

NMAA Board of Directors' Special Meeting

May 4, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Hall of Pride and Honor

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. Anthony Casados, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 9:01 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 - President)
Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Mr. J.R. Null (Large Area B)
Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C - Vice President)
Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Dr. Arsenio Romero (Large Area D)
Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I) **via teleconference*
Mr. Ralph Ramos (Large School District II)
Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

Not Present:

Mr. Marvyn Jaramillo, (New Mexico School Boards Association)

11 members were present representing a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. White made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2022, Board Meeting. Mr. Moyer made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Action Items

Football: Adoption of NFHS Team Box Rule - Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, presented a proposal to consider adoption of new NFHS Football Rules that would allow for the team box to be extended. Bylaw 7.15.1. N would read as follows: Extension of Team Box - Per state association adoption of NFHS Rule 1-2-3-g Note 3, the team box would be extended to the 10-yard lines for both teams. In addition to authorized team personnel, properly credentialed media representatives and approved event staff may be in the team box between the 10-yard line and 25-yard line, but only if approved by the head coach. Only authorized team personnel may be in the team box between the 25-yard lines. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Moyer made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. White seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Regional Assignors: New Selection Procedures - Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, presented a proposal regarding Varsity Regional Assignment Commissioners and the Election Policy/Process. This policy/process shall read as follows: Elections of Varsity Regional Assignments shall be by combined simple majority vote of Athletic Directors from NMAA Member Schools and NMOA members in good standing in each Region specific to each sport. Both groups are weighed 50% of the overall vote in each Region. Athletic Directors and NMOA members vote for candidates within their own regions only. Interested candidates should submit a one-page credential summary to the NMAA office to be placed on the ballot. Credential summaries are due by: December 1 for Fall Assignors, April 1 for Winter Assignors, and August 1 for Spring Assignors. An electronic ballot is sent out, by region, to the Athletic Directors of NMAA member schools, and by Region to the NMOA membership for each sport. NMOA members will only receive ballots for the sports they are currently registered for in their Region. NMAA member schools will only receive ballots for the sports they offer and only for candidates in their Region. If a simple majority in each group (ADs and Officials) does not determine an outright winner, original votes will be weighted on the percentage of representation from each group and the candidate with the most combined votes will earn election. (For example, if there are 50 ADs and 100 Officials in a voting group, the vote would be weighted 2:1 – ADs would count twice to every single Official's vote). Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Ramos made the motion to amend the proposal so that athletic directors from each region in a specific sport would vote, thus the final decision on Regional Assignment Commissioners would be made by member schools. Mr. Madrid seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Regional Assignors: Policy for Calling Varsity Contests - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to change the policy regarding Regional Assignors and their ability to call varsity contests in the sports of football and basketball. The new policy would state as follows: Varsity Regional Assignment Commissioners in Football and Basketball are not eligible to work Varsity level contests unless prior approval is granted by the NMAA office for special situations. Working sub-varsity contests on occasion, for the purpose of mentoring new Officials, helping in a shortage situation, or to free up member Officials to work Varsity contests may be approved in advance. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. White made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Out-of-Season/Summer Coaching: New Bylaws - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to consider changes to Bylaw 7.4 to read: During the off season, athletic programs are under the direction of the local school/school district. The NMAA does not govern coaching activities other than undue influence and guidelines established in Section 7.5. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Viramontes made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Dempsey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (10-1; Mr. Null was the nay vote).

Executive Session

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:59 a.m. to discuss financial, personnel, and pending/possible legal matters. Mr. Moyer made the motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. White seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados, Board President (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. J.R. Null (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		Dr. Arsenio Romero (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large Schools District I)
Yes		Mr. Ralph Ramos (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 10:29 a.m. Mr. Casados stated no action was taken in Executive Session. Mr. White made the motion to exit out of Executive Session. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados, Board President (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. J.R. Null (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		Dr. Arsenio Romero (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large Schools District I)
Yes		Mr. Ralph Ramos (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Moyer made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Madrid seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2022