

SDSCA

SOUTH DAKOTA STUDENT COUNCIL ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

December 10th, 2025

11 a.m. (CT)/10 a.m. (MT)

SDHSAA Office - Pierre

Call meeting to order

Board President Kambyl Wede called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

Roll Call

Board members present were Allyson Kilzer, Alexis Pickett, Harlie Heidler, Katie Hohn, Zara Nwadibia, Lucy Vargas, JoRayah Walker, Brooke Ver Hey, Roean Raymer (via Zoom), Lily Molina, Mason Dean, Faith Heil,

Advisors present were Brooks Bowman (SDHSAA), Gary Linn (SDSCA Executive Director), Heidi Devlin (Middle School Advisor).

1. Addition(s) to the agenda followed by approval of agenda

Motion: Katie – to approve the agenda

Second: Allyson

Pass 13-0

2. Approval of minutes of July 9-10, 2025 meeting (*available online*)

Motion: Harlie – to approve the minutes

Second: Alexis

Pass 13-0

3. Financial report as of December, 2025 (Gary)

Checking account balance is \$103.76

Savings - \$100.33

Motion: Zara – to approve the financial report

Second: Lucy

Pass 13-0

4. Fall Workshop Reports (reports given by Region Representatives in attendance at each site)

Board members in attendance at each region workshop all reported successful and well-attended workshops.

5. Social Media Update (Katie)

Katie is planning a convention theme reveal via social media. Followers have been increasing.

6. Update on state board attire for convention

Brooks ordered blazers and baseball jerseys for the board. Park Bench Apparel sent 4 state shirt design options. The board did not select any design, but liked the use of the slogan “Leadership Starts Here”. Brooks will request more design options.

7. NASC Report

NASC representative, Shea Allen, and NASC Vice President of Communications, Chris Tao, gave a presentation to the board regarding their positions on the NASC and their advocacy trip to Washington DC. They asked to speak to the attendees at the state convention. They will be given time to speak during the 1pm session on March 31, and the 8am session on April 1.

Break for lunch at 11:40

Back at 12:00pm

8. Convention Theme – discuss ways to incorporate into the convention

“Game Time!”

Slogan #1 – “Leadership Starts Here”

Slogan #2 – “Be Bold – Go For Gold”

9. Review policies for video submissions and region voting prior to the convention (Brooks)

Brooks reviewed the policy that requires any student wishing to run for a seat on the state board, excluding region reps, must submit a 30-second introductory video. The videos will be shared with region advisors in order for each region to vote to select their state board nominees prior to the state convention.

10. State Convention arrangements

- Middle School Student Council Convention report from MS Executive Director – Heidi Devlin explained that the middle school convention will no longer be taking place. The SDHSAA will now allow students in grades 7-12 to attend the high school student council convention. Separate activities will be planned for students in grades 7 and 8. Attending advisors will be responsible for organizing those activities. During the region meetings, all 7th and 8th grade students will meet to select the middle school representative on the state board. There will be no DJ for the 7th and 8th grade activities night this year.
- Discuss meal options
The board reviewed all menu options proposed by the Monument. By consensus, the board selected the following:
Option #3 for banquet dinner
Option #3 for lunch
- Adopt Convention Schedule

Motion: Katie – to adopt the schedule (see last page on minutes)

Second: Allyson

Pass 13-0

- Group Project – The board would like to schools to bring one non-perishable food item per attendee to the convention. Those donated foods will go to Feeding South Dakota. Brooks will contact a rep from Feeding South Dakota to determine the best way to get the donations to them.
- Activities: Baggo Tournament, dance, board games, study, movie, National Guard Laser Tag and/or inflatables, NEW ACTIVITIES???
- The board, by consensus, chose to get rid of the Baggo tournament. Baggo boards will still be set up, but no tournament will be held.
The board discussed possibly playing Volleyball, 9 Square, and having a mechanical bull. Brooks will look into these options.
- Review presenters hired for convention – Brooks contracted with Mike Smith for a keynote presentation and a session just for advisors. Former SDSCA board member and current SD legislator, Amber Hulse, has agreed to come and deliver a welcome speech.
- State Convention T-Shirt design – this was discussed previously
- CMN Donation Traveling Trophy – Brooks will contact the schools that won the trophies last and remind them to bring them to the convention.
- Convention script – Brooks will have the script ready for review at the February meeting.
- Discuss Feeding SD collection – this was discussed previously.

11. Review and vote on Ivan Dixon and Warren E. Shull Award nominees

Ivan Dixon

Motion: Katie – to give the award to Dr. Block – Webster HS

Second: Lucy

Pass 13-0

Shull

Motion: Allyson – to give the award to Halie Straight – Lemmon HS

Second: Lucy

Pass 13-0

12. Board Presentations: 30-minute presentation for all attendees (Tuesday), 25-minute workshop presentations (Tuesday), 30-minute general session presentation (Wednesday)

All groups need to send title and description.

Alexis, Kambyl, Allison –

Harlie, Zara, Faith –

Lily, JoRayah, Roean –

Mason, Lucy, Brooke -

NASC 10-minute presentations at the start of Tuesday 1:00 session and Wednesday 8:00 session.

13. Any other business the Executive Board might wish to consider.

14. Set next meeting date – February 25th

15. Adjourn the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 1:11pm

2026 STATE STUDENT COUNCIL CONVENTION

Monument Convention Center, Rapid City, SD

March 31 - April 1, 2026



Tuesday, March 31:

- 9:00-9:45am** Registration – schools check-in and receive registration packets.
- 10:00-10:30am** Board Intro and Opening Session – Rushmore Theatre
- 10:30-11:30am** General Session/Keynote address – Mike Smith – Rushmore Theatre
- 11:30-1:00pm** Lunch (provided and served on site) – Rushmore Hall
- 1:00-1:30pm** State Board Presentation – Rushmore Theatre
- 1:30-2:15pm** Candidate interviews - Rushmore Theatre
- 2:15-2:30pm** Break
- 2:30-4:30pm** School/Student Presentations
We will run sessions in LaCroix A, B, C, D and students will rotate every 25 minutes to a new session.
2:30-2:55 3:00-3:25 3:30-3:55 4:00-4:25
Advisor session with Mike Smith in Rushmore Theatre – 2:30-3:25
- 4:30-6:00pm** Break – dress for Banquet (meal provided and served on site)
- 6:00pm** Banquet doors open – Rushmore Hall
- 6:30-8:00pm** Banquet – Outstanding Student Council Awards, All-State Student Council Awards, Warren E. Shull Award, Ivan Dixon Award, and CMN Donations will be announced
- 8:00-10:00pm** Dance and Activities

Wednesday, April 1:

8:00-8:30am General Session – State Board Presentation – Rushmore Theatre

8:30-9:15am Candidate Speeches – Rushmore Theatre

9:15-9:45am Voting for all State Board Officers – Announcement of new State Board Officers will follow voting

9:45-11:00am Region Meetings – vote for Region Officers

11:00-11:30am Closing General Session – Welcome new State Board, announce Region Board officers, and take pictures of State and Region Board