

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

May 18, 2016

To Be Considered for the Agenda

4.8 ACTION ITEM: Approval of the 2016 Football Federation Alignment

Motion to add "4.8 ACTION ITEM: Approval of the 2016 Football Alignment" to the agenda CARRIED Lawrence/Fallacaro

Correction to the Agenda

5.1 #10. Bowling B/G, <u>Allegany Limestone</u>, Olean, Portville, Varsity 2016-17

Action Items

- 3.1 CARRIED April 7th, 2016 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 4.4 CARRIED East Aurora XC Invitational
- 4.5 CARRIED Timm Slade as Section VI Proxy at NYSPHSAA meetings
- 4.7 CARRIED Williamsville North and Niagara Wheatfield moving to Division I, Boys Ice Hockey 16-17
- 4.8 **CARRIED** 2016 Football Federation Division Alignments
- 5.1 **CARRIED** Combining of Schools applications, 1 through 30
- 5.2 **CARRIED** Outside Agency applications, a through d

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5.3	CARRIED	Senior All Star applications, a through d
5.4	CARRIED	Friends and Neighbors (2016-2018) applications, a through d
6.14.1	CARRIED	Brian Wild (Lancaster) as Safety Chairman
6.14.2	CARRIED	Joe Buscaglia (Starpoint) as Girls Gymnastics Chairman
7.2.1	CARRIED	2016-2017 Independent Schedule

10.1 **CARRIED** Fall 2016 Pre-Season Reports

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ATTENDANCE (* indicates present)

Executive Committee			Committee Chairpersons	Sports Chairs		
		t Banker*	Chemical Awareness	Dave Hack*		
		Gens*	Extended Eligibility	Jerry Baldelli	i	
Superintendents' Rep. M		e Wendt*	Finance	Steve Penho	llow*	
		Spanbauer*	Boys' Modified	Matt Librock*	* <u>Guests</u>	
		Graczyk	Girls' Modified	Katie McGow	van* *see minutes	
		isa Fallacaro*	Nominations	Al Gens*	J. Agostinelli	
		Rabey*	NYSAAA	Brett Banker	* M. LaMorticella	
Executive Director T		m Slade*	Policy Handbook	Marisa Fallac	caro*	
Treasurer Do		Scholla*	Safety	TBA		
			Sectional Intersectional	Timm Slade*		
			Sportsmanship	Doug Ames*/ Graczyk	/Jim	
			Transfer	Timm Slade*		
			Veterans	Jim Tramper		
			Hall of Fame	Jim Dunnigar		
	1		Combining of Schools	Jeff Rabey*		
LEAGUE		REPRESEN			FERNATE	
BUFFALO						
Superintendents Rep./AD		Aubrey Lloyo	Aubrey Lloyd, Emerson		4	
Principals' Rep.		Dave Thomas Jr.		TBA	ТВА	
Girls' Rep.		Andrea Norton, City Honors*		TBA	ТВА	
Boys' Rep.		TBA		TBA	TBA	
CHAUTAUQUA CATT	ARAU	GUS ATHLETIC	CASSOCIATION (CCAA)			
Superintendents' Rep.		Steve Penhollow, Falconer*		TBA	ТВА	
Principals' Rep.		Mike Cipolla, Southwestern		ТВА		
Girls' Rep.		Paul Ksionzyk, Olean*		Lynne Bemis, Clymer		
Boys' Rep.		Rick DeKay, Retired*		Mel Swanson, Sherman		
ERIE COUNTY INTER	SCHO	LASTIC CONFI	ERENCE (ECIC)			
Superintendents' Rep.		Sandy Anzal	one, Eden*	TBA	4	
Principals' Rep.		Scott Zipp, C	Scott Zipp, Cheektowaga		Mark Graff, Eden	
Girls' Rep.		Chris DeMar	Chris DeMarco, Sweet Home		Daryl Besant, Lake Shore*	
Boys' Rep.		Greg Kaszubski, Clarence*		Mar	Mark DiFilippo, Williamsville East	
NIAGARA FRONTIER	LEAG	UE (NFL)				
Superintendents' Rep.		Teresa Lawrence, Grand Island*			nthia Bianco, Niagara Falls	
Principals' Rep.		Chris Ginestre, Hoover Middle*		TBA		
Girls' Rep.			Jon Roth, Grand Island*		Scott Townsend, Lew-Port	
Boys' Rep.			Scott Townsend, Lew-Port*		Jon Roth, Grand Island	
NIAGARA ORLEANS	LEAĢ					
Superintendents' Rep.		Jeff Evoy, Medina			Michael Bonnewell, Albion	
Principals' Rep.		Joe Lucenti, Akron*			Jeff Roth, Wilson	
Girls' Rep.		,	Joel Reed, CSAT*		Randy Knaak, Albion	
Boys' Rep.		Doug Ames,		Dav	Dave Carson, Barker	
SUPERINTENDENT	REPI					
Erie 1 BOCES			Adam Stoltman, Alden*		ТВА	
Erie 2 BOCES			Maureen Donahue		TBA	
ON BOCES		Michelle Bradley, Lockport*		ТВА ТВА		
CA BOCES		Mark Ward,	Mark Ward, Ellicottville*			

