kevin Seaman – **Approved** as Section XI Counsel at the rate of \$36,000 for the 2026-27 school year (plus litigation \$275).
- b. Peter White – **Approved** the Athletic Training Services Coordinator at a stipend of \$6,000 for the 2026-27 school year.
- c. Cullen & Danowski, LLP – **Approved** as External Auditor at a rate of \$23,750 for 2026-27.
- d. Vantage Sportz – **Approved** for the 2025-28 school years.
- e. Athletic Event Management Services – **Approved** to provide event supervision for the 2025-28 school years.
- f. Just in Time/elitefeats – **Approved** for XC, WTR, Tr for 2024-27.
- g. Coachman Luxury Transport – **Approved** to provide transportation services to NYSPHSAA Championships during the 2026-27.
- h. OMNI – **Approved**
- i. One call now \$92 8/26-8/27 **Approved**
- j. Chris Vaccaro – **Approved** the request to increase communication services from \$36,000 to \$37,500 for 2026-27 school year.
- k. Leasing/Service Agreements - **Approved** leasing/service agreement continuations, Town of Brookhaven (**tabled until 6/1**), Optimum, Acumen, XCL, Marlin, Pitney-Bowes and Xerox.
- l. The Executive Board **approved** Tom Combs and Pete Blieberg's amended contracts.

A. **Credit Card Policy** - **Approved** credit card policy with the spending limit of \$20,000 per purchase and a credit line not to exceed \$40,000.

V. COMMUNICATIONS COORIDATOR – The Executive Board reviewed the website Metrix thru April 2026.

VI. COUNSEL – Kevin Seaman gave an update.

VII. APPOINTMENTS – Tom Combs

- A. The Executive Board **Approved** Sport Chairs for the 2026-27 school year.
- B. The Executive Board **Approved** Committee chairs for the 2026-27 school year.
- C. The Executive Board **Approved** Kevin O'Reilly as Administrative Assistant for Corporate Sponsorship at the current rate of 15% of all monies brought into the Section through the Corporate Sponsorship program for 2026-27.
- D. The Executive Board **Approved** Ed Cinelli and Don Webster to serve as the Interim Internal Claims Auditor for 2026-27 with a rate of \$66 per hour.
- E. NYSPHSAA Proxies – **Approved**

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Tom Combs

- A. The Executive Director provided the Board with the Meals and Refreshments expenses. **Approved**
- B. The Executive Board reviewed the tentative 2026-27 Section XI calendar. **Approved**
- C. The Executive Board **approved** the conference attendance authorization for the 2026-27 school year.
- D. NYSPHSAA 2026-27 Championships
- E. The Executive Director discussed open positions on the board.
- F. Tom Combs provided the Board with an Executive Directors report for April.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

III. NYSPHSAA ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- D) Consider approval to revise the regional rotation for Class D for the 2026 season in the sport of Boys Soccer. (Pg. 104-105)
- (D) Consider approval of the Football Classification Cut-Off numbers
- (D) Consider approval for a waiver of the NCAA bench protocols for 2026, if the NCAA adopts this rule in the spring in the sport of Girls Volleyball State Coordinator
- (D) Consider approval to waive the NCAA penalty, administrative red card, for having a non-compliant uniform in the sport of Girls Volleyball.
- (D) Consider approval to revise the classification cut-off formula for Girls Volleyball to the top 70 teams in Class AAA, the bottom 90 teams in Class D, and equally dividing the rest of the classes Girls Volleyball State Coordinator
- (A) Consider approval of a two-year pilot program to allow 9 vs 9 players at the JV and/or Modified level using a regulation field with adjusted rules in the sport of Field Hockey.

Motion: K. Mitchell Second: L. Dolson

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval of Classification Cut-Off numbers for Competitive Cheerleading.

Motion: G. Beutel Second: J. Cohen

Motion: **Approved**

(A) Consider approval of Cortland (Section III) as the host of the 2027-2029 Girls Soccer Championships.

Motion: N. Taylor Second: G. Wormuth

Motion: **Approved**

Winter Discussion/Action/Information Items

(D) Consider approval of the Boys Swimming/Diving Qualifying Standards for the 2026-2027 school year.

(D) Consider approval of a scoring change for beam in the Gymnastics Technical Handbook. It will read: "No 0.3 deduction off the start value for lack of a dismount."

(D) Consider approval to increase the maximum daily game limitation from six (6) games to ten (10) games for post-season events in the sport of Boys/Girls Bowling.

(D) Consider approval to amend the format of the NYSPHSAA Boys/Girls Individual Bowling Championship from its current six (6) game total-pinfal format to a two-phase competition.

(D) Consider approval of a waiver of the NCAA Rule for court dimensions in the sport of Girls Basketball.

(D) Consider approval of a waiver of the NCAA uniform rules for all sub-varsity teams in the sport of Girls Basketball.

