NMAA Appeals Review Committee Hearing
September 21, 2026
9:00 a.m. - Virtual

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. Brian Stacy, NMAA Appeals Review Committee Chairman, at 9:04 a.m., Ms. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, conducted roll call and the following members were present:

Mr. Brian Stacy
Mr. Vance Lee
Ms. Lynda Spencer
Ms. Freda Daugherty
Mr. Gerry Washburn
Mr. Paul Benoit- entered after roll call

Not Present:
Mr. Keith Durham
Mr. Mike Chambers
Dr. Channel Segura
Mr. Bill Green
Mr. Gary Salazar
Mr. Hilario Chavez

5 members were present representing a committee quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:
Mr. Stacy asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Washburn made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Lee seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (5-0).

Approval of Minutes
Mr. Stacy asked for a motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2026, appeal review hearing. Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Washburn seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (5-0).

Ramah High School Appeal
Closed Session (unless family requests hearing to be in open session)
Mr. Stacy 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. Stacy asked for a motion to go into closed session. A motion was made by Mr. Washburn and seconded by Ms. Daugherty to and go into closed session at 9:09 a.m. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

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

X		**Ms. Freda Daugherty**
X		**Mr. Vance Lee**
X		**Mr. Gerry Washburn**
X		**Ms. Lynda Spencer**

Mr. Benoit entered the hearing

Executive Session

Mr. Stacy asked for a motion to enter Executive Session for discussion purposes only. A motion was made by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Benoit to go into Executive Session at 9:26 a.m. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Appeal Review Committee Member Name
X		**Mr. Paul Benoit**
X		**Mr. Brian Stacy**
X		**Ms. Freda Daugherty**
X		**Mr. Vance Lee**
X		**Mr. Gerry Washburn**
X		**Ms. Lynda Spencer**

Mr. Stacy asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session. A motion was made by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Benoit to exit Executive Session and go back into closed session at 9:31 a.m. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (6-0). Mr. Stacy stated there was no action taken during Executive Session.

Yes/For	No/Against	Appeal Review Committee Member Name
X		**Mr. Paul Benoit**
X		**Mr. Brian Stacy**
X		**Ms. Freda Daugherty**
X		**Mr. Vance Lee**
X		**Mr. Gerry Washburn**
X		**Ms. Lynda Spencer**

Mr. Stacy asked for a motion to exit out of closed session. A motion was made by Ms. Spencer and seconded by Ms. Daugherty to exit closed session and go back into open session at 9:32 a.m. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Appeal Review Committee Member Name
X		**Mr. Paul Benoit**
X		**Mr. Brian Stacy**
X		**Ms. Freda Daugherty**
X		**Mr. Vance Lee**
X		**Mr. Gerry Washburn**

X		**Ms. Lynda Spencer**

Action Item
Vote On Student Eligibility: Mr. Stacy asked if there was any need for further discussion. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to uphold, amend or overturn the original decision for the Ramah High School appeal. A motion was made by Mr. Washburn to overturn the New Mexico Activities Association's ruling, granting eligibility. Ms. Spencer seconded. A vote was taken and passed (5-1).

Cleveland High School Appeal
Closed Session (unless family requests hearing to be in open session)

Meeting continued and called to order by Mr. Brian Stacy, NMAA Appeals Review Committee Chairman, at 9:34 a.m.

He 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. Stacy stated the appeal hearing will be closed as per the request.

Mr. Stacy asked for a motion to go into closed session. A motion was made by Mr. Washburn and seconded by Mr. Lee to and go into closed session at 9:35 a.m. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Appeal Review Committee Member Name
X		**Mr. Paul Benoit**
X		**Mr. Brian Stacy**
X		**Ms. Freda Daugherty**
X		**Mr. Vance Lee**
X		**Mr. Gerry Washburn**
X		**Ms. Lynda Spencer**

Executive Session
Mr. Stacy asked for a motion to enter Executive Session for discussion purposes only. A motion was made by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Benoit to go into Executive Session at 9:59 a.m. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Appeal Review Committee Member Name
X		**Mr. Paul Benoit**
X		**Mr. Brian Stacy**
X		**Ms. Freda Daugherty**
X		**Mr. Vance Lee**
X		**Mr. Gerry Washburn**
X		**Ms. Lynda Spencer**

Mr. Stacy asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session. A motion was made by Mr. Lee and seconded by Ms. Spencer to exit Executive Session and go back into closed session at 10:04 a.m. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (6-0). Mr. Stacy stated there was no action taken during Executive Session.

Yes/For	No/Against	Appeal Review Committee Member Name
X		**Mr. Paul Benoit**
X		**Mr. Brian Stacy**
X		**Ms. Freda Daugherty**
X		**Mr. Vance Lee**
X		**Mr. Gerry Washburn**
X		**Ms. Lynda Spencer**

Mr. Stacy asked for a motion to exit out of closed session. A motion was made by Mr. Benoit and seconded by Ms. Daugherty to exit closed session and go back into open session at 10:05 a.m. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Appeal Review Committee Member Name
X		**Mr. Paul Benoit**
X		**Mr. Brian Stacy**
X		**Ms. Freda Daugherty**
X		**Mr. Vance Lee**
X		**Mr. Gerry Washburn**
X		**Ms. Lynda Spencer**

Action Item

Vote On Student Eligibility: Mr. Stacy asked if there was any need for further discussion. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to uphold, amend or overturn the original decision for the Cleveland High School appeal. A motion was made by Mr. Lee to uphold the New Mexico Activities Association's ruling, Mr. Washburn seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (6-0).

Adjournment

Mr. Stacy asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mr. Benoit and seconded by Mr. Washburn to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (6-0). The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.