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ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Commenced 11:35am

1.1 Pledge of allegiance

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS & AWARD PRESENTATIONS (* in attendance)

- 2.1 Winter Individual State Champions
 - a) Wrestling, Amherst, Division II, 132, Kellen Devlin, with Coach Dennis Bauer
 - b) Wrestling, Brad Bihler, Maple Grove, Division II, 138, Brad Bihler, with Tim Shrout, Coach, and Kathy Burnett, Athletic Director
 - c) Wrestling, Roy-Hart, Division II, 160, Cameron Swick, with John Grzymala, Athletic Director, and Keith Jones, Wrestling Coach
 - d) Wrestling, Falconer, Division II, 182, Jake Peru (unable to attend), Dave Nelson, Athletic Director
 - e) Boys Swimming, Jamestown, 50 & 100 Yard Freestyle, Matt Marsh (unable to attend), Ben Drake, Athletic Director
 - f) Girls Indoor Track, Orchard Park, 300 M Run, Jenna Crean, with Gene Tundo, Coach
 - g) Girls Indoor Track, Sweet Home, 55 M Hurdles, Tiana Luton (unable to attend)
 - h) Boys Indoor Track, Lancaster, 1000 M Run, Steve Neumaier, with Cesar Marchioli, Principal, Brian Wild, Athletic Director, and Kevin Carriero, Head Coach
 - i) Boys Indoor Track, Lancaster, Shot Put, Colin Blair, with Cesar Marchioli, Principal, Brian Wild, Athletic Director, and George Rak, Throwers Coach
- 2.2 Winter Team State Champions
 - a) Olean Boys Basketball Team Captains Jake Cavana, Derek Schmidt, and Elijah Ramadhan, with Jeff Anastasia, Coach, Paul Ksionzyk, Athletic Director
- 2.3 NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Champions
 - a) Frontier Boys Basketball Team, Zach Garland, Peter DePalma, with Rich Gray, Athletic Director
 - b) Frontier Boys Bowling Team, Joe Radwan, Nick DiFlavio, with Rich Gray, Athletic Director
- 2.4 NYSAAA Essay Winners
 - a) Kate Tucker Jamestown, with Ben Drake, Athletic Director
 - b) John Carney III Wilson, with Jeff Roth, Athletic Director
- 2.5 NFHS Heart of the Arts Award
 - a) Kaleigh Hunt, Ellicottville High School, with Mark Ward, Superintendent, and Karl Schwartz, Athletic Director
- 2.6 State Coaches of the Year, 2015
 - a) Newfane Boys Swimming & Diving, James Cavaretta, with Doug Ames, Athletic Director
 - b) Orchard Park Boys Tennis, Terry McMahon, with Dave Hack, Athletic Director

3.0 MINUTES

B. Banker bbanker@ktufsd.org

3.1 Motion to approve the April 7th, 2016 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes CARRIED Townsend/Ginestre

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4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

4.1 Drones

Section VI has received reports of drones filming over bleachers/spectator sections during athletic contests. Currently, there is no policy in place regarding the use of drones. Council representatives were asked to discuss with their leagues if Section VI should institute a policy regarding the use of drones around playing areas and/or on school district property.

4.2 APP Altered Language

NYSED will be adding language to the APP to more clearly define tanner scores as "recommendations" and not "requirements." The following language is a portion of the information that will be added to the APP document: "The Tanner scores on (chart H found in the APP document) are no longer required numbers, as was the case in the previous Selection Classification Process but, are now recommended numbers for the APP. Please note: The recommended Tanner scores are based on the average Tanner score of the average aged male or female that typically competes at those levels. Tanner scores are higher for females compared to males at the same levels, which more accurately reflects the earlier ages that females achieve physical maturity."

4.3 Cross Country Invitational

Approval of the East Aurora Cross Country Invitational is needed due to the inclusion of the modified level. Also, East Aurora was notified to revise their invitation to participate as modified cannot receive t-shirts, this level is only allowed ribbons as per the NYSPHSAA.

