

**NMAA Appeals Review Committee Eligibility Hearing**  
**Deming High School Student**  
**February 5, 2026**  
**10:00 a.m. - Virtual**

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. Paul Benoit, NMAA Appeals Review Committee Chairman, at 10:15 a.m., Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Associate Director, conducted roll call and the following members were present:

Mr. Paul Benoit  
Mr. Vance Lee  
Mr. Brian Stacy

Not Present:  
Mr. Mike Chambers  
Ms. Freda Daugherty  
Mr. Keith Durham  
Mr. Bill Green  
Mr. Gerry Washburn

3 members were present representing a committee quorum.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Mr. Benoit asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Stacy made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Lee seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (3-0).

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Benoit asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2026, appeal review hearing. Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Stacy seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (3-0).

**Closed Session** (unless family requests hearing to be in open session)

Mr. Benoit asked the appealing party if they wished for the appeal hearing to be in open session or closed session. The appealing party requested the hearing be conducted in closed session.

Mr. Benoit- the appeal hearing will be closed as per the request.

Mr. Benoit asked for a motion to go into closed session. A motion was made by Mr. Stacy and seconded by Mr. Lee to go into Closed Session at 10:18 a.m. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Appeal Review Committee Member Name
X		Mr. Paul Benoit
X		Mr. Vance Lee
X		Mr. Brian Stacy

### Executive Session

Mr. Benoit asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session for discussion purposes only. A motion was made by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Stacy to go into Executive Session at 10:53 a.m. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Appeal Review Committee Member Name
X		Mr. Paul Benoit
X		Mr. Vance Lee
X		Mr. Brian Stacy

Mr. Benoit asked for a motion to go back into closed session. A motion was made by Mr. Stacy and seconded by Mr. Lee to go back into closed session at 11:08 a.m. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (3-0). Mr. Benoit stated there was no action taken during Executive Session.

Yes/For	No/Against	Appeal Review Committee Member Name
X		Mr. Paul Benoit
X		Mr. Vance Lee
X		Mr. Brian Stacy

Mr. Benoit asked for a motion to go back into open session. A motion was made by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Stacy at 11:09 a.m. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Appeal Review Committee Member Name
X		Mr. Paul Benoit
X		Mr. Vance Lee
X		Mr. Brian Stacy

### Action Items

Vote On Student Eligibility: Mr. Benoit asked if there was any need for further discussion, if not he asked for a motion to uphold, amend or overturn the original decision. A motion was made by Mr. Lee to uphold the decision of the New Mexico Activities Association. Mr. Stacy seconded. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously passed with a vote of 3-0.

Yes/For	No/Against	Appeal Review Committee Member Name
X		Mr. Paul Benoit
X		Mr. Vance Lee
X		Mr. Brian Stacy

### Adjournment

Mr. Benoit asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mr. Stacy and seconded by Mr. Lee. The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.