(D) Consider approval of changing the 30 second timeout to a full timeout in overtime in the sport of Girls Basketball.

(D) Consider approval of using USA Junior Weight Classes in Girls Wrestling which are; 95, 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 155, 170, 190, and 235.

(D) Consider approval to increase the percentage of body fat to the level approved by the NFHS from 14% to 19% in the sport of Girls Wrestling.

Spring Action Items

(A) Consider approval for the sport of softball to adopt a standardized pregame timeline and protocol for all regular season contests to start at the scheduled time for that game

Motion: S. Restivo Second: M. DeVincenzo

Motion: **Defeated**

IV. SECTION XI ACTION ITEMS

A. The Policy Committee recommends the approval of the following:

1. Charging admission at girls' flag football semi finals

Motion: C. Second:

Motion: **Approved**

B. The Placement Committee recommends approval of the following for 2026-27:

Boys and Girls Winter Track

League I		League II	
Brentwood	4422	Walt Whitman	1407
Longwood	2196	Ward Melville	1346
Middle Country	2165	Connetquot	1335
William Floyd	2153	Lindenhurst	1314
Central Islip	1865	Commack	1284
Patchogue-Medford	1758	North Babylon	1176
Riverhead	1506	Copiague	1170
Sachem North	1485	Northport	1037
Bay Shore	1436	Huntington	1026
Sachem East	1424		
League III		League IV	
Smithtown East	996	Eastport-South Manor	749
Half Hollow Hills East	971	Hauppauge	743
Deer Park	947	Half Hollow Hills West	723
Bellport	908	Westhampton	714
East Islip	881	Islip	665
West Babylon	842	Rocky Point	665
Comsewogue	839	Harborfields	627
Smithtown West	822	Wyandanch	624
West Islip	816	Kings Park	608
East Hampton/BH/PIER	804	Amityville	591
		Sayville	591
League V		Large schools – 875+	
Hampton Bays	582		
Miller Place	534		
Mount Sinai	527		

Elwood-John Glenn	488	
Shoreham-Wading River	443	
Bayport-Blue Point	390	
Southampton	372	
Center Moriches	365	
Babylon	333	
Mattituck	260	
Southold/Greenport	252	
Port Jefferson	224	
Riverhead Charter	161	

small schools – 874 -

Motion: A. Shannon Second: J. Cohen

Motion: **Approved**Boys and Girls Fencing

Boys	
League 1	League II
Whitman/Elwood	Newfield/MP
HH Hills	Centereach/Longwood/SWR
Huntington/Harborfields	Sayville/Bpt/Connetquot/Haup
Commack/NPT	Ward Melville/PJ/RP/Com
Lindenhurst	Brentwood/Bay Shore
Girls	
League 1	League II
Whitman/Elwood	Newfield/MP
HH Hills	Centereach/Longwood/SWR
Huntington/Harborfields	Sayville/Bpt/Connetquot
Commack	Ward Melville/PJ/RP
Lindenhurst	Brentwood
SECTION XI TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT: Team Playoff Criteria: All teams with an overall record of .500 (minimum of 7 wins) or better will qualify for the playoffs. This includes League and Mandatory crossover League matches. Optional Non-League matches and tournaments will not count towards a teams overall record. All teams who qualify will be seeded by the Section XI Seeding Committee	

Motion: D. Phillips Second: G. Wormuth

Motion: **Approved**Girls Basketball

League I (AAA)		League II (AAA)	
Brentwood	4422	Walt Whitman	1407
Longwood	2196	Ward Melville	1346
William Floyd	2153	Connetquot	1335
Central Islip	1865	Lindenhurst	1314

Patchogue-Medford	1758	Commack	1284
Riverhead	1506	North Babylon	1176
Sachem North	1485	Copiague	1170
Bay Shore	1436	Newfield	1107
Sachem East	1424	Centereach	1059
League III (AA)		League IV (AA)	
Northport	1037	Smithtown West	822
Huntington	1026	West Islip	816
Smithtown East	996	Eastport-South Manor	749
Half Hollow Hills East	971	Hauppauge	743
Deer Park	947	Half Hollow Hills West	723
Bellport	908	Westhampton	714
East Islip	881	Islip	665
West Babylon	842	Rocky Point	665
Comsewogue	839		
League V (A)		League VI (A)	
Harborfields	627	Miller Place	534
Wyandanch	624	Mt. Sinai	527
Kings Park	608	Elwood-John Glenn	488
Amityville	591	Shoreham-Wading River	443
Sayville	591	Bayport-Blue Point	390
Hampton Bays	582		
League VII (AA/B/C)		**East Hampton requests alternate placement – does not qualify for playoffs .500 or better league record make playoffs Play each team in league 2X - 5 Team League (8 league games; 12 NL games) - 6 Team League (10 league games; 10 NL games) - 8 Team League (14 league games; 6 NL games) - 9 Team League (16 league games; 4 NL games) Class A teams would have mandatory league crossovers League VII would have ability to petition with under .500 record because mixed league	
<i>East Hampton (AA)**</i>	660		
Southampton (B)	372		
Center Moriches (B)	365		
Babylon (B)	333		
Mattituck (B)	260		
Souhtold/Greenport (B)	252		
Port Jefferson (C)	224		
Pierson (C)	212		
Smithtown Christian (C) **	77		