Motion to approve the East Aurora XC Invitational with the inclusion of the modified level CARRIED Ksionzyk/Lawrence

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4.4 Section VI Proxy

Motion to approve Timm Slade, Executive Director, as Section VI Proxy at NYSPHSAA Meetings CARRIED

Fallacaro/Norton

The proxy will be allowed to vote in place of any Section VI Central Committee representative who is unable to attend a NYSPHSAA meeting.

- 4.5 Combined Teams after Appeals Decision
 - a) Bennett, Olmsted, East, and Middle Early College in Class B, Football, 2016
 On April 25, 2016, the Appeal Panel of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association upheld Section VI's denial of the combined football team comprised of Bennett, Olmsted, East, and Middle Early College in Class B. As a result, Buffalo Public Schools is requesting approval (action item for agenda item 5.1 #2) of the combination of Bennett, Olmsted, East, and Middle Early College in Class A, football, for the 2016 season.
 - b) Chautauqua Lake and Maple Grove in Class C, Football, 2016
 On April 25, 2016, the Appeal Panel of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association upheld Section VI's denial of the combined football team comprised of Chautauqua Lake and Maple Grove in Class
 C. As a result, Chautauqua Lake and Maple Grove are requesting approval (action item for agenda item 5.1 #3) of the combination of Chautauqua Lake and Maple Grove, JV only, Class C, football, for the 2016 season.
- 4.6 Section VI Hall of Fame Golf Tournament

The Section VI Hall of Fame Golf Tournament sign up deadline has been extended to June 1, 2016. Currently, 14 foursomes have committed; 20 teams are the goal.

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4.7 Boys Ice Hockey *Motion to approve Williamsville North and Niagara Wheatfield moving to Division I, Boys Ice Hockey 16-17 CARRIED Lucenti/Stoltman*

4.8 Football Federation Division Alignments *Motion to approve the 2016 football federation division alignments CARRIED Ames/Stoltman*

5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS**

5.1 Motion to approve Combining of Schools applications, #1 through #30

- 1. Football, Barker, Royalton-Hartland, JV & V, 2016-17
- 2. Football, Bennett, Olmsted, East, MEC, JV & V, Class A, 2016-17
- 3. Football, Maple Grove, Chautauqua Lake, JV Only, 2016-17
- 4. Cross Country B/G, **Franklinville**, Ellicottville, Varsity & 7/8/9th 2016-17
- 5. Soccer B, Catt/LV, Salamanca, Varsity, 2016-17 (pending league approval)
- 6. Soccer B, Oracle, WNY Maritime, Varsity, 2016-17
- 7. Basketball B, <u>Ellicottville</u>, West Valley, Varsity, JV, 7/8th 2016-17
- 8. Basketball G, Ellicottville, West Valley, Varsity, JV, 7/8th 2016-17
- 9. Bowling B/G, Clymer, Sherman. Varsity 2016-17
- 10. Bowling B/G, Olean, Allegany/Limestone, Portville, Varsity 2016-17
- 11. Bowling G, West Seneca West, West Seneca East, Varsity, JV, 7/8th, 2016-17
- 12. Ice Hockey Girls, <u>Amherst</u>, Clarence Sweet Home, V, 2016-17
- 13. Ice Hockey Girls, Kenmore East, Kenmore West, Grand Island V, 2016-17
- 14. Ice Hockey Girls, Lancaster, Iroquois, Depew, V, 2016-17
- 15. Ice Hockey Girls, Frontier, Orchard Park, V, 2016-17
- 16. Ice Hockey Girls, West Seneca West, Hamburg, West Seneca East, V, 2016-17
- 17. Ice Hockey Girls, Williamsville East, Williamsville, North, Williamsville South, V, 2016-17
- 18. Indoor Track B/G, **Dunkirk**, Silver Creek, V, 2016-17
- 19. Rifle, Kenmore East, Kenmore West, V, 2016-17
- 20. Skiing, Ellicottville, Olean, West Valley, Varsity, 7/8th, 2016-17
- 21. Swim Boys, Dunkirk, Fredonia, Forestville, Silver Creek, Cassadaga Valley, Varsity, 2016-17
- 22. Swim Boys, Frewsburg, Pine Valley, Southwestern, Varsity, 2016-17 (pending league approval)
- 23. Swim Boys, West Seneca West, West Seneca East, Varsity, 2016-17
- 24. Wrestling, Chautauqua Lake, Panama, Westfield, Varsity, JV, 7/8th, 2016-17 (pending league approval)
- 25. Wrestling, Depew, Cleveland Hill, Varsity, JV, 7/8th, 2016-17 (pending league approval)
- 26. Wrestling, Dunkirk, Silver Creek, Forestville, Varsity, JV, 7/8th, 2016-17
- 27. Wrestling, East Aurora, Holland, Varsity, JV, 7/8th, 2016-17 (pending league approval)
- 28. Wrestling, Franklinville, Ellicottville, West Valley, Varsity, JV, 7/8th, 2016-17
- 29. Wrestling, Olean, Allegany-Limestone, Varsity, JV, 7/8th, 2016-17
- 30. Wrestling, **Royalton-Hartland**, Barker, Varsity, JV, 7/8th, 2016-17

