

## **NMAA Special Board of Directors' Meeting**

December 11, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Hall of Pride and Honor

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. Anthony Casados, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 9:00 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 Schools District II)

Mr. Gary Allison (NMAA Commission)

Not Present:

Dr. Kim Mizell (Large Area A)

Ms. Patti Ann Ancell (New Mexico School Boards Association)

11 members were present representing a quorum.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Madrid made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Strickland 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 November 29, 2023, Board Meeting. Mr. Strickland made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Allison seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

### **2024-2026 Classification & Alignment Appeals:**

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

House High School: Mr. Coby Norman, Superintendent, House Schools

Manzano High School: Mr. Matt Espinosa, Athletic Director, Manzano HS

Miyamura High School: Mr. Mike Hyatt, Superintendent, Gallup McKinley County Schools

Dulce High School: Not Present – Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, provided information on their behalf

Tularosa High School: Mr. Sergio Castanon, Athletic Director, Tularosa HS

Legacy Academy: Not Present – Ms. Marquez provided information on their behalf

8-Man Football Schools (Lordsburg, Mesilla Valley Christian, Melrose, Tatum): Mr. Dale Hooper, Athletic Director, Lordsburg HS

Gadsden Independent School District (Gadsden, Santa Teresa): Ms. Karen Nougues, District Athletic Director, GISD

District 1-6 Football (Cibola, Cleveland, Farmington, Peidra Vista, Rio Rancho, Volcano Vista): Mr. Todd Resch, District Athletic Director, Rio Rancho Public Schools.

**Executive Session:**

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:34 a.m. Mr. Strickland made the motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Ruiz 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 (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. Martin Madrid (At-Large Member)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Mr. Ignacio Ruiz (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Gary Allison (NMAA Commission)

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 10:56 a.m. Mr. Casados stated no action was taken in Executive Session. Mr. Moyer made the motion to exit out of Executive Session. Mr. Madrid 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 (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. Martin Madrid (At-Large Member)
Yes		Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Mr. Ignacio Ruiz (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Gary Allison (NMAA Commission)

**Action Items:****Classification & Alignment**

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

House High School: Mr. Strickland 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 cheerleading, football, volleyball and basketball for the 2024-2026 block. Mr. Allison seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (10-0) – Mr. Moyer abstained. Appeal approved.

Manzano High School: Mr. Elder made a motion to approve the appeal from Manzano High School requesting that the school be moved to Class 4A in all sports. No second was made, motion fails due to the lack of a motion. Mr. Madrid made a motion to deny the appeal from Manzano High School. Mr. Elder seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0). Appeal denied.

Miyamura High School: Mr. Elder made a motion to deny the appeal from Miyamura High School requesting that online students that currently live outside of the attendance zone and not eligible to participate in sports due to their geographic location not be counted towards their overall numbers (note the request was for all GMCS schools). Mr. Strickland seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0). Appeal denied.

Dulce High School: Mr. Moyer made a motion to deny the appeal from Dulce High School requesting reassignment of their district from 2A District 1 to 2A District 5. Mr. Ruiz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0). Appeal denied.

Tularosa High School: Mr. Allison made a motion to approve the appeal from Tularosa High School requesting reassignment of their district in the sports of softball and baseball from District 4/5 to District 3. Mr. Madrid seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed (7-4). Appeal approved.

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)
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)
Yes		Mr. Martin Madrid (At-Large Member)
	No	Mr. Scott Elder (Large School District I)
Yes		Mr. Ignacio Ruiz (Large School District II)
Yes		Mr. Gary Allison (NMAA Commission)

Legacy Academy: Mr. Madrid made a motion to deny the appeal from Legacy Academy requesting reassignment of their district in football from District 2 to District 1. Mr. White seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0). Appeal denied.

8-Man Football Schools: Mr. Moyer made a motion to deny the appeal from 8-Man Football Schools to realign 8-man football districts. Mr. Strickland seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0). Appeal denied.

Gadsden Independent School District: Mr. Ruiz made a motion to deny the appeal from Gadsden Schools regarding alignment of schools in Class 5A football. Mr. Strickland seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0). Appeal denied.

District 1-6A Football Schools: Mr. Strickland made a motion to deny the appeal from District 1-6A Football Schools requesting realignment of Class 6A in the sport of football. Mr. Madrid seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0). Appeal denied.

Consider final Approval of Classification and Alignment for the 2024-2026 block: Ms. Marquez presented a final proposal for the Classification and Alignment of schools for the 2024-2026 block which included changes made internally by NMAA staff: Academy for Technology and the Classics removed from Volleyball (3A-District 2), Cloudcroft moved down to 8-Man Football (District 2), Cobre moved up to 3A Football (District 3), Dexter moved up to 3A Football (District 3), Hozho Academy added to 2A Baseball (District 1/2), Lake Arthur added to 1A Basketball & Volleyball (District 4), San Jon added to A/2A Softball (District 6), Tukumcari added to 2A Baseball (District 6) and A/2A Cross Country (District 2), and Santa Fe Indian moving to Independent in 3A Football. Mr. Moyer made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Strickland seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

**Consider Adjournment:**

Mr. Casados asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 a.m. Mr. Madrid made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

**The next Board of Directors' Meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2024**