



# *Meeting of the Executive Committee*

*May 13, 2025*

*1:00 p.m.*

*CIF Southern Section Offices, Los Alamitos, CA*

*Minutes*

<b>1. OPENING BUSINESS</b>	<b>DISPOSITION</b>	<b>ITEM</b>
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- A. Call to order by Dr. Paula Hart Rodas, President of the Council

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. President Hart Rodas welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

- B. Pledge of Allegiance

- C. Roll Call

All members were present except for Ann Fitzgerald, Mary Jane Hibbard, Dr. Erika Tejeda and Dr Reggie Thompkins.

- D. Introduction of Guests

Commissioner Mike West introduced the guests from Arcadia Christian High School.

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| E. Adopt Agenda | Adopted |
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There was a motion and a second to adopt the agenda as written. The motion carried 17-0-0.

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| F. Approval of Minutes | Approved |
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There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes of March 20, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting as written. The motion carried 16-0-1.

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

A contingency from Arcadia Christian High School came to speak on behalf of their school's membership application for the 2025-2026 school year.

<b>3. NON-ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>DISPOSITION</b>	<b>ITEM</b>
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- A. STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL NON-ACTION ITEMS

There are no State Federated Council non-action items.

- B. SOUTHERN SECTION NON-ACTION ITEMS

There are no Southern Section Council non-action items.

#### **4. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **DISPOSITION**

#### **ITEM**

##### **A. STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS**

There are no State Federated Council action items.

##### **B. SOUTHERN SECTION ACTION ITEMS**

There are no State Federated Council non-action items.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Consideration of the Following Schools for Membership for the 2025-2026 School Year**

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| 1. Arcadia Christian School | Probationary | 5A1 |
| Presented by David Parkes   |              |     |

David Parkes presented Arcadia Christian School for consideration and recommended probationary membership at this time. A motion and second were made for probationary membership status for Arcadia Christian School. After discussion, which included a review of the New Member School Application, the motion carried 17-0-0.

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| 2. Mojave River Academy | Denied | 5A2 |
| Presented by Matt Maeda |        |     |

Matt Maeda presented Mojave River Academy for consideration and recommended probationary membership. Their athletic director, from Riverside Prep, has been granted the job at another school, and there is no longer an athletic director on-site. They have a district athletic director overseeing Mojave River and Riverside Prep. Multi-school was suggested but not well received by the school or its district. Independent study schools becoming members is not addressed in the Blue Book. This school has several campuses, and the Victorville campus is the one applying for membership. Concerns regarding curriculum, true attendance online and grades were voiced. A motion and second were made for probationary membership status for Mojave River Academy. After discussion, which included a review of the New Member School Application, the motion failed 3-14-0.

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| 3. Phase3 Lab              | Denied | 5A3 |
| Presented by Rich Imbriani |        |     |

Rich Imbriani presented Phase3 Lab for consideration and recommended probationary membership. A motion and second were made for probationary membership status for Phase3 Lab. A review of the New Member School Application and discussion took place. They hope with membership to increase the wrestling program. Only enrollment of four students but with the membership, they feel that will grow. The motion failed 4-13-0.

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| 4. South Hills Academy     | Probationary | 5A4 |
| Presented by Mitch Brunyer |              |     |

Mitch Brunyer presented South Hills Academy for consideration and recommended probationary membership. A motion and second were made for probationary membership status for South Hills Academy. A review of the New Member School Application took place. There was a discussion regarding an item on their website regarding tuition assistance. The motion carried 12-5-0.

### **5. NEW BUSINESS (Cont.)**

### B. Membership Status of New and Probationary Schools Admitted in 2023-2024

1. Aveson Global Leadership Academy                                  Membership Dropped      5B1  
Presented by Mitch Brunyer

Mitch Brunyer presented the evaluation of Aveson Global Leadership Academy for consideration and recommended dropping membership at this time. It is up to the Executive Committee to grant full, probationary, or deny membership. There was a motion and a second to drop membership. Because of displacement from the recent fires, it was difficult to set the evaluation meeting. The school is putting academics ahead of athletics since the fires and were only able to field one sport, boys basketball. Any other sport was considered an intermural sport with lower grade levels. What about probationary again because of the fires? School was non-responsive to calls, although Mitch reached out several times. School seems to be focused on basketball and no other sports, and only fielded boys' basketball. The fires were in January, so why were there no fall sports? Motion was approved 16-0-1.

