

NMAA Board Summary February 18, 2026

The New Mexico Activities Association's Board of Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, February 18th at 9:00 am in the NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor.

Executive Director Dusty Young gave his Director's Report which included information regarding winter and spring sports, the addition of new Board member Mr. Marvyn Jaramillo, recent Bylaws Committee activities, legislative bills SB141 and HB 256, 2026 NMAA Hall of Fame inductees, and the upcoming retirement of NMAA Business Manager, Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner.

Business Manager Shari Kessler-Schwaner presented the NMAA financial report which included the 2025-2026 fall championship reports and ticket sales.

Assistant Director Julie Sanchez presented the NMAA Foundation Report which included information regarding the January school grant cycle, the selection of foundation scholarships, and the recent Foundation Bowl-A-Thon.

Ms. Sanchez presented the NMAA Activities Report which included information regarding the recent State Drama Championships, and the upcoming and remaining activity championships for the 2025-2026 school year.

Assistant Director Zac Stevenson presented the New Mexico Officials Association Report which included information regarding the selection of winter state championship officials, varsity regional assigner ballots and terms, winter sport officials' numbers, and individuals recently receiving NFHS officiating awards.

Ms. Chris Rigali, Cottonwood Classical Athletic Director, and Mr. Trey Smith, East Mountain Executive Director, presented a discussion item on charter school transfer student eligibility. Mr. Young, on behalf of Commission member Ms. Debra Sena-Holton, presented three (3) items which included the state volleyball tournament structure, tournament entry fees, and state cheer qualification. Assistant Director Gary Allison presented a discussion item concerning mental health initiatives by the Student Leadership Advisory Council. Associate Director Scott Owen presented a discussion item on the Attendance for Success Act and Mr. Young concluded with four (4) additional discussion items including, a one-free-transfer policy, virtual school student eligibility, state championship formats, and the role of the NMAA in the oversight of non-athletic sanctioned activities.

The Board of Directors took action on the following items:

- Voted in favor of a proposal to pilot expanded coaching opportunities in the sport of tennis for the 2026 season.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to allow schools to compensate officials and charge general admission during scrimmages.

The next NMAA Board of Directors' meeting will take place on June 4, 2026