Regular Meeting of the Council

September 24, 2026

9:00 a.m.

The Grand Conference Center, Long Beach, CA
Minutes

1. OPENING BUSINESS — DISPOSITION — ITEM

A. Call to order by Dr. Alexis Barile, President of the Council

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

Brenda Bomgaars conducted roll call. Executive Committee members in attendance introduced themselves.

D. Introduction of Guests

Guests included Brian Seymour, Associate Executive Director, CIF State, and Eric Sondheimer of the Los Angeles Times.

E. Adopt Agenda — Action

There was a motion and a second to adopt the agenda. The motion carried 93-0-0.

F. Approval of Minutes

There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2026, Council Meeting. The motion carried 87-1-2.

2. PUBLIC HEARING SESSION

The public hearing session was opened. No public comments were submitted at that time.

3. NON-ACTION ITEMS — DISPOSITION — ITEM

A. STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. Proposed Revision to Bylaw 103 - Weighted Voting — Information Only — STATE 698

Brian Seymour reviewed the 2026-2027 Section weighted voting per Bylaw 103.

2. Proposed Revision to Bylaw 503.M — Spectator Assault Non-Action STATE 699

The proposal would impose a permanent ban on spectators who commit physical assault immediately before, during, or after an athletic contest. Members requested clearer language concerning mutual combat, self-defense, the definition of a spectator, who imposes sanctions, and long-term enforcement when individuals move between districts. Discussion distinguished adult spectators and alumni from current students subject to school disciplinary procedures. Brian Seymour explained that the Section with jurisdiction may adjust penalties under Article 22 and that the proposal is intended to provide a tool for addressing inappropriate conduct.

3. Proposed Revision to Bylaw 207.B.(5)c.(viii)(i) Non-Action STATE 700
Mental Health Transfer Hardship

The proposal would provide a transfer hardship pathway based on qualifying mental health diagnoses. Discussion addressed documentation from the former school and licensed mental health professionals, including evidence of ongoing treatment for at least 90 days. Members raised questions regarding confidentiality and physicians' willingness to release records. It was explained that families would voluntarily submit documentation when asking for unlimited eligibility and that the language had been reviewed by legal and medical advisers. The proposal had been developed over more than two years in response to legislation following the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. Proposed Revision to Bylaw 1506 - Baseball First Base Non-Action STATE 701

The proposal would require a double first base beginning with the 2027 season to reduce collisions. Estimated costs ranged from $150 to $600. Discussion addressed artificial turf installation and use of parks or other borrowed facilities. Discussion noted an 18 x18-inch base requirement for borrowed facilities and identified "Line to Line" as a source of nonpermanent connecting devices. A separate rule change would be needed for softball.

B. SOUTHERN SECTION NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. Proposed Revision to Bylaw 1223.3 — Summer Dead Period Non-Action SS 696

The proposal would allow student-athletes to participate in NFHS and CIF sanctioned events during their summer dead period without a violation. Athletes who participate in these events still need to observe a 14 consecutive day dead period.

2. Proposed Revision to Bylaw 1200.1 — CIF Approved Sports Non-Action SS 697

The proposal would allow a sport falling below the 20 percent member-school participation requirement for a Southern Section championship to enter a three-year probationary period before the championship is discontinued. The sport would remain recognized by the Southern Section.

4. ACTION ITEMS — DISPOSITION — ITEM

A. STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Proposed Revision to Bylaw 503.M — Spectators — Action — STATE 693

There was a motion and a second to support STATE 693, establishing a policy to keep spectators and unauthorized individuals off the field of play during contests. Members discussed implementation and consequences. Commissioner Mike West explained that initial violations would be addressed through a collaborative action plan rather than immediate penalties. The motion carried 74-16-1.

B. SOUTHERN SECTION ACTION ITEMS

1. Proposed Revision to Bylaw 3514 Number of Playoff Entries — Action — SS 694

There was a motion and a second to support SS 694, which would align football playoff entries with those of other sports: two entries for four-team leagues, three for five or six-team leagues, four for seven or eight-team leagues, and five for leagues with nine or more teams. The motion carried 62-31-3.

