NMAA Board of Directors Committee Appeal
October 14, 2026
9:00 a.m. Virtual

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. Lee White, NMAA Board of Directors' Committee Chairman, at 9:02 a.m., Mrs. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, conducted roll call and the following members were present:

Ms. Debra Sena-Holton (Small Area A)
Mr. Cody Diehl (Large Area A)
Mr. Will Hawkins (Large Area C)
Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)

5 members were present representing a committee quorum.

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

Approval of Minutes:
Mr. White asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Director Committee Appeal on October 1, 2026. Mr. Hawkins made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Sena-Holton seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (5-0).

Closed Session (unless family requests hearing to be in open session)
Mr. White asked the appealing party if they wish for the appeal to be in open session or closed session. The appealing party requested the meeting be held in open session.

Mr. White- The Meeting will remain open as per request.

Mr. White reviewed the agenda and procedures for the hearing and then introductions took place.

Also present from the NMAA staff were Mrs. Alissa Wesbrook, Assistant to the Executive Director; Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Deputy Director; and Mr. Dusty Young, Executive Director; Ms. Mia Chavez, Legal Counsel for NMAA. Present for the aggrieved party was Mr. Matt Martinez, Athletic Director, Cleveland High School; Mr. Todd Resch, Executive Director Rio Rancho Public Schools; Mr. Zac Cole, Head Boys Basketball Coach, Cleveland High School; Mrs. Nicole Valenzuela, mother of Noah; Mr. Luke Hennigh, father of Noah; Noah Hennigh, student and Mr. Blair Dunn, Attorney representing Noah and family.

Appeals Review Committee Summary
The NMAA received an eligibility petition from Cleveland High School for NVH on August 27, 2026. After review, the NMAA ruled the student ineligible for varsity basketball at Cleveland High School per Bylaw 6.6.8 B, which states that transfer students who enroll in an NMAA member school after attending a specialized training academy or school shall be ineligible for varsity participation in that sport for 365 calendar days from the date of enrollment there. A letter confirming this decision was sent to Cleveland administration on September 1st. The NMAA then received an appeal of this ruling from Cleveland High School on September 8th. The NMAA Appeals Review Committee conducted its hearing for this matter on September 21st and upheld the NMAA's ruling. The NMAA then received an appeal to the Board of Directors on October 2nd and that appeal was scheduled for today.

Aggrieved Party Statement
Ms. Valenzuela- they just ask that Noah be treated equally in this process as the others that were in the same situation. Noah was at ABC, along with two others that have gone through this process and those two of which have been approved, Nanez and Morinia.

Dunn-due to the ongoing litigation he asks that this young man be treated the same as the other two that are similarly situated and with the recent approval of Mr. Morinia by this board, they ask for Noah to have equal treatment here.

Board of Director Questions
White within the documentation, there are two residences being held at this time can Mrs. Valenzuela or Mr. Hennigh elaborate on these residences. It looks like one lives in Rio Rancho full time and the other lives in Santa Fe full time.
Mrs. Valenzuela- Yes. She lives with Noah in Rio Rancho and her husband lives in Santa Fe with other children. She has been living there for the past 3 years with Noah since he started at ABC.

White- is there any intention of establishing residence back in Santa Fe anytime in the near future.
Mrs. Valenzuela - they are unsure, they are trying to decide what is best for all of their children. She moved here with Noah to attend school there and still decidingwhat's best for their family.

Executive Session
Mr. White asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion purposes only. A motion was made by Mr. Hawkins and seconded by Ms. Sena-Holton to go into Executive Session at approximately 9:14 a.m. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
X		**Mr. Cody Diehl (Large Area A)**
X		**Mr. Will Hawkins (Large Area C)**
X		**Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)**
X		**Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)**
X		**Ms. Debra Sena Holton (Small Area A)**

Mr. White asked for a motion to go back into open session. A motion was made by Mr. Hawkins and seconded by Mr. Diehl to reconvene into open session at 9:37a.m. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
X		**Mr. Cody Diehl (Large Area A)**
X		**Mr. Will Hawkins (Large Area C)**
X		**Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)**
X		**Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)**
X		**Ms. Debra Sena Holton (Small Area A)**

Action Items

Vote On Student Eligibility: Mr. White asked for a motion to uphold, amend or overturn the original decision. A motion was made by Mr. Moyer to overturn the Appeals Review Committee Decision and grant eligibility to Noah Valenzuela-Hennigh. Mr. Hawkins seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed with a vote of 5-0.

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
X		**Mr. Cody Diehl (Large Area A)**
X		**Mr. Will Hawkins (Large Area C)**
X		**Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)**
X		**Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)**
X		**Ms. Debra Sena Holton (Small Area A)**

Adjournment

Mr. White asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mr. Moyer. Mr. Hawkins seconded. A vote was taken and passed with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.