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SOUTH DAKOTA STUDENT COUNCIL ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

July 7 – 8, 2026 SDHSAA Office, Pierre
Tuesday - 1:00 p.m. (CT)/12:00 p.m. (MT) & Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. (CT)/8:00 a.m. (MT)

1. **Call meeting to order & Pledge of Allegiance**
   Eddie Duffy called the meeting to order at 1:09pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Roll Call/Introductions**
   The following board members were present: Eddie Duffy, Sawyer Simons (via Zoom), Porter Altena, Mako Adriano, Jack Rezac, Carter Chapin, Lily Molina, Ali Mire, Atticus Yalowizer, and Caylee Lewis. Adult representatives present were: Gary Linn, Brooks Bowman, Kate Olson.

   Board members NOT present were: Kinley Hermann, Rylee Klein, Raylie Vander May, Clara Schroeder.

3. **Additions to the agenda and approval of the agenda**

   Motion: Porter motioned to approve the minutes
   Second: Ali seconded the motion

   Pass 10 - 0

4. **Review Parliamentary Procedures - Brooks**
   Brooks gave a brief overview of the parliamentary procedures that the board will follow during meetings.

5. **Approval of Minutes**
   a. Approve – February 25, 2026 Minutes

   Motion: Porter motioned to approve the minutes
   Second: Atticus seconded the motion

   Pass 10 - 0

6. **Social Media Policy Review**
   Brooks discussed the SDSCA social media accounts and the process for posting SDSCA business online. Gary discussed the importance of safe and appropriate social media practices for all state board members.

7. **Financial report**

a. **Treasury report** – Brooks explained the SDHSAA budget and funds allocated to the State Convention. The board reviewed the budget. Brooks also explained how the SDSCA financial accounts will soon be depleted and closed due to the SDHSAA's full sponsorship of the convention.
b. 2025-26 Financial Summary – Gary reported the following amounts left in the SDSCA financial accounts.
Checking account - $53.40
Savings account - $0.00

Motion: Ali motioned to approve the financial reports.
Second: Porter seconded the motion

Pass 10-0

8. **Conference Report**
   a. NFHS Student Leadership Summit – review final arrangements – Brooks & Gary discussed the upcoming summit in Indianapolis that will be attended by Eddie Duffy, Shea Allen, and Sawyer Simons.

9. **Review of SDSCA Operations, Procedures & Timelines: Minutes**
   a. Review format and content of minutes – Brooks explained that meeting agendas will be sent to all board members prior to meetings and posted online at least 2 days prior to any meetings. The Board Secretary will be responsible for taking notes during meetings and creating meeting minutes.
   b. Explain the distribution & placing of minutes online at SDSCA website - Meeting minutes will be emailed to board members as soon as possible after each meeting for review prior to posting them online at sdhsaa.com.

10. **SDSCA Social Media Posts (Guidance for the State Reporter)**
    This item was tabled due to the absence of the State Reporter at this meeting.

11. **State Project(s)**
    a. Spring Project - Children's Miracle Network
    By consensus, the board agreed to continue with the statewide project of raising donations for the Children's Miracle Network
    b. Secondary Project? The board discussed several options for potential projects. Options included donating socks for homeless/domestic abuse shelters, a food drive for Feeding SD. No decision was made at this time.

12. **All-State Student Council Award Program** – Brooks reviewed the All-State Student Council application process. All seniors on the State Board will automatically receive this award and do not need to submit an application. The board was encouraged to promote this award during the warp-up session at their region workshops.

New Business

13. **Constitutional Amendment(s)**
    a. Review the constitution and by-laws
       The board reviewed the SDSCA constitution and by-laws. Brooks explained how the amendment process works.
14. **Report from the SDHSAA Student Council Advisory Committee – Brooks**
    The board reviewed a summary of the survey that advisors and students answered after the 2026 convention. Areas for improvement that were noted are as follows:
    - Banquet meal quality and menu options
    - Workshop structure, topics, and overall value
    - Candidate interview and voting processes
    - Providing clearer meal information and dietary accommodations

    All areas will be taken into consideration when planning the 2027 convention.
15. **March 30-31, 2027 State Convention:** Begin to make preliminary plans for the 2027 State Convention
    a. Review the contract from the Monument
       The board reviewed the facility use contract for the state convention. All necessary rooms have been reserved at the Monument.
    b. State Convention theme – The board discussed the use of "March Madness" for the convention theme. Brooks mentioned potential copyright infringement on the use of the term "March Madness". The board then chose the theme of "StuCo Madness". The board also discussed coming up with a motto to go along with the theme. No motto was determined at this time.
    c. Discuss guest speakers for convention
       i. Initial discussion & planning for the 2027 State Convention schedule
          - The board recommends adding pictures of candidates on the projector screen during interviews and speeches.
          - The board decided to hire one guest speaker and to also include student-led workshops.
          - Several guest speakers were reviewed and considered. NO speaker was determined at this time. Brooks will look into options with Jesse LeBeau and Erin Pompa.
          - The board discussed meal options. Brooks mentioned concerns regarding the selection of pork products for the banquet due to religious dietary restrictions. Brooks will contact the Monument to ask for several meal options that are within our budget and will report those options to the board once they have been received.

       ii. Determine an opening/welcome speaker or other schedule options
           The board would like to consider having Dusty Johnson, Marty Jackley, or John Thune as our welcome address speaker.

The board went into recess at 4:05pm and reconvened at 9:00am the following morning.

       iii. Discuss Officer Intent Forms – Brooks reviewed the Officer Intent Form and encouraged board members to inform students of this required form for all students wanting to run for a position on the state and/or region boards.

d. Determine State Board attire for state convention

Day one – formal/professional attire is recommended. Lily will look for options and will communicate those options with the other board members.

Day 2 – The board would like to have basketball jerseys, similar in style and color to the jerseys worn by the Orlando Magic. They recommend have "27" on the front of the jersey, as well as "StuCo Madness", and their state board positions on the back of the jersey. Brooks will contact the SDHSAA merchandise vendor for design options.

16. Fall Region Workshops

a. Review Region Workshop scheduled dates and sites

Big Sioux – USF, October 19
Capital – T.F. Riggs High School, October 14
James River – McCook Central High School, October 21
Northern Lakes – TBD
Rushmore – Belle Fourche Area Recreation Center, October 14
Spirit Point – TBD
Upper Missouri – Edge Event Center, Mobridge, October 21

b. Review Region Workshop Schedule

17. Set date, time and site for future State Executive Board meetings:

a. December 2, 2026
b. February 24, 2027

18. Any other business the State Executive Board might wish to consider.

Porter asked that the SDSCA newsletter get an update in format.

19. Adjourn the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37am.