2. Proposed Revision to Bylaw 1223.3 — Summer Dead Period — SS 695

There was a motion and a second to support SS 695, which would divide the 14-day dead period into seven school-wide days and seven "sport specific" days. Members expressed concern that the change could eliminate a continuous break for multi-sport athletes and limit family vacation opportunities. The motion failed 28-64-0.

5. REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report — Matt Maeda

The Treasurer's Report, prepared by Mitch Carty, Chief Financial Officer, confirmed that the 2025–26 annual audit had been secured, with fieldwork scheduled for the week of December 7. Pre-audit revenue totaled $8,764,004, and expenses totaled $8,635,054, resulting in a preliminary net profit of $128,950. These figures remained subject to pending CalPERS liability and pension, asset depreciation, and building-project expenditure entries. Capital outlay for the building renovation and storage replacement totaled $72,400 to date, covering the feasibility study, preliminary design, architect fees, and a new patio storage shed. For 2026–27, 460 of 543 member schools had paid sports fees, approximately 85 percent, totaling $1.85 million. Invoices had been created for 539 schools, approximately 99 percent. Annual sports fees were due October 1.

B. President's Report — Dr. Alexis Barile

Dr. Barile thanked the Council for its work and dedication to member schools. She emphasized how important our work is because of the life-changing experiences student-athletes gain through access to education-based athletics.

C. Commissioner's Report — Mike West

1. CIF Southern Section 2026–27 Goals — Action — 5C1

There was a motion and a second to support the CIF Southern Section 2026–27 Goals. The motion carried 91-0-0.

Commissioner West expressed appreciation for Dr. Alexis Barile's leadership. He outlined goals to strengthen member-school engagement, modernize governance, enhance leadership education, and maintain organizational stability. Initiatives included expanding student voice, increasing in-person school visits, and supporting professional development for female athletic directors. Leagues were invited to request commissioner attendance at their meetings. The Commissioner provided an update on the office renovation and on plans to temporarily relocate some operations to a school district workroom during construction. Staff would seek construction bids. He also recognized San Diego Section Commissioner Joe Heinz, who passed away on September 22, 2026, and his service to the CIF. The Council observed a moment of silence. A staff member preparing for maternity leave was congratulated.

6. ADVANCE PLANNING

A. DATES

1. September 29, 2026 — Champions for Character Awards Dinner, The Grand Conference Center, Long Beach, CA, 6:00 p.m.

2. October 5, 2026 — Athletic Administrators Summit, Riverside Convention Center, Riverside, CA, 8:00 a.m. Interested participants were directed to email Jackie Gibson for the waiting list.

3. October 13, 2026 — Hall of Fame/Distinguished Service Luncheon, The Grand Conference Center, Long Beach, CA, 11:30 a.m.

4. January 16, 2027 — Executive Committee Retreat and Meeting, The Renaissance, Palm Springs, CA, 9:30 a.m.

5. January 28, 2027 — Council Meeting, The Grand Conference Center, Long Beach, CA, 9:00 a.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT

A. Time of Adjournment: 10:07 a.m.

Submitted by:

Kristine Palle,
Assistant Commissioner

Approved by:

Mike West,
Commissioner of Athletics

Council Voting Report

First Name	Last Name	Keypad	ROLL CALL	Adopt September 24, 2026 Agenda Vote	Approval of Minutes from April 16, 2026	STATE 693 – Proposed Revision to Bylaw 503.M	SS 694 – Proposed Revision to Bylaw 3514	SS 695 – Proposed Revision to Bylaw 1223.3	5C1 – Southern Section 2026-2027 Goals
			3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Small Schools	Academy	2	P	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
Small Schools	Agape	3	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Foothill	Alliance	4	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Small Schools	Ambassador	5	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Small Schools	Arrowhead	6	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Foothill	Arroyo	7	P	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mt. SAC	Baseline	8	P	Yes		Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Coast Area	Bay	9	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Citrus Belt	Big VIII	10	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Foothill	Boulder	11	P	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Parochial	Camino Real	12	P	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Northern	Channel	13	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Citrus Belt	Citrus Belt	14	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Northern	Citrus Coast	15	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Orange County	Coast	16	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Small Schools	Coastal	17	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Northern	Coastal Canyon	18	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Northern	Condor	19	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Foothill	Crest	20	P	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Orange County	Crestview	21	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Small Schools	Cross Valley	22	P				Yes		
Parochial	Del Rey	23	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Citrus Belt	Desert Empire	24	P	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Citrus Belt	Desert Sky	25	P	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Citrus Belt	Desert Valley	26	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Orange County	Empire	27	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Small Schools	Express	28	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Foothill	Foothill	29	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Orange County	Freeway	30	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Northern	Frontier	31	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Foothill	Gateway	32	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Small Schools	Gold Coast	33	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Desert	Golden	34	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Orange County	Golden West	35	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Orange County	Grove	36	P			Yes	Yes		Yes
Mt. SAC	Hacienda	37	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Small Schools	Heritage	38	P	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Coast Area	HUB City	39	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Small Schools	Independence	40	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes
Citrus Belt	Inland Valley	41	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes

