

NMAA Bylaws Committee Meeting

May 19, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Virtual

Welcome – Meeting called to order by Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Executive Director, at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Young conducted roll call and the following members were present:

Mr. Kevin Lackey
Mr. Ben Tensay
Mr. Britt Cooper
Mr. Alan Edmonson
Mr. Adrian Ortega
Mr. Isaac Gamboa
Ms. Taryn Bachis
Mr. Angel Castillo
Mr. Scott Affentranger
Ms. Arelene Anglada
Ms. Michelle Ronga
Mr. Sergio Castanon
Mr. Gary Boatman

13 members were present.

Not Present:

Ms. Debra Sena Holton
Mr. Jory Mirabal
Ms. Robbie Robinson
Mr. Adrian Pete
Mr. Stewart Burnett
Ms. Rainy Crisp

Approval of the Agenda: Mr. Young asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Tensay made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Bachis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Young asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2026, Bylaws Committee Meeting as presented. Mr. Tensay made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

Discussion Items:

Section 6 of NMAA Handbook: Review of Eligibility Bylaws – Mr. Young led a discussion regarding the proposed bylaw changes to Section 6 (eligibility) that will be presented to the Commission for consideration on May 20th. He stated that the final version includes minor edits from what was reviewed back at the Bylaws Committee's April meeting. The revisions are based on feedback from the group and from other member school administrators. Feedback included questions on how subsequent transfers would be handled if returning to the previous school, timeline of eligibility at the varsity versus sub-varsity levels when transfers occur and confirming the status of eligibility for 8th-grade students at the high school level under the proposed changes. The group also discussed tracking of eligibility petitions and Mr. Young/Mr. Owen stated that the NMAA is looking into a digital platform for all eligibility documents. This would centralize eligibility for ADs and the NMAA. Concerns were again raised about how this might impact smaller schools

in non-metro areas and the creation of “super teams” in an effort to chase state championships. Feedback also included looking at different ways to classify and align schools if eligibility rules become more flexible. Mr. Young stated that the next focus of the Bylaws Committee would be to look at Classification & Alignment to see what new models should be considered. Overall, the group supported the proposal that will be presented to the Commission. The timeline for implementation was discussed (May Commission Vote, June Board Vote, June 5-20 Referenda Vote, Around June 25 implementation for 2026-2027 if approved at each level). Mr. Young thanked the Bylaws Committee for their hard work reviewing Section 6 over the last 18 months and committee members echoed the same gratitude to NMAA staff.

Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Young asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 a.m. Mr. Tensay made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Anglada seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).