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Grant Hill appointed chair of Independent Accountability Oversight Committee; former U.S. Secretary of Defense and CIA Director Robert Gates appointed as new member

INDIANAPOLIS – Grant Hill, co-owner of the Atlanta Hawks and first ballot Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame inductee, has been named chair of the Independent Accountability Oversight Committee (IAOC), the five-person group that oversees the Independent Accountability Resolution Process (IARP).

The IARP was created in response to recommendations from the Commission on College Basketball, chaired by former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. The process draws on independent experts – with no school or conference affiliation – to review, hear and decide select Division I infractions cases deemed especially complex.

Hill has served as an IAOC member since its inception, based on his role as an independent member on the NCAA Board of Governors. Hill succeeds Denis McDonough as IAOC chair. McDonough, former chief of staff to President Barack Obama and Markle Foundation partner, has stepped down from the NCAA Board of Governors and IAOC to assume a faculty position at the Keough School of Global Affairs at the University of Notre Dame as a professor of the practice of public policy. McDonough was chair for the launch of the IARP in August 2019 and during his tenure, three cases were accepted to be heard in the newly created independent process.

As a result of McDonough's departure, former U.S. Secretary of Defense and CIA Director Robert Gates, was appointed to the NCAA Board of Governors as an independent member on August 4 and will also join the IAOC.

"A big thank you to Denis for his stewardship as the inaugural chair of the IAOC and bringing the independent process successfully through its first year. Looking forward to Grant's leadership as he will continue to build on the incredible foundation the IAOC has laid thus far," said Naima Stevenson Starks, Vice President of Hearing Operations for the NCAA. "The IARP has provided an opportunity to bring external expertise and voices into the infractions process and will now have the benefit of the unique perspective that former Secretary Gates will provide."

The IAOC is rounded out with a third independent member of the NCAA Board of Governors and the chair and vice chair of Division I Board of Directors. For more information about the IARP, please visit: www.iarpcc.org

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