



**Wicomico High School Alumni Association
Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2026**

Alumni President Paul Butler called the meeting of the Wi Hi Alumni Association to order on Sunday January 25, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. via scheduled Zoom Meeting. The 1st 15 Minutes was for a brief Executive Meeting. There were 5 persons in attendance.

Attendance at Executive Meeting: President: Paul Butler (80), Vice President: Gwen Niblett (84), Treasurer: Monica Butler (77), Assistant Treasurer: Donna White-Elliott (77), Secretary: Starr Purnell (79) and Administrator: Gerald Waters (75)

Others in Attendance: Joining After Executive Meeting: None

Old: Business:

The **Executive Meeting** was called to Order by President Paul Butler for the purpose of discussion of 2026 Alumni Officers. President Paul Butler asked the question, “Gwen Niblett, Monica Butler, Donna White-Elliott, Starr Purnell and Gerald Waters, are you each willing to continue serving in your current board positions for this current year 2026?” All responded yes. Vice President Gwen Niblett asked, “President Paul Butler, are willing to retain your current Board President position for this administration year?” Paul Butler responded, “I would love to.” The WI HI Alumni Board Officers for 2026 is confirmed.

Gerald Waters inquired about the count on the contract for our 2026 Gala and Monica Butler explained that the count of 75 persons was for the purpose of having to put a lesser deposit down when signing the contract. Monica Butler will get a copy of the new contract with the correct date.

Bowling Event: Starr Purnell gave information about the bowling event. She advised that Southbound Lanes in Fruitland only had evening rentals available which would be an issue. She mentioned that Pocomoke was

willing to work with us at a great rate and availability. She mentions deadline for team sign up is important. She mentions March 15th is available and the Board agreed on the said date at 1pm. Starr Purnell made a motion to do the Bowling Event on March 15, 2026 at 1pm in Pocomoke City, MD., 2nd by Gwen Niblett. Motion Carried. Monica inquired about advertising. Starr Purnell stated that registrations can be taken to Bowling Alley and members can Post on their social media Pages.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Gwen Niblett motion to accept previous meeting minutes as prepared and submitted. 2nd by Monica Butler. Motion Carried.

New Business:

Financial Report Balances: (From Agenda): Operational Account: \$1,273.94; Bricks R US Account: \$1,776.58, Designated Account \$100.00 and Scholarship Account: \$3,050.00. Total All Funds \$6,200.52. Gerald Waters stated an additional \$100.00 has been received for a Lifetime Membership. Gerald Waters stated that he received information for a tax donation made. He stated that January 31, 2026 is the end date to get the information out. He advised President Butler if any other business needs the information for their taxes notify him. Motion made by Gwen Niblett to approve financial report as given. 2nd by Monica Butler. Motion Carried.

Official Board Meeting was completed at 07:25 P.M. and Meeting begin Open Forum. Paul Butler checked for those waiting. Amanda Showell (80) was waiting but was no longer on, however she finally logged in.

Helping Class Reunions:

Gerald Waters mention that the Class of 1966 is planning their 60th Class Reunion on the same date as our scheduled Gala 2026. He met with them and mention maybe joining in with the Alumni. They may just join in with us and have reserve tables and sit as a Class. We will acknowledge them during the event.

Gerald Waters mentioned anything we can do to help other Classes; we are willing to help.

Announcements:

Gerald Waters advised Secretary Purnell to please provide minutes of meetings by the 3rd Sunday each month so that he can prepare agenda for upcoming meeting.

Paul Butler mentioned a Golf Event. He will inquire with Nutter's Crossing and get available dates maybe in June or July.

Paul Butler mention WiHi is starting an **Athletic Hall of Fame**. He mentions the other 3 Wicomico County School have it. He mentions WiHi have no space but reached out to Touch Toon Digital which provide a 75-inch TV that will show athletes, class yearbooks and will be available as an app. Dr. Blake, WiHi Principal will put up \$500.00 toward the purchase. John Robinson will put up \$2000.00. The total Cost to get it up and running is \$3800.00. The company do all the work of putting information we provide to them. Dr. Blake would like the Alumni Association to create a sub account to put funds in to purchase. Paul suggested advertising on our website. Fee to maintain it, is a \$2000 a year and John Robinson will donate it for 10 Years. Gerald Waters stated Alumni will set account up. Donna White-Elliott moved that \$100.00 be use from Alumni funds to open Hall of Fame Alumni Account. 2nd by Monica Butler. Motion Carried. Paul announced those who donate will be listed on digital screen. Starr Purnell mentioned having information about the Hall of Fame at the Basketball Game on February 7, 2026 Honoring Coach Butch Waller. Amanda Showell suggested putting a QR Code that will allow for donations. Gwen Niblett inquired about if nominations were being accepted, and Paul stated a committee will be formed and they would like to induct 10 people a year in the Hall of Fame. Paul suggested the 10 selected may can be recognize and invited to Gala at a reduced rate. Committee was in favor of the suggestion.

Alumni Gala: The Alumni will be recognizing 5 persons this year. Amanda Showell suggested perhaps a sign to let honorees to wind down. May will be the month to start considering nomination of who to be honored.

Lifetime: Members: Gerald Waters asked Board to send recommendations of how to recognize our Lifetime Members.

There being no further business to come before the meeting Paul Butler adjourned the meeting at 07:46 P.M. to reopen **February 22, 2026** at 7:00 P.M. by Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Starr Purnell

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(Secretary)

Minutes Approved on Date: _____ Motioned made by: _____

2nd by: _____