

NMAA Board of Directors' Meeting
December 9, 2021
9:00 a.m.
NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. Anthony Casados, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 9:03 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. Daniel Benavidez (Large Area A)
Mr. J.R. Null (Large Area B) **present via phone*
Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C – Vice President)
Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Mr. Ralph Ramos (Large School District II)
Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)
Mr. Terry Martin (New Mexico School Boards Association)

Not Present:

Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Dr. Arsenio Romero (Large Area D)

9 members were present representing a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Ramos made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Benavidez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2021, Board Meeting. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Benavidez seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

2022-2024 Classification & Alignment Appeals:

The following individuals presented appeals on behalf of their respective schools:

Alamogordo HS: Dr. Kenneth Moore, Superintendent, Alamogordo Public Schools

Bernalillo HS: Mr. Matt Montano, Superintendent, Bernalillo Public Schools

Cibola HS: Mr. Ray Rodriguez, Athletic Director, Cibola High School

Pecos High School: Mr. Michael Montano, Head Wrestling Coach, Pecos High School

Executive Session

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:11 a.m. Mr. Benavidez made the motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A - President)
Yes		Mr. Daniel Benavidez (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. J.R. Null, (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C – Vice President)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Mr. Ralph Ramos (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)
Yes		Mr. Terry Martin (New Mexico School Boards Association)

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 11:06 a.m. Mr. Viramontes made the motion to exit out of Executive Session. Mr. Benavidez seconded the motion. Mr. Casados stated no action was taken in Executive Session. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously. (9-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
Yes		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A - President)
Yes		Mr. Daniel Benavidez (Large Area A)
Yes		Mr. J.R. Null, (Large Area B)
Yes		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C – Vice President)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Mr. Ralph Ramos (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Yes		Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)
Yes		Mr. Terry Martin (New Mexico School Boards Association)

Classification & Alignment Appeals: Mr. Casados asked that the board members take action on the classification & alignment appeals heard prior to Executive Session.

Alamogordo High School - Mr. Benavidez made a motion to uphold the NMAA's original placement of Alamogordo HS in Class 6A in the sport of football. Mr. Madrid seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0). Appeal Denied.

Bernalillo High School - Mr. Madrid made a motion to uphold the NMAA's original placement of Bernalillo HS in District 4/6-4A in the sport of football. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0). Appeal Denied.

Cibola High School - Mr. Ramos made a motion to uphold the NMAA's original placement of Cibola HS in District 1-5A in all sports (District 1-6A in football). Mr. Dempsey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (8-0; Mr. Elder abstained). Appeal Denied.

Pecos High School: Mr. Madrid made a motion to uphold the NMAA's original placement of Pecos HS in Class A-4A in the sport of wrestling. Mr. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Action Items:

Consider final approval of C & A for the 2022-2024 block - Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, presented a proposal for the Classification & Alignment of schools for the 2022-2024 block to include the following updates made internally by staff to the proposal that was approved at the December 2nd Board Meeting: Added Dora to District 2 in Class 6-Man Football; Added Legacy Academy to District 1 in Class 8-Man Football; removed Evangel Christian from its tri-op with Oak Grove and Menaul in Class A-3A Soccer; Added Hozho Academy as a Class 1A Independent program in Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Softball, Track & Field and Volleyball; and moved Mesilla Valley Christian to District 2 in Basketball and Volleyball. Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the final 2022-2024 Classification & Alignment as presented. Mr. Elder made the motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Ramos seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Casados asked Ms. Marquez about some concerns that have been brought forward by member schools regarding football scheduling. Ms. Marquez stated that many schools began the scheduling process prior to Classification & Alignment being finalized, thus leaving some schools that started later without games. The Board of Directors requested that the NMAA work with athletic directors to attempt to solve this issue. It was also stated that preparation for Classification & Alignment for 2024-2026 should start now and that multiple proposals/ideas should be considered in an attempt to update the process.

Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. Mr. Benavidez made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Madrid seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2022