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| 2. DNA Prep Academy            | Membership Dropped | 5B2 |
| Presented by Dr. Alexis Barile |                    |     |

Dr. Alexis Barile presented an evaluation of DNA Prep Academy for consideration and recommended dropping membership at this time. It is up to the Executive Committee to grant full, probationary, or deny membership. There was a motion and a second to drop membership. This school submitted no paperwork, and there was no communication from the school after many attempts. Motion was carried 17-0-0.

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| 3. Entrepreneur/Fontana<br>Presented by Kai Lyles | Membership Dropped | 5B3 |
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Kai Lyles presented the evaluation of Entrepreneur/Fontana for consideration and recommended probationary membership at this time. It is up to the Executive Committee to grant full, probationary, or deny membership. There was a motion and a second to approve probationary membership. This is the third time visiting this school and the third set of administration. They did not field a boys' sport in the fall. There is an Athletic Director who plans to remain in place, but this athletic director is also the same athletic director overseeing the sister school in Highland. Motion failed 7-9-1.

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| 4. First Baptist/Long Beach    | Full Membership | 5B4 |
| Evaluated by Mary Jane Hibbard |                 |     |
| Presented by Jim Perry         |                 |     |

Jim Perry presented the evaluation of First Baptist/Long Beach for Mary Jane Hibbard, who was not in attendance, for consideration and recommended full membership at this time. It is up to the Executive Committee to grant full, probationary, or deny membership. There was a motion and a second to approve full membership. This school met the sports requirement and are planning to add more sports. Motion was approved 16-1-0.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS (Cont.)

### B. Membership Status of New and Probationary Schools Admitted in 2023-2024 (Cont.)

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| 5. Gorman LC/Antelope Valley | Probationary | 5B5 |
| Presented by Gil Gomez       |              |     |

Gil Gomez presented the evaluation of Gorman LC/Antelope Valley for consideration and recommended full membership at this time. It is up to the Executive Committee to grant full, probationary, or deny membership. There was a motion and a second to approve full membership. They have grown since last year. The school attempted to start a girls' basketball team, but injuries kept them from fielding the sport. Thus, they did not meet the criteria for full membership. Still growing slowly with over 300 students. The first motion was rescinded, and a new motion and a second one were made to grant probationary membership. There is a concern regarding the numbers for cross country and track, with only a couple of students participating and the school not fielding full teams, but only individuals. Motion was approved 13-4-0.

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| 6. Legacy Christian Academy | Full Membership | 5B6 |
| Presented by Rob Dearborn   |                 |     |

Rob Dearborn presented the evaluation of Legacy Christian Academy for consideration and recommended full membership at this time. It is up to the Executive Committee to grant full, probationary, or denied membership. There was a motion and a second to approve full membership. The school fielded the required number of sports and anticipates 20% growth for next year. The motion was approved 17-0-0.

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| 7. Orange County Classical Academy | Probationary | 5B7 |
| Presented by Dr. Paula Hart Rodas  |              |     |

Dr. Paula Hart Rodas presented the evaluation of Orange County Classical Academy for consideration and recommended probationary membership at this time. It is up to the Executive Committee to grant full, probationary, or deny membership. There was a motion and a second to approve probationary membership. This is a former member school that has seen changes in facilities. They barely missed the requirement of sports fields because of the loss of students due to the change in facilities. They will be hosting basketball and volleyball tournaments over the summer; however, they were unable to field a boys' sport in the fall. Motion was approved 16-0-1.

C. Financial Report	Mitch Carty
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Chief Financial Officer Mitch Carty distributed a report, which is included at the end of these minutes, and highlighted various items in the handout.

D. Communications Report	Thom Simmons
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Assistant Commissioner Thom Simmons shared with the Committee that we are hiring students to help with film coverage of championships to get the students involved. Teachers are shadowing others to gain experience and bring new ideas to their campuses. We are in the process of producing a history program that will feature Dr. John Dahlem and be released over the summer. The next CIFSS This Week (#6) is 100% student-produced.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS (Cont.)**

### **E. Marketing Report**

Jacquelyn Gibson

Director of Marketing and Corporate Partnerships Jacquelyn Gibson shared the success of the Academic Awards night at Angels Stadium last month. Marketing is extremely busy with multiple events every weekend.

President Dr. Paula Hart Rodas called the Closed Session, which began at 2:36 p.m.

## **6. CLOSED SESSION**

### **A. Public Employee Evaluation of Performance – (Government Code 54957):**

#### **1. Commissioner's Evaluation**

## **7. REPORT OF ACTION(S) TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session concluded at 3:19 p.m. No action taken in closed session.