CARRIED

Roth/Ginestre

5.2 Motion to approve Outside Agency applications, a through d

- a) Girls Volleyball BNCC JV/V Scrimmage Tournament 8/24/16 co-sponsored West Seneca Central (application pending, insurance received)
- b) Boys Volleyball BNCC JV/V Scrimmage Tournament 8/25/16 co-sponsored West Seneca Central (application pending, insurance received)
- c) Girls Volleyball BNCC JV/V Tournament 10/15/16 co-sponsored West Seneca Central (application pending insurance received)

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T. Slade tslade@e1b.org d) Boys & Girls Basketball, Randolph Holiday Classic, 12/29/16 & 12/30/16 at JCC (pending updated insurance 7/1/2016)

CARRIED DeKay/Townsend

5.3 Motion to approve Senior All Star applications, a through d

- a) Girls Lacrosse Senior All Star Game at Sweet Home HS 6/14/16.
- b) Chautauqua vs. Cattaraugus Sr. All Star Baseball 6/15/16 at Diethrick Park, Jamestown, NY

c) Chautauqua vs. Cattaraugus Sr. All Star Softball 6/16/16 at Prommenschenkle Stadium, Dunkirk, NY

d) Chautauqua Co. B & G Soccer Senior All Star 11/13/16 pending insurance (Section VI) due 9/1/2016

CARRIED

Fallacaro/Ksionzyk

5.4 Motion to approve Friends and Neighbors (2016-2018) applications, a through d

- a) New Life Christian
- b) Elmwood Franklin
- c) Southern Tier Catholic
- d) St. Mary's School for the Deaf

CARRIED

Ginestre/Wendt

6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee

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The Combining of Schools Committee will reconvene after the spring season to review the spring 2016 end of season reports. Also, the combined schools timeline will be modified to accelerate the process, providing sufficient time for potential appeals and to not delay the creation of schedules. As such, the new Fall End of Season Reports and Fall Combining of Schools Applications due date is November 30. The combining of schools committee will meet by December 15. Any appeals will be due by the January athletic council meeting.

6.2 Finance Committee

- 6.2.1 Treasurer's Report *Motion to receive the treasurer's reports CARRIED Norton/Penhollow*
- 6.2.2 State Championship Funding

Concern was expressed regarding the potential for considerably reducing the fund balance due to the state championship travel policy. Currently, Section VI averages \$28,000 annually in costs for state championship meals. Depending on the location of state championships and the number of schools participating, the cost of meals can increase significantly. D. Scholla and T. Slade are investigating possible future changes.

6.2.3 NFL Representative Vacancy

Current Niagara Frontier League (NFL) Finance Committee Representative John Forcucci will retire from the Niagara Falls Athletic Director position at the end of this school year. The NFL is in discussions regarding his replacement.

6.3 Sectional/Intersectional

6.3.1 CSAT League Membership

CSAT has left the NO League and is now an approved member of the NFL League.

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6.3.2 NFL Representative Vacancy

Current Niagara Frontier League (NFL) Sectional Intersectional Committee Representative John Forcucci will retire from the Niagara Falls Athletic Director position at the end of this school year. The NFL is in discussions regarding his replacement.

6.4 Safety

Nothing to report

- 6.5 Modified Report
 - 6.5.1 XC & Track Travel Policies

East Aurora is proposing to align the Cross Country state travel policy with the Track state travel policy. More specifically, to allow Cross Country teams the same flexibility as Track teams; to opt out of transportation, but still participate in Section meals and lodging. The Cross Country and Track Sport Chairs will be asked to review this proposal and report back to the council for the September 2016 meeting.

6.6 Policy

Nothing to report

6.7 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

a) Superintendent

Nothing to report

b) Principal

Nothing to report

c) Boys Rep./Girls Rep.

