

**NMAA Appeals Review Committee Eligibility Hearing
Las Cruces High School Student
February 13, 2026
8:00 a.m. - Virtual**

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. Paul Benoit, NMAA Appeals Review Committee Chairman, at 8:14 a.m., Mrs. Alissa Wesbrook, Assistant to the Executive Director, conducted roll call and the following members were present:

Mr. Paul Benoit
Mr. Gerry Washburn
Mr. Mike Chambers

Not Present:
Ms. Freda Daugherty
Mr. Keith Durham
Mr. Bill Green
Mr. Vance Lee
Mr. Brian Stacy

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. Washburn made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Chambers seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (3-0).

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Benoit asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 5, 2026, appeal review hearing. Mr. Chambers made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Washburn 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. Washburn and seconded by Mr. Chambers to go into Closed Session at 8:17 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. Mike Chamers
X		Mr. Gerry Washburn

Executive Session

Mr. Benoit asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session for discussion purposes only. A motion was made by Mr. Washburn and seconded by Mr. Chambers to go into Executive Session at 8:46 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. Mike Chamers
X		Mr. Gerry Washburn

Mr. Benoit asked for a motion to go back into closed session. A motion was made by Mr. Washburn and seconded by Mr. Chambers to go back into closed session at 8:52 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. Mike Chamers
X		Mr. Gerry Washburn

Mr. Benoit asked for a motion to go back into open session. A motion was made by Mr. Washburn and seconded by Mr. Chambers at 8:53 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. Mike Chamers
X		Mr. Gerry Washburn

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 for the Las Cruces High School appeal. A motion was made by Mr. Chambers to modify the decision of the New Mexico Activities Association allowing only sub-varsity participation for 365 calendar days from the date of enrollment at Las Cruces High School. Mr. Washburn seconded. A vote was taken and unanimously passed with a vote of 3-0.

Adjournment

Mr. Benoit asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mr. Washburn and seconded by Mr. Chambers. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.