

NMAA Board of Directors' Meeting

November 29, 2023

8:00 a.m.

Hall of Pride and Honor

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. Anthony Casados, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 8:01 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. Gene Strickland (Large Area B)
Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Mr. Hilario Chavez (Large Area D)
Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Mr. Ignacio Ruiz (Large School District II)
Mr. Gary Allison (NMAA Commission)
Ms. Patti Ann Ancell, (New Mexico School Boards Association)

Not Present:

Dr. Kim Mizell (Large Area A)

12 members were present representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. White made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Moyer seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0)

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2023, Board Meeting. Mr. Allison made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Dempsey seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Executive Session:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to enter Executive Session at 8:03 a.m. to hear and discuss three appeal presentations. Mr. Madrid made a motion. Mr. Strickland 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. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. Gene Strickland (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. Hilario Chavez (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Mr. Ignacio Ruiz (Large School District II)

Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Gary Allison (NMAA Commission)
Yes		Ms. Patti Ann Ancell (New Mexico School Boards Association)

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to exit Executive Session at 10:07a.m. Mr. Ruiz made a motion. Mr. Madrid seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0). Mr. Casados stated there was no action taken during Executive Session.

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. Gene Strickland (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. Hilario Chavez (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Mr. Ignacio Ruiz (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Gary Allison (NMAA Commission)
Yes		Ms. Patti Ann Ancell (New Mexico School Boards Association)

Appeal Rulings:

A motion was made by Mr. Dempsey to uphold the New Mexico Activities Association Appeals Committee ruling regarding MG. Mr. Strickland seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0). Therefore, MG is ineligible for all levels of participation in all sports at both the middle school and high school level for 180 school/365 calendar days from the date of discovery, which was September 22, 2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Madrid to overturn the New Mexico Activities Association Appeals Committee regarding FL. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Therefore, FL is eligible for all sports at Springer High School for the 2023-2024 school year. The student will exhaust athletic eligibility at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year. A roll call vote was taken and passed (8-3, 1 abstention).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. Gene Strickland (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
	No	Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
	No	Mr. Hilario Chavez (Large Area D)
	No	Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Mr. Ignacio Ruiz (Large School District II)

Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Abstained		Mr. Gary Allison (NMAA Commission)
Yes		Ms. Patti Ann Ancell (New Mexico School Boards Association)

A motion was made by Mr. Moyer to uphold the decision of the New Mexico Activities Association Board of Directors regarding SC and BC. Mr. Madrid seconded the motion. Mr. Dempsey asked for consideration of an amendment to the motion that would add a monetary fine to Albuquerque High School. Mr. Moyer and Mr. Madrid agreed with the amendment. A roll call vote was taken failed (5-7).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
	No	Mr. Gene Strickland (Large Area B)
	No	Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
	No	Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
	No	Mr. Hilario Chavez (Large Area D)
	No	Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
	No	Mr. Ignacio Ruiz (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
	No	Mr. Gary Allison (NMAA Commission)
Yes		Ms. Patti Ann Ancell (New Mexico School Boards Association)

A motion was made by Mr. Ruiz to uphold the decision regarding eligibility of SC and BC. Mr. Allison seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0). Therefore, SC and BC are ineligible for varsity participation in the sport of basketball and volleyball for 180 school/ 365 calendar days from the date of their enrollment at Albuquerque High School. They are eligible for sub-varsity participation during the period of varsity ineligibility.

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. Gene Strickland (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. Hilario Chavez (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Mr. Ignacio Ruiz (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Gary Allison (NMAA Commission)
Yes		Ms. Patti Ann Ancell (New Mexico School Boards Association)

Mr. Dempsey made a motion to assess a monetary fine to Albuquerque High School. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed (10-2).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. Gene Strickland (Large Area B)
	No	Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
Yes		Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Hilario Chavez (Large Area D)
	No	Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Mr. Ignacio Ruiz (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Gary Allison (NMAA Commission)
Yes		Ms. Patti Ann Ancell (New Mexico School Boards Association)

NMAA Director’s Report:

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, presented the Director’s Report. She discussed three (3) items on her report: 1) stated that Fall State Championships are complete and were very successful; 2) reported on the recent elections that took place for the Board of Directors and Commission. Mr. Travis Dempsey, Large Area C, and Mr. Lee White, Small Area D, were re-elected, and Mr. Cody Diehl from Farmington Schools will represent Large Area A, replacing Dr. Kim Mizell. For the Commission, Mr. Ben Tensay, Large Area A, and Ms. Robbie Robinson, Small Area D were re-elected, and Ms. Taryn Bachis was elected to represent Non-Public Schools, replacing Mr. Willie Owens; and 3) provided information pertaining to the NMAA Foundation and stated that a copy the organization’s Annual Report was in their binders.

NMAA Financial Report:

Approval of NMAA 990 for 2022-2023 - Ms. Shari Kessler Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager, presented the NMAA’s 990 from 2022-2023 for review and approval. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the NMAA 990 for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Dempsey made a motion to approve the 990 as presented. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

NMAA Finance Report - Ms. Kessler-Schwaner presented the NMAA Financial Report. She discussed two (2) items on her report: 1) provided ticket sales information for the Fall Championships; and 2) stated full Fall Sports financials will not be available until the next meeting because expenses for these events have yet to be finalized.

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Tammy Richards, NMAA Assistant Director, presented the NMAA Activities Report. She discussed five (5) items on her report: 1) provided information about the State One Act Play Competition that took place in October in Las Cruces; 2) stated that all other activities are underway with culminating events taking place in the Spring; 3) reported that participation numbers in activities are on the rise again this school year; 4) stated that planning for the 2024 collaborative Summer Conference is underway; and 5) provided information pertaining to the NMAA Foundation and upcoming fundraising events.

New Mexico Officials Association Report:

Mr. Zac Stevenson, NMAA Commissioner of Officials, presented the NMOA Report. He discussed five (5) items on his report: 1) reported that 132 officials worked Fall Championships; 2) stated that the NMOA is currently reviewing state eligibility guidelines; 3) provided information regarding officials' numbers for winter sports; 4) reported that RefReps continues to grow with additional trainings for this curriculum taking place next week; and 5) discussed school staff registration processes and increased participation in this area. Ms. Marquez added information pertaining to ejection reports from the fall season.

Discussion Items:

Sportsmanship Update - Mr. Allison discussed Sportsmanship with a focus on volleyball and some of the negative incidents that occur where chants or comments are directed towards a specific individual/player.

Basketball: Shot Clock - Ms. Marquez reported on recent survey results regarding the possible use of a shot clock in basketball. She stated approximately 60% of coaches were in favor of using a shot clock. Feedback did not provide support for the use of a shot clock in basketball due to the significant expenses incurred to install them in multiple gyms along with potential challenges this may bring to officials and table workers.

Action Items:

Officials Fees: Powerlifting - Mr. Stevenson presented a proposal to approve Powerlifting Judge levels, duties, and fee structure. The levels/duties and fee structure shall be as follows:

Certification Levels/Duties:

a. Head Judge

- i. Ensure all technical rules and formats are correctly applied by the Lifters, Teams, Coaches, and Platform Judges
- ii. Hold Pre-Meet Judges and Coaches Meetings
- iii. Ensure the safety/legality of the equipment and any personal equipment.
 1. Note – For a meet to be considered for state qualification, a head judge must be assigned. In absence of an assigned head judge, two (2) or more head coaches who are head judge certified, may fill this role.

b. Platform Judge

- i. Oversee lifting activities and regulations at the assigned platform.
- ii. Determine clean lifts and only qualify lifts to score if the lift meets the technical rules outlined in the NMAA Powerlifting Rule Book

Fee Schedule:

1. Head Judge – \$100/meet plus an additional \$25/hour for every hour over 4 up to a maximum of 8 hours (\$200 max) – 1 per meet (or 2 or more head coaches who are head judge certified).
2. Platform Judge – \$60/meet plus an additional \$15/hour for every hour over 4 up to a maximum of 8 hours (\$120 max) – 3 per platform.

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Dempsey made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Madrid seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Officials Fees: Wrestling, Spirit, Swimming, Track - Mr. Stevenson presented a proposal to modify the current Officials fees for events in the sports of wrestling, spirit, swimming & diving, and track & field. Updates for state championship events in these sports will take effect immediately, while regular season updates would not be implemented until the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Allison made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Lackey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Tennis: State Tournament Seeding - Mr. Scott Owen, NMAA Assistant Director, presented a proposal to increase individual state seeds in Tennis (singles/doubles) from top 4 to top 6. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Dempsey made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Strickland seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Track & Field: Coaches as Meet Officials - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to allow track and field coaches who are also NMOA certified, to serve as meet officials. There must be three coaches, from three different schools to certify/verify results. Addition to Bylaw 7.22.1 M shall read as follows: 3. Meet referees may be coaches who are certified track officials via the NMAA/NMOA as long there are at least three coaches from three different schools at the meet who are NMOA certified and all three must agree to certify/verify the results of the meet. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Allison made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Strickland seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Marching Band as a Sanctioned Activity - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to consider approving Marching Band as an NMAA Sanctioned Activity. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Elder made the motion to approve the proposal. Ms. Ancell seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Forfeiture Fee Adjustments - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to standardize forfeiture fees for all high school contests and update them for basketball and football. Bylaw 5.1.6 B Forfeits at Senior High Level shall read: When schools do not have a forfeiture fee in their contract for a regular season event and cannot resolve the failure of one school to fulfill the contract, the Board has established minimum forfeiture fees as follows.

1. Minimum forfeiture fees: If not already in the contract this applies to both regular season games and tournaments.

	<u>Football</u>	<u>Basketball</u>	<u>Other Sports</u>
A, 6-Man, 8-Man.	\$1500	\$1000	\$500
2A	\$2000	\$1500	\$500
3A	\$2500	\$2000	\$750
4A	\$3000	\$3000	\$1000
5A	\$4000	\$4000	\$1500
6A	\$4500		

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Madrid made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Eligibility: Summer School Courses - Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to allow students to use summer school courses to replace spring semester courses if they earn a passing grade in at least the regular level of the same course. Bylaw 6.2.4 Make Up Class in Summer School shall read as follows: A Student may make up classes during summer school by earning a passing grade in the regular level of the same course from an accredited program. The new grade may be substituted for the original grade in that class providing the local school policy permits. Summer School is defined as an extension of the spring semester for that year only. If the course is to be utilized for determining a student's eligibility, it must be placed on the transcript prior to the first day of the school year. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Chavez suggested amending the proposal to read regular/general level. Mr. Dempsey made a motion to approve the proposal with the suggested amendment. Ms. Ancell seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Membership Dues: Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to increase NMAA Membership Dues beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>
5A \$7293	\$7800
4A \$6859	\$7300
3A \$5456	\$6000
2A \$2794	\$3300
A \$2519	\$3000
MS \$253	\$500

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Lackey made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Classification & Alignment: Ms. Marquez presented a proposal for the Classification & Alignment of schools for the next two-year block (2024-2025/ 2025-2026). Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Dempsey made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken and passed (8-4).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
	No	Mr. Gene Strickland (Large Area B)
	No	Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)
	No	Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Yes		Mr. Hilario Chavez (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Mr. Ignacio Ruiz (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Gary Allison (NMAA Commission)
	No	Ms. Patti Ann Ancell (New Mexico School Boards Association)

Executive Session

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to enter Executive Session at 12:02 p.m. to discuss financial, personnel, and pending/possible legal matters. Mr. Lackey made the motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Strickland 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. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. Gene Strickland (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. Hilario Chavez (Large Area D)

Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Mr. Ignacio Ruiz (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Gary Allison (NMAA Commission)
Yes		Ms. Patti Ann Ancell (New Mexico School Boards Association)

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to exit Executive Session at 12:48 p.m. Mr. Dempsey made the motion. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0). Mr. Casados stated no action was taken during Executive Session.

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Yes		Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Yes		Mr. Gene Strickland (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. Hilario Chavez (Large Area D)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Mr. Ignacio Ruiz (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Gary Allison (NMAA Commission)
Yes		Ms. Patti Ann Ancell (New Mexico School Boards Association)

Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 p.m. Mr. Allison made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Madrid seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

The next Board of Directors' Meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2023