**Smithtown Christian changed to C classification – allows Smithtown Christian to participate in county champ – proactively align to upcoming changes to classifications statewide

AAA 1057 +
 AA 1056-658
 A 657-374
 B 373-232
 C 231-127
 D 126 -

Motion: D. Barth

Second: M. DeVincenzo

Motion: **Approved**

Boys Basketball

League I (AAA)		League II (AAA)	
Brentwood	4422	Walt Whitman	1407
Longwood	2196	Ward Melville	1346
William Floyd	2153	Connetquot	1335
Central Islip	1865	Lindenhurst	1314
Patchogue-Medford	1758	Commack	1284
Riverhead	1506	North Babylon	1176
Sachem North	1485	Copiague	1170
Bay Shore	1436	Newfield	1107
Sachem East	1424	Centereach	1059
League III (AAA/AA)		League IV (AA)	
Northport (AAA)	1037	Smithtown West	822
Huntington	1026	West Islip	816
Smithtown East	996	Eastport-South Manor	749
Half Hollow Hills East	971	Hauppauge	743
Deer Park	947	Half Hollow Hills West	723
Bellport	908	Westhampton	714
East Islip	881	Rocky Point	665
West Babylon	842	Islip	665
Comsewogue	839	East Hampton	660
League V (A)		League VI (A/B)	
Harborfields	627	Elwood-John Glenn (A)	488
Wyandanch	624	Shoreham-Wading River (A)	443
Kings Park	608	Bayport-Blue Point (A)	390
Sayville	591	Southampton (A)	372
Amityville	591	Center Moriches (B)	365
Hampton Bays	582	Babylon (B)	333
Miller Place	534	Mattituck (B)	260
Mt. Sinai	527	Port Jefferson (B)	224
League VII (C/D)		Enrollment-Based Leagues: League Record of .500 and above qualifies for playoffs Leagues 1 and 2 (AAA)- 9 teams play each other twice for 16 league games. Opportunity for 4 NL games. League 3 (AAA/AA)- 9 teams play each other twice for 16 league games. Class AA teams would have the opportunity to petition with under .500 record. Opportunity for 4 NL games. League 4 (AA)- 9 teams play each other twice for 16 league games. Opportunity for 4 NL games. League 5 (A)- 8 teams play each other twice for 14 league games. Opportunity for 6 NL games. League 6 (A/B)- 8 teams play each other twice for 14 league games. Opportunity for 6 NL games. Class B teams would have the opportunity to petition with under .500 record. League 7 (C/D)- 8 teams play each other twice for 14 league games. Opportunity for 6 NL games. Class D teams would have the opportunity to petition with under .500 record.	
Pierson (C)	212		
Greenport (C)	170		
Southold (C)	164		
Ross (D)	110		
Smithtown Christian (D)	77		
Bridgehampton (D)	63		
Shelter Island (D)	42		
St. Pius V (D)	30		

AAA 1031 and UP 19 schools
 AA 1030-660 17 schools
 A 659-370 13 schools
 B 369-213 4 schools
 C 212-121 3 schools
 D 120 and down 5 schools

Motion: S. Restivo Second: K. Mitchell

Motion: **Approved**

Boys Swimming

League I		League II	
Brentwood/Bay Shore	5858	Deer Park/North Babylon	2123
Huntington/WW/Harb	3060	Central Islip	1865
Sachem	2909	Ward Melville	1346
Hauppauge/Smithtown	2561	East Hampton/Pier/BH/SH	1336
Northport/Commack	2321	Lindenhurst	1314
		Sayville/Bayport-BP	981
Half Hollow Hills/Kings Park	2302	West Islip	816
Connetquot/East Islip	2216		

Teams are aligned by enrollment into 2 leagues.

