

NMAA Hardship Review Committee Eligibility Hearings
April 7, 2026
8:00 a.m.
Virtual

Welcome – Meeting called to order by Mr. Gary Salazar, NMAA Hardship Review Committee Chair, at 8:00 a.m. Ms. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, conducted roll call and the following members were present:

Mr. Bruce Carver
 Ms. Karen Nougues
 Mr. Sam Olney
 Mr. Gary Salazar – Chair
 Mr. Gary Schuster
 Mr. Ernie Viramontes

Not present:
 Ms. Taryn Bachis
 Mr. Matt Martinez

6 committee members were present

Approval of the Agenda: Mr. Salazar asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Schuster made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (6-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Hardship Committee Member Name
X		Mr. Bruce Carver
X		Mr. Gary Schuster
X		Ms. Karen Nougues
X		Mr. Sam Olney
X		Mr. Gary Salazar
X		Mr. Ernie Viramontes

Approval of the Minutes: Mr. Salazar asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2026, meeting. Mr. Olney made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Carver seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (6-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Hardship Committee Member Name
X		Mr. Bruce Carver
X		Mr. Gary Schuster
X		Ms. Karen Nougues
X		Mr. Sam Olney
X		Mr. Gary Salazar
X		Mr. Ernie Viramontes

Mr. Matt Martinez joined the meeting at 8:03 a.m.

Santa Fe Prep Hardship Hearing: Mr. Salazar asked the petitioning party whether they wished to conduct the hearing in open or closed session. The petitioning party requested the hearing be conducted in closed session.

Closed Session: Mr. Salazar asked for a motion to go into closed session to conduct the Santa Fe Prep Hardship Hearing. Mr. Schuster made a motion to enter closed session at 8:04 a.m. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Hardship Committee Member Name
X		Mr. Bruce Carver
X		Mr. Matt Martinez
X		Mr. Gary Schuster
X		Ms. Karen Nougues
X		Mr. Sam Olney
X		Mr. Gary Salazar
X		Mr. Ernie Viramontes

Executive Session: Mr. Salazar asked for a motion to go into executive session for deliberations at 8:23 a.m. Mr. Schuster made a motion to enter executive session. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Hardship Committee Member Name
X		Mr. Bruce Carver
X		Mr. Matt Martinez
X		Mr. Gary Schuster
X		Ms. Karen Nougues
X		Mr. Sam Olney
X		Mr. Gary Salazar
X		Mr. Ernie Viramontes

Mr. Salazar asked for a motion to exit out of executive session at 8:35 a.m. A motion to exit executive session was made by Mr. Viramontes and seconded by Ms. Nougues. Mr. Salazar stated no action was taken in executive session. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Hardship Committee Member Name
X		Mr. Bruce Carver
X		Mr. Matt Martinez
X		Mr. Gary Schuster
X		Ms. Karen Nougues
X		Mr. Sam Olney
X		Mr. Gary Salazar
X		Mr. Ernie Viramontes

Mr. Salazar asked for a motion to exit closed session and go back into open session at 8:36 a.m. to vote on the Santa Fe Prep Hardship Hearing. Mr. Schuster made a motion to exit closed session. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Hardship Committee Member Name
X		Mr. Bruce Carver
X		Mr. Matt Martinez
X		Mr. Gary Schuster
X		Ms. Karen Nougues
X		Mr. Sam Olney
X		Mr. Gary Salazar
X		Mr. Ernie Viramontes

Action: Mr. Salazar asked for a motion on the Santa Fe Prep Hardship hearing. Mr. Olney made the motion to deny eligibility for the Santa Fe Prep hardship petition. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (7-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Hardship Committee Member Name
X		Mr. Bruce Carver
X		Mr. Matt Martinez
X		Mr. Gary Schuster
X		Ms. Karen Nougues
X		Mr. Sam Olney
X		Mr. Gary Salazar
X		Mr. Ernie Viramontes

Consider Adjournment: Mr. Salazar asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 a.m. Mr. Carver made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Olney seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (7-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Hardship Committee Member Name
X		Mr. Bruce Carver
X		Mr. Matt Martinez
X		Mr. Gary Schuster
X		Ms. Karen Nougues
X		Mr. Sam Olney
X		Mr. Gary Salazar
X		Mr. Ernie Viramontes