

Abilene Basketball Chapter
First General Meeting Minutes

Date: October 14, 2025

Time: 6:30 p.m. CST

Location: Wylie West Junior High School

Board Members Present: Chris, Laura, Moses, Dan, Hunter, Tooter, Mitchell, Rob, Winkie, Brandon



1. President's Report – *Chris Cardenas*

- The meeting was called to order at **6:31 p.m.** by President Chris Cardenas.
- Chris welcomed everyone to the start of a new season and provided opening remarks.
- Discussion was held regarding **Sunny's vacant board position**.
 - The **Nominations Committee** composed of Glenn Bamlet, Randy Clay, and Jeanna Gordon
 - Jaxson Craig, Sean Duncan, Josh LeMond, John Abila, LaShawn Parker
 - A motion to close nominations was made by **Ronnie Hargis** and seconded by **Winkie James**.
 - Voting for the open board position will take place at the **next general meeting**.

2. Vice President's Report – *Rob Durham*

- Rob emphasized the importance of **consistent communication**, reminding officials to stay in touch from the time they receive an assignment until returning home after games.

3. THSBOA Representative – *Winkie James*

- Winkie mentioned completing **state registration** to ensure they are covered under THSBOA insurance.
- Distributed **rule books and case manuals** to all members present.

4. Assigning Secretary – *Dan Bristow*

- It has been reported that **78 members** have paid their **state dues** to date.
- Encouraged all officials to **log in to Arbiter** to confirm access and address any login issues.
- Members were reminded to reach out directly with any **questions or technical issues**.

5. Open Forum

- **Caleb Smith** read a statement regarding the **aftermath of the podcast episode**, addressing the potential impact on playoff assignments and the overall perception of the Abilene Chapter.
- **Mitchell Lee** spoke about how this was an **unprecedented situation**, noting the involvement of both **THSBOA and UIL**, and the difficulty in determining appropriate disciplinary actions.
- **Winkie James** reiterated the importance of **social media awareness**, emphasizing that posts and timing matter and can affect both personal and chapter reputations.
- **Dan Bristow** reviewed the **"Good Standing"** requirements per chapter bylaws:
 - Pay dues, pass the tests, and maintain **80% meeting attendance**, with up to **two virtual meetings**

6. Zoom Attendees

- Vic Jackson, Dino Beharic, Gabe Montelongo, Elaina Buchanan, John Abila, and Jonathan Higgins.

7. Upcoming Meetings

- **October 15, 2025:** Coaches Meeting
- **October 22, 2025:** Board Meeting
- **October 29, 2025:** General Meeting

8. Future Discussion Topics

- Formation of an **Ethics Committee**
- Discussion on creating a **State and Playoff Rankings Committee**

9. Adjournment

- The meeting was **adjourned at 7:32 p.m.** by President Chris Cardenas.