

**South Carolina Football Officials Association Board Meeting  
February 2 ,2026  
Zoom Meeting**

D1: Chip Dickert

D2: Dart Collins

D3: Frank Perri

D4: Alan Boatwright

D5: Brian Hilpish

D6: Darryl Jackson

D7: Bryant Williams

D8: Tim Cahill

D9: Eric McKnight

D10: Greg Hawkins

D11: Tim Pettit

D12: Ricky Robinson

D13: David Pitts

Pres: Lee Smith

V-Pes: Brad Smith

P-Pres: Gary Lukridge

Sec: Alphonso Smith

Charlie Wentzky

Steve Sawyer

Bruce Hulton

I. Call to Order – Lee Smith

- Invocation- Gary Lukridge

II. Approval Of Minutes – Lee Smith

- October 2025
  - Motion to Approve: Darryl Jackson
  - Second: Chip Dickert
  - Motion Approved 15-0

- III. Welcome New Board Members- Lee Smith
  - Tim Pettit
  - Frank Perri
  
- IV. Commissioner's Report -Charlie Wentzky
  - Nothing new to report
  - 2026 Rule changes in next 2 weeks
  - It is important that all 13 districts get on the same page
  - Registration begins at the end of February
  
- V SCHSL Officials Rep- Steve Sawyer
  - Request for Chain Crew State Championships
  - Proposal to Eliminate the officials rep from the Executive committee being reviewed.
  
- v. Committee Reports
  - All Star Committee- Frank Petit
    - Nothing to Report
  
  - Scholarship Committee: Alan Boatwright
    - 6 Applications
  
  - Hall of Fame Committee- Bruce Hulion
    - March 2027 Next Banquet
    - 2 Members for 2026 Class
    - Lynn Bostic/David McKee
    - Todd Johnson new Board Member
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  - Budge/Finance Committee- Brian Hilpish
    - Have not met yet

- Governance Committee- Darry Jackson/Ricky Robinson
  - Nothing to Report
- Mechanics Committee – Brad Smith
  - Nothing to Report

vi. Discussion Items:

1. Peer Evaluation -Brian Hilpish
  - *District 5 Proposal to redo peer evaluation to specific questions rather than our current evaluation.*
  - S. Sawyer- Recommended we do away with peer evaluation.
  - C. Wentzky asked if we do away with peer evaluation what will hold the officials accountable.
  - D. Collins- they need to be factual questions not opinions.
  - B. Smith- It needs to be revamped
    - C. Dickert- Recommendation to send proposal to Ratings Committee.
    - Second: Greg Hawkins
    - Motion Passed 15-0
2. Mechanics Test Proposal – Brian Hilpisch
  - District 5 Made 2 recommendations for Mechanics Test Proposals. *Eliminate the SCHSL Exam or separate mechanics exam in July*
  - Tim Cahill questioned if this was position specific it was not.
  - B. Smith, 3 years or less should not get a rating.
  - C. Wentzky eliminating the SCHSL exam was not an option
  - C. Wentzky identify 5 problems at each position and concentrate on them each year.
    - *Motion was tabled No Action.*

3. Ratings and Exam Publishing - Brian Hilpish
  - Made a Proposal on publishing the Ratings the first day of Scrimmages in the Fall.
  - Recommendation on SCFOA Exam scores and taking a different exam after initial date was administered.
    - Lee Smith only in favor of giving everyone same exam regardless of time after initial exam.
    - A. Smith questioned the security of exam given later.
    - A. Smith ratings publishing later will not make a difference with ratings being updated all through the football season.
    - *Motion was tabled No Action*
4. Constitutional Change (District Dissolution) Gary Lukridge
  - G. Lukridge made an official proposal to change the wording in the constitution on the District Dissolution to send to membership for a vote in July.
  - R. Robinson wants it out of constitution
  - G. Lukridge advised it will need a 2/3 vote of membership to update.
  - T. Cahill, if we are never going to act on it let's get rid of it.
    - G. Lukridge Recommendation to send to Governance committee to review.
    - Second – Eric McKnight
    - Motion Passed 16-0
5. By Law Change (Business Meeting Change) Lee Smith
  - Moving Business meeting to Clinic Date
    - Motion Tabled No Action
6. Proposed Clinic Date -July 11<sup>th</sup> – Lee Smith
7. Proposed Exam Date – July 25<sup>th</sup>- Lee Smith
8. All Star Game Recap -Lee Smith
  - Thank Mike Mulinax
  - It was a great event.

9. State Championship Recap- Lee Smith

- Great event
- Everything went well
- Bryant Williams thanks for the food.

10. State Review Board – Lee Smith

- Same as 2025

VII. Presidents Report – Lee Smith

- Nothing reported

VIII. Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn: Alan Boatwright
- Second: Brian Hilpisch
- Motion Passed 16-0