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The Athletic Council directed M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, and J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, to support the following at the July 2016 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting:

- Elimination of .22 caliber from Rifle Regionals, beginning in 2017, and replace with 3 position Air Rifle
- Lower the minimum number practices for team and individual modified sports
- Eliminate the Code of Conduct Form
 - *M. Fallacaro directed to suggest that the coach be required to sign one Code of Conduct form for the team
- Heads Up Football Head Tackling Program (Section VI already participates)

The Athletic Council directed M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, and J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, to not support the following at the July 2016 NYSPHSAA meeting:

• Revision of the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award Currently, an average is taken of a select number of student athletes on the roster. The proposal includes using the entire roster. M. Fallacaro to suggest for a higher number of athletes on the roster to be taken into account, but not the entire team.

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TBA

Boys Lacrosse Classification cut-off numbers (new proposal) – Class A - 87 schools (26%), Class B – 84 schools (25%), Class C – 67 schools (21%), Class D – 98 schools (28%). Rationale for the new proposal– state findings reveal that some sections able to walk in to regional and state play offs. The council directed the representatives to support the original proposal where there is a 25% breakdown of schools in each classification.

The Athletic Council directed M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, and J. Graczyk, Boys Representative to request clarification regarding the prohibition of artificial noisemakers at all indoor/outdoor contests. The Athletic Council directed the representatives to make a decision at the summer state meeting.

Note: There will no longer be a coin toss for Regional Softball. The host team is the home team.

d) NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Committee

- Cheerleading Nothing to report
- 6.8 Extended Eligibility

Nothing to report

6.9 Chemical Awareness

Nothing to report

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student

Reports were emailed

6.11 Sportsmanship

- 6.11.1 Sportsmanship Promotion Survey Results Thirty member schools submitted the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Promotion Survey. The following schools were selected to receive the Sportsmanship Promotion Award: Grand Island, CSAT, Forestville, Clarence, Amherst, and Pioneer.
- 6.12 Veterans

Nothing to report

6.13 Mixed Competition

Nothing to report

6.14 Nominations

6.14.1 Safety Chairman *Motion to approve of Brian Wild (Lancaster) as Safety Chairman CARRIED Rabey/Fallacaro*

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- 6.14.2 Girls Gymnastics Chairman *Motion to approve Joe Buscaglia (Starpoint) as Girls Gymnastics Chairman CARRIED Kaszubski/Ginestre*
- 6.14.3 Girls Swim Chair Position A. Gens is in the process of interviewing for the Girls Swim Chairman position.
- 6.15 Corporate Partners

Nothing to report

6.16 Hall of Fame

Today, May 18, is the due date for the 2016 Hall of Fame applications.

7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete
 - 7.1.1 All WNY Spring 2016 Scholar Athletes The All WNY Scholar Athlete Committee is scheduled to meet Thursday, May 19 to select the spring 2016 winners.

7.2 Charter Schools

7.2.1 Independent Schedule *Motion to approve the 2016-2017 Independent Schedule CARRIED Townsend/Gens*

8.0 STATE & SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Girls Volleyball D. Schruefer <u>State Meeting Report</u>

- 8.2 Football K. Stoldt <u>State Meeting Report</u>
- 8.3 Wrestling M. DeBarbieri/I. Martinez <u>State Meeting Report</u>
 - 8.3.1 Wrestling Proposal

The NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee is developing a proposal to institute a state dual tournament. The proposal will be sent to the NYSPHSAA Championship Committee and NYSPHSAA Executive Committee as a discussion item for the July 2016 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting and for an approval vote at October 2016 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting for implementation in 2017-18 season. If approved, Section VI's post season format will change. I. Martinez, Section VI Wrestling Co-Chairman, is in the process of reviewing the wrestling post season format with his committee in preparation of potential changes.

9.0 GUEST REPORTS

9.1 NYSPHSAA

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- Tuesday, July 26 through Thursday, July 28 NYSPHSAA Central Committee Meeting
- Wednesday, July 27 NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
- · A Membership Ad Hoc Committee was created to investigate non-public school membership

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Nothing to report

10.0 SPORTS REPORTS

10.1 Pre-Season Reports *Motion to approve of Fall 2016 Pre-Season Reports CARRIED Spanbauer/Ginestre*

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

11.1 Seeding Procedure (CCAA Proposal)

A mix of negative and positive feedback was received regarding the seeding procedure proposal. Therefore, an ad hoc committee with representation from each league will be formed to review the seeding procedure.

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Section VI President

B. Banker's current term as Section VI President ends on June 30, 2016. He was thanked for his service.

12.2 CCAA Girls' Representative

P. Ksionzyk announced he is stepping down from his position of CCAA Girls' Representative, effective June 30, 2016. He was thanked for his service.

13.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn CARRIED Wendt/Fallacaro

Respectfully Submitted,

Bette Fadeley

Beth Fadeley Recording Secretary

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