

NMAA Emergency Board of Directors' Meeting
January 27, 2021
8:00 a.m.
Zoom

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. TJ Parks, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 8:00 a.m. Ms. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, conducted roll call and the following members were present:

- 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)
- Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
- Dr. Karen Trujillo (Large School District II)
- Ms. Lesa Dodd (At-Large)
- Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

Not Present:

- Mr. Terry Martin (New Mexico School Boards Association)

12 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. Dr. Trujillo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

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		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
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 December 2, 2020 Board Meeting as presented. Ms. Dodd made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A roll vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

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		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
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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 to discuss potential financial, legal, and personnel matter pertaining to the organization at 8:05 a.m. Mr. Viramontes made the motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

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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)
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Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
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Yes		Ms. Lesa Dodd (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

Mr. Martin joined the meeting

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 8:50 a.m. He stated no action was taken during Executive Session. Mr. Benavidez made the motion to exit out of Executive Session. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

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Action Items:

Student Eligibility: Participation after Graduation for 2021 - Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, deferred to Mr. Moyer regarding a proposal to revisit Bylaw 6.11: Participation after Graduation for 2021 which currently reads: 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 of 2021 semester. Mr. Parks asked for a motion. Mr. Moyer recommended that the NMAA create specific stipulations for these students. Mr. Lackey made the motion to table action. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed (12-0).

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Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Daniel Benavidez (Large Area A)
	N/A	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)
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Mr. Elder left the meeting

Student Eligibility: Exception for Out-of-State Transfer - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal stating on emergency basis for the 2020-2021 school year and due to the coronavirus pandemic, consider adding the following to number 7 within the NMAA handbook addendum for COVID-19; New Mexico Students who transfer and participate in interscholastic athletics at an out of state school during the 2020-2021 school year shall not be subject to transfer penalties during the 2021-2022 school year provided those students return to their initial school. Students who choose to remain out of state and participate in interscholastic athletics during the 2021-2022 school year shall not be provided this exception. *Note: NMAA Bylaw 6.13.1 B shall remain in effect and students who start a season out of state shall not be eligible to return to New Mexico and participate in that same sport during the same school year. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Viramontes made the motion to approve proposal. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed (11-1).

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Scholastic Eligibility: 6-Week Grades - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal that on an emergency and temporary basis for the spring semester of the 2020-2021 school year and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, consider adjusting the COVID Handbook Addendum 5.c- Scholastic Eligibility to include allowing a Student who is scholastically ineligible after the 1st semester of the 2020-2021 school year, and is unable to utilize the cumulative provision and/or appeals process, is subject to the following guidelines for regaining eligibility and retaining eligibility for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year: A student may regain his/her eligibility at the next regular grading period (3rd quarter or 4th 6-weeks). If the school's next regular grading period is the 3rd quarter, a Student may regain his/her eligibility at the 6 weeks by utilizing a progress report. A student on a 6-week grading period who regains/maintains eligibility after the 5th 6-weeks will retain his/her eligibility for the remainder of the 2020-2021 competition calendar; and a Student who is ineligible at the conclusion of the 3rd quarter or 5th 6-weeks will remain ineligible for the remainder of the 2020-2021 competition calendar. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Dempsey made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Lackey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and failed (6-6).

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	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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Mr. Elder re-joined the meeting

Sports Calendar: Fall Start Dates & Deadlines- Ms. Marquez presented a proposal that on an emergency and temporary basis for the 2020-2021 school year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, consider adjusting the current sports calendar in regards to fall sports dates and deadlines. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to table the proposal as presented. Dr. Trujillo made the motion to table the proposal for consideration during a Special Meeting on Monday, February 1st at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Trujillo seconded the motion. A roll vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0). The NMAA Board of Directors fully supports the return of interscholastic athletics/activities, but has tabled the calendar so that superintendents can seek clarification from the Public Education Department regarding the expansion of in-person learning and how these policies may impact each school's ability to participate in NMAA sanctioned competitions.

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Contest Limitations: Fall & Winter Sports - Ms. Marquez requested due to the prior Action Item, Sports Calendar: Fall Start dates and Deadlines being tabled, that this item also be tabled until Monday, February 1st at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to table the agenda item. Ms. Dodd made the motion to table the item. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

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Discussion/ Information Items:

Football: State Championships - Ms. Marquez discussed the possible format for 2021 Spring State Football Championships. Feedback from the group focused more on providing as many opportunities as possible for kids to participate during the condensed season brought forth by this unique school year.

Out-of-Season Coaching: Exceptions for Spring 2021 - Ms. Marquez discussed the possible expansion of Out-of-Season Coaching during the Spring 2021 Semester. She stated this was favorable among athletic directors when it looked as if sports may not start in February, but that this has since changed due to the announcement by the PED that sports could resume on February 22nd. The Board supported this position due to the fact that a start date for athletics has been given to the NMAA by the State.

Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 a.m. Dr. Trujillo made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. White seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (13-0).

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A Special Board Meeting has been scheduled for February 1, 2021