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Small Schools	International	42	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	No	Yes
Citrus Belt	Ivy	43	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Small Schools	Liberty	44	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes
Small Schools	Majestic	45	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Northern	Marmonte	46	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Foothill	Metro	47	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Foothill	Mid-Cities	48	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Mt. SAC	Miramonte	49	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Parochial	Mission	50	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Parochial	Mission Gold	51	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Parochial	Mission Silver	52	P	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Citrus Belt	Mojave River	53	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Mt. SAC	Montview	54	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Coast Area	Moore	55	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Citrus Belt	Mountain Pass	56	P	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Citrus Belt	Mountain Valley	57	P	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Mt. SAC	Mt. Baldy	58	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Small Schools	Mulholland	59	P	Yes			Yes		Yes
Orange County	North Hills	60	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Coast Area	Ocean	61	P	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Small Schools	Olympic	62	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Small Schools	Omega	63	P	Yes	Abstain	Yes			
Orange County	Orange	64	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Orange County	Orange Coast	65	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Orange County	Pacific Coast	66	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Orange County	Pacific Hills	67	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Northern	Pacific View	68	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Mt. SAC	Palomares	69	P	Yes	Yes		Yes	No	Yes
Small Schools	Pinnacle	70	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Coast Area	Pioneer	71	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Small Schools	Prep	72	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Foothill	Rio Vista	73	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Citrus Belt	River Valley	74	P	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Citrus Belt	San Andreas	75	P	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Small Schools	San Joaquin	76	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Parochial	Santa Fe	77	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Orange County	Sea View	78	P	Yes			No	No	Yes
Citrus Belt	Skyline	79	P		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Orange County	South Coast	80	P	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Small Schools	South Valley	81	P				Yes		
Citrus Belt	Southwestern	82	P	Yes		Yes	Yes	No	Yes

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Small Schools	Summit	83	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Citrus Belt	Sun Valley	84	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Citrus Belt	Sunbelt	85	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Citrus Belt	Sunkist	86	P	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Orange County	Sunset	87	P	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Orange County	Trinity	88	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Northern	Tri-Valley	89	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mt. SAC	Valle Vista	90	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Small Schools	Victory	91	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Small Schools	Western	92	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
At Large Represe	Sarah Beattie	93	P	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
At Large Represe	Megan Cid	94	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
At Large Represe	Dr. Tacy Duncan	95	P	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	No	Yes
At Large Represe	Robyn Reclusado-G	96	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
At Large Represe	Samanatha Miyahar	97	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Foothill	605	98	P	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
	Total 1 = Yes		97	93	87	74	62	28	91
	Total 2 = No		0	0	1	16	31	64	0
	Total 3 = Abstain		0	0	2	1	3	0	0
	Total Voters		97	93	90	91	96	92	91
	Total Yes + No		97	93	88	90	93	92	91
	% Yes		100.00%	100.00%	96.67%	81.32%	64.58%	30.43%	100.00%
	% No		0.00%	0.00%	1.11%	17.58%	32.29%	69.57%	0.00%
	% Abstain			0.00%	2.22%	1.10%	3.13%	0.00%	0.00%
	Pass Threshold		0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	50.00%	50.00%	50.00%	50.00%
	Pass/Fail		Quorum	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass