

**Rhode Island Interscholastic League
Principals' Committee on Athletics
Friday, March 7, 2025 @ 10:30AM
RIIL Office - 875 Centerville Road, Warwick, RI 02886**

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chairman Warner; Mmes., Caluori, Craven and Ward; Messrs., Costa, Crowley, DeCiccio, Fontaine, Green, Richard and Sollitto

Also Present: Michael Lunney, Executive Director; Thomas Marcello, Assistant Executive Director, Susana Borges, Administrative Assistant and Jeff Sowa, Esq.

Absent: Mme., Aull; Messrs., Barbieri, Barr, Gibbons, McCarthy and McGair

The March 7th meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was called to order at 10:30AM.

Article 3., Rule Revision – Middle and High School

The Committee held previous meetings and continued discussions with legal counsel to revise Article 3, regarding the determination of gender-based eligibility by member schools. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously approved by a vote of 11-0 for both the middle and high school levels the following:

B. DETERMINATION OF GENDER BASED ELIGIBILITY

1) The RIIL recognizes the value of participation in interscholastic sports for all member-school student athletes. **Member schools are responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable state and federal law when determining gender-based eligibility for participation. Per Article 2, Section 3B, "proof of and maintenance of eligibility is the exclusive and continuing obligation of the member Principal."**

The League will communicate and distribute the new language to the membership.

The Committee then adopted the following closing motion: THAT ANY AND ALL MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND ACTIONS BY THE PRINCIPALS' COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE PRINCIPALS' COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS TO THIS DATE BE REAFFIRMED AND RATIFIED.

The March 7th meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was adjourned at 11:30AM.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Susana Borges, RIIL Board Secretary