

**NMAA Special Board of Directors' Meeting
December 10, 2025
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 9:01 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. Cody Diehl (Large Area A)
Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B)
Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)
Mr. Will Hawkins (Large Area C)
Mr. Lee White (Small Area D)
Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large)
Mr. Scott Affentranger (NMAA Commission)

8 members were present representing a quorum.

Not Present

Mr. Gene Strickland (Large Area B)
Mr. Todd Bibiano (Large Area D)
Dr. Gabriella Duran-Blakey (Large School District I)
Mr. Ignacio Ruiz (Large Schools District II)
Mr. Gary Tripp (New Mexico School Boards Association)

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Casados requested an amendment to the agenda to include discussion in Executive Session regarding pending legal issues with Ms. Elizabeth German, Legal Counsel, NMAA. Mr. Moyer made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Madrid seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2025, Board Meeting. Mr. White made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

2026-2028 Classification & Alignment Appeals:

The following individuals presented appeals on behalf of their schools and/or districts:

- House High School: No representative present. Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Executive Director, provided information on their behalf.
- Class 2A Football Schools: Mr. Lee White, Superintendent, Loving Schools.
- Santa Fe Indian School: No representative present. Mr. Young provided information on their behalf.
- Grants High School: Mr. Larry Chavez, Athletic Director, Grants-Cibola County Schools; and Mr. Reyes Jaramillo, Athletic Director, Grants High School.
- Kirtland Central High School: Present via teleconference: Mr. Isaiah Valdez, Athletic Director, Kirtland Central High School.

- Navajo Preparatory School: Present via teleconference: Ms. Rainy Crisp, Athletic Director, Navajo Prep.
- Santa Fe Prep: Ms. Anika Amon, Head Girls' Basketball Coach, Santa Fe Prep and Mr. Phil Lucero, Athletic Director, Santa Fe Prep.
- Pojoaque Valley High School: Dr. Channell Segura, Superintendent, Pojoaque Valley Schools and Mr. Sean Jimenez, Athletic Director, Pojoaque Valley High School.
- Questa High School: Present via teleconference: Mr. John Maldonado, Superintendent, Questa Independent Schools.
- Escalante High School: Mr. Carlos Casados, Head Football Coach, Escalante High School and Mr. Isaac Royston, Athletic Coordinator, Escalante High School.

Executive Session

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:52 a.m. Mr. Hawkins made the motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Diehl seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously passed (8-0).

| Yes/For | No/Against | Board Member Name |
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| Yes | | Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A) |
| Yes | | Mr. Cody Diehl (Large Area A) |
| Yes | | Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B) |
| Yes | | Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C) |
| Yes | | Mr. Will Hawkins (Large Area C) |
| Yes | | Mr. Lee White (Small Area D) |
| Yes | | Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large) |
| Yes | | Mr. Scott Affentranger (NMAA Commission) |

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 11:18 a.m. Mr. Moyer made the motion to exit out of Executive Session. Mr. Lackey seconded the motion. Mr. Casados stated no action was taken in the Executive Session. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously passed (8-0).

| Yes/For | No/Against | Board Member Name |
|---------|------------|--|
| Yes | | Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A) |
| Yes | | Mr. Cody Diehl (Large Area A) |
| Yes | | Mr. Matt Moyer (Small Area B) |
| Yes | | Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C) |
| Yes | | Mr. Will Hawkins (Large Area C) |
| Yes | | Mr. Lee White (Small Area D) |
| Yes | | Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large) |
| Yes | | Mr. Scott Affentranger (NMAA Commission) |

Action Items:

Consideration of 2026-2028 C&A Appeals:

Mr. Casados asked that the board members take action on the appeals heard prior to Executive Session.

House High School:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion regarding the appeal for House High School. Mr. Hawkins made a motion to approve the appeal from House High School which would allow the school to continue to co-op with Fort Sumner High School in Class 1A in the sports of football, volleyball and basketball (and other team sports) for the 2026-2028 block. Mr. Diehl seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (7-0). Mr. Moyer abstained. Appeal approved.

Class 2A Football Schools:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion regarding the appeal for 2A Football Schools. Mr. Moyer made a motion to approve the appeal from 2A Football Schools which would allow for Class 2A to utilize smaller districts in the sport of football. Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0). Appeal approved.

Santa Fe Indian School:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion regarding the appeal for Santa Fe Indian School. Appeal denied due to lack of motion.

Grants High School:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion regarding the appeal for Grants High School. Mr. Hawkins made a motion to approve the appeal from Grants High School which would allow for Grants High School to be placed in Class 4A District 1 in the sport of football, subsequently replacing Rio Grande High School who is moved to 4A District 2 per school request. Mr. Madrid seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0). Appeal approved.

Kirtland Central High School:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion regarding the appeal for Kirtland Central High School. Appeal denied due to lack of motion.

Navajo Preparatory School:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion regarding the appeal for Navajo Prep. Mr. Hawkins made a motion to approve the appeal from Navajo Prep which would allow Navajo Prep to move to Class 4A District 1 in the sport of girls' soccer. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0). Appeal approved.

Santa Fe Prep:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion regarding the appeal for Santa Fe Prep. Appeal denied due to lack of motion.

Pojoaque Valley High School:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion regarding the appeal for Pojoaque Valley High School. Mr. Affentranger made a motion to approve the appeal from Pojoaque Valley High School which would allow for Pojoaque Valley High School to move to Class 3A in all sports except the sport of football. Mr. Madrid seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (7-1). Appeal approved.

Questa High School:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion regarding the appeal for Questa High School. Mr. Moyer made a motion to approve the appeal from Questa High School which would allow for Questa High School to move to Class 1A in all sports except the sport of football. Mr. Affentranger seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (7-1). Appeal approved.

Escalante High School:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion regarding the appeal for Escalante High School. Mr. Madrid made a motion to approve the appeal from Escalante High School which would allow for Escalante High School to move to Class 1A in all sports except the sport of football. Mr. White seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (6-1). Mr. Casados abstained. Appeal approved.

Consider Final Approval of C&A for 2026-2028 Block:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the final Classification and Alignment for the 2026-2028 Block with updated districts based on approved appeals. Mr. Diehl made a motion to approve. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 a.m. Mr. Hawkins made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Affentranger seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors' is scheduled for February 18, 2026