



Memorandum

To: Participants and registrants on the Knight Commission's November 14, 2024 Virtual Meeting

From: Amy Privette Perko, CEO, Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics

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Subject: Follow-up meeting information, including a Brief on the proposed *House v. NCAA* settlement

During a November 14, 2024 virtual meeting hosted by Knight Commission members, more than 70 university presidents and provosts participated in a discussion on critical issues facing college athletics. They were introduced to the proposed [Enhanced Educational Model for Division I Athletics](#) by the FCS & I-AAA Athletics Directors Associations Working Group and in the discussion, numerous questions about the proposed *House v. NCAA* settlement were raised. Attendees requested additional information on two key areas:

1. Support to understand the pending *House* settlement and its potential impacts.
2. More information on connecting athletics participation with educational outcomes as proposed by the FCS & I-AAA Athletics Directors Working Group. A resource on this topic is available [here](#).

This communication provides [summary notes from the discussion](#) and a Brief designed to inform institutional leaders outside the five Defendant Conferences (ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12, SEC) about the *House v. NCAA* proposed settlement and related cases and their potential implications for intercollegiate athletics.

The attached detailed Brief is responsive to the meeting attendees' request for more information since the *House* settlement is both complex and not well understood. Yet, the implementation of that settlement will have profound impacts on *all* Division I athletics programs and universities, and more broadly, will drive a new operational model for Division I athletics. In particular, institutional leaders with a choice to opt-in to the *House* settlement will want to weigh the far-reaching consequences of doing so with care.

The attached Brief is not intended to replace any of the resources the NCAA has and will develop and should not be viewed as legal advice.

The Brief is provided from the Knight Commission's independent viewpoint and organized in a manner that we hope will be particularly helpful to university presidents. As an [independent non-profit leadership group with a legacy of impact on policies](#) that advance the educational mission of college sports, the Knight Commission's purpose is to lead change that prioritizes college

athletes' education, health, safety and success. The Commission is a resource on governance and policy in college sports and maintains a unique, publicly accessible [database on Division I finances](#) that can inform decision-making.

We encourage you to share these documents with your institution's governing board, athletics director, general counsel, and all related stakeholders.

For questions about these informational materials, I can be reached at perko@knightcommission.org or by phone at 910.551.6809.

cc: Division I Commissioners of non-FBS Conferences
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