

NMAA Hardship Review Committee Eligibility Hearings
February 10, 2026
7:30 a.m.
Virtual

Welcome – Meeting called to order by Mr. Gary Salazar, NMAA Hardship Review Committee Chair, at 7:36 a.m. Ms. Alissa Wesbrook, Assistant to the Executive Director, conducted roll call and the following members were present:

Mr. Bruce Carver
 Mr. Sam Olney
 Mr. Gary Salazar – Chair
 Ms. Taryn Bachis
 Mr. Ernie Viramontes

Not present:
 Mr. Matt Martinez
 Ms. Karen Nougues
 Mr. Gary Schuster

5 committee members were present

Approval of the Agenda: Mr. Salazar asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Viramontes made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Bachis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (5-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Hardship Committee Member Name
X		Mr. Bruce Carver
X		Mr. Ernie Viramontes
X		Ms. Taryn Bachis
X		Mr. Sam Olney
X		Mr. Gary Salazar

Approval of the Minutes: Mr. Salazar asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2026 meeting. Mr. Olney made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Bachis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (5-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Hardship Committee Member Name
X		Mr. Bruce Carver
X		Mr. Ernie Viramontes
X		Ms. Taryn Bachis
X		Mr. Sam Olney
X		Mr. Gary Salazar

St. Michael’s High School Hardship Hearing: Mr. Salazar asked the petitioning party whether they wished to conduct the hearing in open or closed session. The petitioning party requested the hearing be conducted in closed session.

Closed Session: Mr. Salazar asked for a motion to go into closed session to conduct the St. Michael's High School Hardship Hearing. Mr. Viramontes made a motion to enter closed session at 7:39 a.m. Ms. Bachis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Hardship Committee Member Name
X		Mr. Bruce Carver
X		Mr. Ernie Viramontes
X		Ms. Taryn Bachis
X		Mr. Sam Olney
X		Mr. Gary Salazar

Executive Session: Mr. Salazar asked for a motion to go into executive session for deliberations at 8:17 a.m. Ms. Bachis made a motion to enter executive session. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Hardship Committee Member Name
X		Mr. Bruce Carver
X		Mr. Ernie Viramontes
X		Ms. Taryn Bachis
X		Mr. Sam Olney
X		Mr. Gary Salazar

Mr. Salazar asked for a motion to exit out of executive session at 8:36 a.m. A motion to exit executive session was made by Mr. Olney and seconded by Ms. Bachis. Mr. Salazar stated no action was taken in executive session. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Hardship Committee Member Name
X		Mr. Bruce Carver
X		Mr. Ernie Viramontes
X		Ms. Taryn Bachis
X		Mr. Sam Olney
X		Mr. Gary Salazar

Mr. Salazar asked for a motion to exit closed session and go back into open session at 8:37 a.m. to vote on the St. Michael's High School Hardship Hearing. Mr. Carver made a motion to exit closed session. Ms. Bachis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Hardship Committee Member Name
X		Mr. Bruce Carver
X		Mr. Ernie Viramontes

X		Ms. Taryn Bachis
X		Mr. Sam Olney
X		Mr. Gary Salazar

Action: Mr. Salazar asked for a motion on the St. Michael's High School Hardship hearing. Mr. Viramontes made the motion to grant eligibility for the St. Michael's High School's hardship petition. Ms. Bachis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (5-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Hardship Committee Member Name
X		Mr. Bruce Carver
X		Mr. Ernie Viramontes
X		Ms. Taryn Bachis
X		Mr. Sam Olney
X		Mr. Gary Salazar

Consider Adjournment: Mr. Salazar asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 a.m. Mr. Olney made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Carver seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (5-0).