## **8. REPORTS**

### **A. President's Report**

Dr. Paula Hart Rodas

Thank you to all, the office, the Committee. There is a wealth of information in this room, and I appreciate the knowledge and perspective each person brings. It is a privilege to be here. I look forward to us continuing to grow and be the front runner in the state and the nation. Thank you, Rich, for your friendship and your work. You will be missed!

### **B. Treasurer's Report**

Rich Imbriani

Rich Imbriani gave the Treasurer's Report, which is included at the end of these minutes.

### **C. Commissioner's Report**

Mike West

Thank you for all the hard work this year. Looking forward to everyone on the Committee returning next year. Mike Middlebrook and Lisa McInerney did a great job running the beach volleyball championships. Swimming and diving are now complete thanks to Kristine Palle and Tamara Towgood. Looking forward to the rest of the Spring events. Unified track was phenomenal. Held a new event in the North and watched how competitive the South was once again. Unified swimming was also a tremendous success. An update on transgender – Both Division 1 and Division 3 Track and Field prelims had transgender athletes competing. There were no issues at the Division 1 event, and the athlete did not move on. At the Division 3 meet the athlete has advanced in three events and there was news coverage and protests. We worked closely with the Placencia/Yorba Linda School District and the CIF State Office to plan for event safety and will continue to as we move through the rest of the track events. May 29 will recognize state athletes of the year, both of whom are from the Southern Section. The Champions for Character golf tournament is June 16 at Skylinks, and we would love for you all to dust off those clubs and come out. Rich Shearer is retiring. In his 6 years, he has been very knowledgeable in the Blue Book and has run the championships under his umbrella with professionalism and integrity. He will be missed. The application is out and will close May 30. Screening will be on June 4, with the first interviews on June 17/18, the second interviews on June 23, and the announcement of the new Assistant Commissioner on June 26. Hope is to have someone on board by July 14.

## **8. REPORTS (cont.)**

### **D. Executive Committee Member Reports**

No reports

## **9. ADVANCE PLANNING**

### **A. DATES**

1. August 7, 2025 – CIF Southern Section Executive Committee Meeting, CIF Southern Section Office, Los Alamitos, CA, 1:00 p.m.
2. September 18, 2025 – CIF Southern Section Executive Committee Meeting, CIF Southern Section Office, Los Alamitos, CA, 1:00 p.m.
3. September 22, 2025 – Champions for Character Awards Dinner, The Grand Conference Center, Long Beach, CA 6:00 p.m.
4. September 25, 2025 – CIF Southern Section Council Meeting, The Grand Conference Center, Long Beach, CA, 9:00 a.m.
5. October 6, 2025 – CIF Southern Section Athletic Administrators Symposium, Riverside Convention Center, Riverside, CA 8:00 a.m.
6. October 21, 2025 – CIF Southern Section Hall of Fame/Distinguished Service Awards Luncheon, The Grand Conference Center, Long Beach, CA 11:30 a.m.
7. January 16-18, 2026 – CIF Southern Section Executive Committee Meeting, The Mission Inn, Riverside, CA 9:30 a.m.

### **B. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no items suggested for the next agenda.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

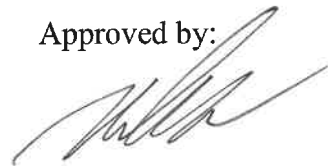
The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m. by President Dr. Paula Hart Rodas.

Submitted by:



Sharon Hodge  
Executive Assistant

Approved by:



Mike West  
Commissioner of Athletics

Council Voting Report

			Adopt May 13, 2025 Agenda Vote	Approval of Minutes from March 20, 2025	Item 5A1 – Arcadia Christian	Item 5A2 – Mojave River Academy	Item 5A3 – Phase3 Lab	Item 5A4 – South Hills Academy	Item 5B1 – Aveson Global Leadership Academy	Item 5B2 – DNA Prep Academy	Item 5B3 – Entrepreneur/Fontana	Item 5B4 – First Baptist/Long Beach	Item 5B5 – Gorman LC/Antelope Valley	Item 5B6 – Legacy Christian Academy	Item 5B7 – Orange County Classical Academy
First Name	Last Name	Keypad	4	8	12	16	18	20	22	24	26	27	29	31	33
Jamal	Adams	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dr. Alexis	Barile	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Terry	Barnum	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Abstain	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mitch	Brunyer	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rob	Dearborn	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ann	Fitzgerald	6													
Gil	Gomez	7	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mary Jane	Hibbard	8													
Demetre	Howard	9	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rich	Imbriani	10	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Kai	Lyles	11	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Matt	Maeda	12	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Abstain
David	Parkes	13	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mary	Perez	14	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
James	Perry	15	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dr. Paula Hart	Rodas	16	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Alicia	Seevers	17	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Cari	Strange	18	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Suzie	Swartz	19	Yes	Abstain	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dr. Erika	Tejeda	20													
Reggie	Thompkins	21													
Total 1 = Yes			17	16	17	3	4	12	16	17	7	16	13	17	16
Total 2 = No			0	0	0	14	13	5	0	0	9	1	4	0	0
Total 3 = Abstain			0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total Voters			17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
Total Yes + No			17	16	17	17	17	17	16	17	16	17	17	17	16
% Yes			100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	17.65%	23.53%	70.59%	100.00%	100.00%	43.75%	94.12%	76.47%	100.00%	100.00%
% No			0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	82.35%	76.47%	29.41%	0.00%	0.00%	56.25%	5.88%	23.53%	0.00%	0.00%
Pass Threshold			50.00%	50.00%	50.00%	50.00%	50.00%	50.00%	50.00%	50.00%	50.00%	50.00%	50.00%	50.00%	50.00%
Pass/Fail			Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

**C.I.F. SOUTHERN SECTION**  
**Sports Revenue Performance**  
**Budget vs. Actual 2024-25**  
 Executive Committee Meeting  
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	Revenue ~Actual~	Revenue ~Budget~	+ / -
BASEBALL	0.00	58,500.00	-58,500.00
BASKETBALL	1,192,317.00	1,151,000.00	41,317.00
CHEER	65,786.00	44,000.00	21,786.00
CROSS COUNTRY	112,055.00	104,000.00	8,055.00
FOOTBALL	2,005,409.00	2,212,700.00	-207,291.00
GOLF	59,950.00	98,000.00	-38,050.00
LACROSSE	0.00	24,000.00	-24,000.00
SOCCER	161,014.00	91,000.00	70,014.00
SOFTBALL	0.00	37,000.00	-37,000.00
SWIMMING & DIVING	72,058.00	58,000.00	14,058.00
TENNIS	6,980.00	16,000.00	-9,020.00
TRACK & FIELD	22,800.00	127,500.00	-104,700.00
VOLLEYBALL	528,351.00	529,000.00	-649.00
WATER POLO	53,893.00	62,000.00	-8,107.00
WRESTLING	205,714.00	159,000.00	46,714.00
	<b>4,486,327.00</b>	<b>4,771,700.00</b>	<b>-285,373.00</b>

<b>COLUMN 1: Revenue Actual</b>	This is the SPORTS REVENUE earned via ticket sales and entry fees.
<b>COLUMN 2: Revenue Budget</b>	This is SPORTS REVENUE target for the fiscal year.
<b>COLUMN 3: + / -</b>	Difference between ACTUALS against the BUDGET = Revenue performance versus projections.

**SPORTS IN YELLOW ARE PENDING COMPLETION.**

Prepared by:  
 MITCH CARTY, Chief Financial Officer

**C. I. F. SOUTHERN SECTION**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
Executive Committee Meeting  
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**I. AUDIT & TAXES FROM FISCAL 2023-24:**

- A. Prior year audit **COMPLETE** and approved last meeting.
- B. Annual tax return (990) filed and **COMPLETE**.

**II. INVESTMENTS FISCAL 2024-25:**

- A. Balance at May 12, 2025 = **\$4,005,350**
- B. Up \$189,917 this fiscal year** (May and June left to go).
- C. How are we currently invested? As per CIF-SS investment policy...
  - 1. 78% Mutual Funds
  - 2. 14% Cash, Money Funds and Bank Deposits
  - 3. 8% Exchange-Traded Products

**III. CIF-SS CAPITAL PROJECTS FISCAL 2024-25:**

- A. SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM TECHNOLOGY.
- B. BUILDING MONITORING SYSTEM.
- C. ROOFING PROJECT.
- D. HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING PROJECT.
- E. SOLAR PANEL REMOVAL AND RE-INSTALL.
- F. TOTAL OUTLAY = close to \$200,000 (all will be depreciated over time).

**IV. FINAL FISCAL YEAR (2024-25) FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE:**

- A. To be presented at first Executive Committee meeting in August.

Prepared by:  
*MITCH CARTY, Chief Financial Officer*