



# TENNESSEE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

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REGULAR CALENDAR ITEM: V.

**MEETING DATE:** February 7, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Recent College Athletics Changes Overview

**ITEM TYPE:** Information

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## BACKGROUND

College athletics has undergone a significant transformation in recent years, presenting new challenges to institutional leadership. These key developments include but are not limited to the evolving landscape of Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL), the landmark *House v. NCAA* class action lawsuit settlement, and the expanded use and impact of the transfer portal. While the Tennessee Higher Education Commission has no authority over athletics, the Commission cannot fully understand financial and logistical challenges our institutions are facing without better understanding the current state of college athletics.

Gerald Harrison, Vice President and Director of Athletics at Austin Peay State University and an appointed member to the NCAA Division I Council, will give the presentation. The NCAA Division I Council represents all 32 Division I conferences and is responsible for operational decisions on behalf of Division I.