

**NMAA Board of Directors' Committee Eligibility Hearing
West Mesa High School
December 15, 2025
10:00a.m.- Virtual**

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. Anthony Casados, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 10:00 a.m., Mrs. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, conducted roll call and the following members were present:

Mr. Anthony Casados
Mr. Matt Moyer
Mr. Todd Bibiano
Dr. Gabriella Duran-Blakey
Mr. Lee White

5 members were present representing a committee quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Moyer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Lee seconded. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (5-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
X		Mr. Anthony Casados
X		Mr. Lee White
X		Dr. Gabriella Duran-Blakey
X		Mr. Matt Moyer
X		Mr. Todd Bibiano

Approval of the Minutes:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the minutes of October 27, 2025. Mr. Moyer made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Bibiano seconded. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (5-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
X		Mr. Anthony Casados
X		Mr. Lee White
X		Dr. Gabriella Duran-Blakey
X		Mr. Matt Moyer
X		Mr. Todd Bibiano

Closed Session (unless family requests hearing to be in open session)

The appealing party requested that the meeting remain open.

Mr. Casados- Meeting will remain open as per request sent via email from Ms. Martinez.

Also in attendance were Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Executive Director; Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Associate Director, Mr. Jason Burnette, NMAA Legal Counsel; Ms. Crystal Martinez, mother of Jayson; Jayson Martinez, student; Mr. Shonn Schroer, AD, West Mesa High School. Other individuals from the general public also attended the hearing.

Aggrieved Party Statement

Martinez- her son is a senior and declared ineligible for his senior season. Every adult that was supposed to protect him failed him. He is a good kid and a 4.0 student and goes to school and has never been in trouble. There are witnesses that would come forward regarding the treatment of her son. Jayson wants to play and experience his senior year at West Mesa. She followed every step she was supposed to. Jayson attended St Pius as that was always a goal for him, unfortunately she lost her job and she couldn't keep him there, she was struggling to keep her son at Pius and her ex-husband threatened to take the kids. Her ex husband lives in the Highland High school district and is looking for a job closest to Highland. She enrolled him into Highland as her ex-husband doesn't believe in extracurricular activities, so if Jayson lived there he could walk to Highland. His therapy is sports. Helps him and is his outlet. She enrolled Jayson into Highland and got a job down the street. She was able to keep custody of her kids. He was treated differently calling him "Pius boy"; she pulled the coach aside telling them they aren't funny and the Coach apologized. He was still treated differently. Struggled to get him across town, her job was transferred over by the Cottonwood area. Coach Wilson helped drive him occasionally. He was nice to Jayson, but when around other coaches, he was treated differently. They never gave him the opportunity, JoJo Woody, believes he is an unlicensed coach. Once Jayson came off and was benched, he had his head down and verbally attacked him. Another adult felt it was unsafe and another witness recorded the incident where the coach was screaming at him, cussing at him, telling him to transfer. Jayson did say a bad word in response He collapsed in her lap and were concerned, no one contacted her he was kicked off the team and went off and demanded for reasoning nothing was done. She was told that she should appreciate that he had a ride to practice and felt the coaches hid from her there was evidence. She decided to pull Jayson from Highland and put him back it to West Mesa. He is able to ride to bus and that has helped her. She requested a hardship transfer, but the paperwork wasn't put in and she didn't hear back. She reached out to NMAA and was told to send him back to his abusers and she stated she would not do that. He is in honors classes at West Mesa and treated fairly. She finally reached out to a lawyer and sought the documentation she has rights to. Jayson didn't do anything wrong. He hasn't played varsity yet and is fighting for her son.

Board of Director Questions

White- questions regarding attempted to contact APS. Who did she contact.

Martinez- tried contacting the Superintendent's office and sending messages through that communication request. Student help center suggested she keep sending messages, and was also advised she should have gone to APS police department. She also tried a person in the region for the school district, no one would call back

White- it was mentioned two coaches lack the licensure.

Martinez- Coach Jo Jo Woody and Coach Chacoin. They were part of every game and in the locker room and told unlicensed got his license this year.

White- who told her the two coaches were not licensed

Martinez- several parents were aware and a witness came forward with the recording, she also couldn't find any licensing information on them.

Appeals Review Committee Summary

The Board of Directors listened to the audio of the appeal to the Appeal Review Committee.

Appealing Party

Martinez- the recording covers their situation.

Executive Session

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion purposes only. A motion was made by Mr. Moyer and seconded by Mr. White to go into Executive Session at approximately 11:13 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. Anthony Casados
X		Mr. Lee White
X		Dr. Gabriella Duran-Blakey
X		Mr. Matt Moyer
X		Mr. Todd Bibiano

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to exit executive session. A motion was made by Mr. Moyer and seconded by Mr. White at 11:36 a.m. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0. Mr. Casados stated there was no action taken during Executive Session.

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
X		Mr. Anthony Casados
X		Mr. Lee White
X		Dr. Gabriella Duran-Blakey
X		Mr. Matt Moyer
X		Mr. Todd Bibiano

Action Items

Vote On Student Eligibility: Mr. Casados 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 regarding Jayson Martinez and grant immediate eligibility. Dr. Duran-Blakey seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed with a vote of 5-0.

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X		Mr. Anthony Casados
X		Mr. Lee White
X		Dr. Gabriella Duran-Blakey
X		Mr. Matt Moyer
X		Mr. Todd Bibiano

Adjournment

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mr. White. Dr. Duran-Blakey seconded. roll call vote was taken and passed with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.