

NMAA Board of Directors' Meeting
February 17, 2021
9:00 a.m.
Zoom

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. TJ Parks, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, conducted roll call and the following members were present via Zoom:

- Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
- Mr. Daniel Benavidez (Large Area A)
- Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
- Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B - President)
- Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
- Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
- Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
- Mr. Fred Trujillo (Large Area D)
- Dr. Karen Trujillo (Large School District II)
- Ms. Lesa Dodd (At-Large)
- Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

Not Present:

- Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
- Mr. Terry Martin (New Mexico School Boards Association)

11 members were present representing a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Moyer made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. White seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Daniel Benavidez (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. T.J. Parks, Board President (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Fred Trujillo (Large Area D)
Yes		Dr. Karen Trujillo (Large School District II)
Yes		Ms. Lesa Dodd (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2021 Board Meeting as presented. Dr. Trujillo made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A roll vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Daniel Benavidez (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. T.J. Parks, Board President (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Fred Trujillo (Large Area D)
Yes		Dr. Karen Trujillo (Large School District II)
Yes		Ms. Lesa Dodd (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

Executive Session:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:03 a.m. to discuss financial, legal, and personnel matters pertaining to the organization. Mr. Benavidez made the motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

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Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. T.J. Parks, Board President (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Fred Trujillo (Large Area D)
Yes		Dr. Karen Trujillo (Large School District II)
Yes		Ms. Lesa Dodd (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 9:31 a.m. and stated that no action was taken in Executive Session. Mr. Casados made the motion to exit out of Executive Session. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

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Yes		Mr. T.J. Parks, Board President (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)

Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Fred Trujillo (Large Area D)
Yes		Dr. Karen Trujillo (Large School District II)
Yes		Ms. Lesa Dodd (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

NMAA Directors Report:

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, presented the Director’s Report. She discussed three (3) items on her report. 1) provided information pertaining to the financial impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the Association; 2) thanked current NMAA sponsors for their continued support of interscholastic athletics/activities during these difficult times; and 3) asked Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, to provided information regarding the NMAA Foundation Scholarship Program. Mr. Young reminded the group that the Foundation has increased its scholarship pool by over \$20,000 for the year and that the application portal would be open for students through April 1st.

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Commissioner of Officials, presented the Activities Report. She discussed three (3) items on her report: 1) reported that the NMASC State Student Council held their virtual state conference last week and was very successful; 2) stated that BPA, DECA, and several other activity organizations would be holding their state events virtually over the next couple months; and 3) reported that the NMAA has held several Q&A’s with Activities representatives via zoom to provide updated information.

New Mexico Officials Association Report:

Ms. Pappas presented the New Mexico Officials Association Report. She discussed three (3) items on her report: 1) reported the NMOA has hosted over 130 webinars for officials since April of 2020 as a way to keep officials engaged; 2) stated the NMOA has several sub-committees working on important topics for the Association; and 3) provided an update regarding officials’ numbers for the upcoming sports’ seasons.

Discussion/ Information Items:

2020-2021 School Year: COVID-19 Update and Forum - Ms. Marquez provided an update on the current status of interscholastic athletics/activities in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. Items discussed included hybrid learning requirements set forth by the Public Education Department, school participation in fall sports and fall sport schedules.

Student Eligibility: Fifth Year Allowance - Ms. Marquez discussed a concern brought forth from several parents regarding a possible fifth year of eligibility for athletic participation due to academic issues students have encountered with virtual learning coupled with shortened sports seasons. Feedback from the Board included concerns with the age of these students that may be requesting an additional year of eligibility.

Classification and Alignment for 2022-2024 - Ms. Marquez discussed the 2022-2024 Classification and Alignment block and the possible impact the COVID-19 pandemic could have on school enrollment numbers. She stated 80-day numbers will be provided at the next Board meeting. Feedback included the possibility of keeping things status quo for the next block with the possibility of allowing adjustments for extreme fluctuations in enrollment.

Action Items:

Student Eligibility: Participation After Graduation for 2021 - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to provide additional stipulations for the Participation after Graduation COVID-19 bylaw addendum, approved by the Board of Directors during the December 2, 2020 regular Board Meeting to read as follows: A Student that earns or is eligible for his/her GED or high school diploma or its equivalent during the 2020-2021 school year, shall be eligible to participate during the Spring 2021 semester provided, he/she continues to reside at home for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year with the same parents/guardians he/she was living with immediately preceding graduation. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Benavidez made the motion to approve proposal. Mr. Lackey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed (9-2).

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Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
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Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
	No	Mr. T.J. Parks, Board President (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
	No	Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
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Student Eligibility: Transfers Due to COVID-19 - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal that on an emergency and temporary basis due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, disallow athletic eligibility to any student who transfers without establishing a bona fide residence in a non-adjointing district. Bylaw language would read as follows: Beginning February 17, 2021, Students who transfer schools without a bona fide residence move to a non-adjointing school district will be ineligible for all levels of athletic participation for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Ms. Dodd made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed (9-2).

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Football: Practice Regulations: Mr. Young presented a proposal that on an emergency and temporary basis for the spring semester of the 2020-2021 school year only and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, consider adjusting NMAA Bylaw 7.15.1 B and 9.8.4 A (Football Practice Regulations) to reflect the new calendar for the 2021 spring semester football season. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Moyer made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Lackey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

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Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m. Dr. Trujillo made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

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The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2021