All teams swim against each team in their league 1x

2 NL meets against teams that finish in the same place as you team the prior year

Motion: G. Beutel Second: A. Strickland

Motion: **Approved**

Wrestling

DIVISION I			
League 1		League 2	
Brentwood	4422	Sachem North	1485
Longwood	2196	Bay Shore	1436
William Floyd	2153	Sachem East	1424
Central Islip	1865	Walt Whitman	1407
Patchogue-Medford	1758	Ward Melville	1346
Riverhead	1506	Connetquot	1335
		Lindenhurst	1314
League 3		League 4	
Commack	1284	Smithtown East	996
North Babylon	1176	Half Hollow Hills East	971
Copique	1170	Deer Park	947
Newfield	1107	Bellport	908
Centereach	1059	East Islip	881
Northport	1037	West Babylon	842
Huntington	1026		

League 5		League 6	
Comsewogue	839	Half Hollow Hills West	723
Smithtown West	822	Westhampton	714
West Islip	816	Islip	665
East Hampton/BH/PIER	798	Rocky Point	665
Eastport-South Manor	749	Harborfields	627
Hauppauge	743	Kings Park	608
DIVISION II			
League 7		League 8	
Amityville	591	Shoreham-Wading River	443
Sayville	591	Mattituck/GPT/SHLD	427
Hampton Bays	582	Bayport-Blue Point	390
Miller Place	534	Southampton	372
Mount Sinai	527	Center Moriches	365
Elwood-John Glenn	488	Babylon	333
		Port Jefferson	224

Div 1 - Straight Enrollment - 38 Teams- *League 1,4,5,6 will have 6 teams and League 2,3 will have 7 teams. In Division 1 the top 2 teams in each league qualify for Section XI Division. 1 Dual Championship making a 12 team bracket unless there are ties for second. If there is a tie for first only the first-place teams will qualify. Division 2 - straight enrollment - 13 teams - the top 3 teams in leagues 7 and 8 will qualify for the Section XI Division 2 Dual Meet Championship.

Motion: J. Cohen

Second: S. Reh

Motion: **Approved**

Boys Bowling

League I			League II		
Bay Shore	1436	Sayville	Islip	665	Sayville
Brentwood	4422	Strike 10	William Floyd	2153	Sayville
West Babylon	842	Babylon	Bayport-BP	390	Sayville
HH Hills	1694	Babylon	Connetquot	1335	Sayville
West Islip	816	Babylon	Eastport-SM	749	Sayville
Copiague	1170	Babylon	Bellport	908	Sayville
Lindenhurst	1314	Babylon	Patchogue-Medford	1758	Sayville
Deer Park	947	Strike 10	Sayville	591	Sayville
North Bab/Bab	1457	Strike 10	East Islip	881	Sayville
16 league games			16 league games		
League III			League IV		
Northport	1037	Larkfield	Comsewogue/WM/PJ	2185	Port Jeff
Huntington	1026	Larkfield	Middle Country	2166	Coram
Harborfields	627	Larkfield	Longwood	2196	Coram
Smithtown/KP	2426	Commack	Sachem	2909	Coram
Central Islip	1865	Commack	East Hampton	660	All Star
Walt Whitman	1407	Babylon	Rocky Point	665	Port Jeff

Commack	1284	Commack	Riverhead	1506	All Star
Hauppauge	743	Commack	Southold	164	All Star
14 league games			14 league games		
play each league team 2x (home and away) Top 3 teams in each league make the playoffs. Top 4 finishers in the wildcard tournament make the playoffs for a total of 16 teams ** Div 2 teams – Bayport-BP and Southold					

Motion: L. Dolson

Second: S. Reh

Motion: **Approved**

Girls Bowling

League I			League II		
Comsewogue/MP	2185	Port Jeff	East Islip	881	Sayville
Middle Country	2166	Coram	Islip	665	Sayville
Longwood	2196	Coram	West Babylon	842	Sayville
Sachem	2909	Coram	Bay Shore	1436	Sayville
Eastport-S Manor	749	Sayville	West Islip	816	Babylon
Bellport	908	Sayville	Copiague	1170	Babylon
Patchogue-Med	1758	Sayville			
League III			Play all league teams 2x (home and away) Top 3 teams in each league make playoffs The remainder of teams compete in Wild Card Tournament for the last remaining playoff spot (10 teams total make the playoffs)		
North Babylon	1176	Strike 10			
Brentwood	4422	Strike 10			
Smithtown/KP	2426	Commack			
Commack	1284	Commack			
HH Hills	1694	Bowlmor			
Northport	1037	Larkfield			
Central Islip	1284	Commack			

Motion: S. Restivo

Second: M. DeVincenzo

Motion: **Approved**

Girls Wrestling

League I
CO/NPT/KP/SMW
WW/ELW/HARB/HUNT/HHH
RP/COG/MP/MC/ESM/WM/SME/CONT/SWR
BELL/PM/WF/RIV/LONG/WH
COP/LIND/AM/WYN
EI/BPT/SAC/SAY/CI
BS/WI/NB/WB/I/BAB
BRENTWOOD

play each team in league 1x

Motion: A. Strickland

Second: G. Beutel

Motion: **Approved**

Motion to Adjourn: 11:10am

Motion: S. Reh

Second: N. Taylor

Motion: **Approved**

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Combs

Thomas Combs
Executive Director