



**NEW MEXICO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION
2021 VIRTUAL BOARD MEMBER INSTITUTE
February 10-13, 2021**

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Agenda

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

- 12:00-2:00 PM NMSBA Executive Board Meeting.....Via Zoom
- 3:00-5:00 PM NMSBA Board of Directors Meeting.....Via Zoom

Thursday, February 11, 2021

- 10:00-11:00 AM NMSBA PRESS CONFERENCE.....Via Zoom
 - Olivia Calabaza, NMSBA President Presiding
 - NMSBA Legislative Priorities and School Board Appreciation Comments
 - Speakers/Dignitaries *All Invited*
 - Lieutenant Governor Howie Morales
 - Secretary Ryan Stewart, NM Public Education Department
 - Senator Bill Soules, Chair, Senate Education Committee & Members
 - Rep. Andres Romero, Chair, House Education Committee & Members
 - Anna Chavez and/or Charlie Wilson, National School Boards Association
 - New Mexico Education Partners (NMCEL, NEANM, AFTNM, NMPTA)
- 1:00-4:30 PM BOARD MEMBER PRE-INSTITUTE TRAINING.....Via Zoom
 - School Culture & Climate, School Board Ethics and Social Media
 - Presenters: Dr. Hugh Prather, Dr. Gloria Rendón and Evan Grasser

Friday, February 12, 2021

- 8:30 AM OPENING GENERAL SESSION.....Via Zoom
 - Call to Order and Welcome..... Olivia Calabaza, NMSBA President
 - Pledge of Allegiance..... Marvyn Jaramillo, NMSBA President-Elect
 - Salute to the New Mexico Flag.....Dymorie Maker, NMSBA Vice-President
 - National Anthem/Patriotic Songs.....TBA
- 8:45 AM 2021 Legislative Update.....Rep. Andres Romero, Chair, House Education Committee
Sen. William Soules, Chair, Senate Education Committee
- 9:15 AM Legislative Finance Committee Update.....Charles Sallee, Deputy Director
Legislative Finance Committee
- 9:45 AM BREAK - Sponsors:
- 10:00 AM Public Education Legislative Priorities.....Ryan Stewart, Secretary of Education Designate
- 10:30 AM NSBA Greetings and Federal Update.....Anna Chavez, CEO & Executive Director
National School Boards Association
- 11:00 AM NSBA DIRE Initiative.....Verjeana Jacobs, Chief Transformation Officer, NSBA
The initiative addresses racial disparities in school systems and is dedicated to understanding and recognizing the root causes of barriers to equitable educational outcomes for each child.
- 11:45 AM LUNCH BREAK



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Friday, February 12, 2021 continued

WEBINARS VIA ZOOM

- 1:00-2:00 **COVID-19 Does Not Suspend School Districts' Obligations to Special Needs and At-Risk Students**
As districts begin to open up, schools face many challenges with regard to its obligations to its at-risk and special education students. During much of this school year, while PED allowed districts to provide in-person instruction to small groups of pre-K through 3rd grade and special education students even during remote learning, PED left the ultimate decision to districts. School decisions about meeting unique student needs during this time has been particularly challenging and has resulted in at least one important court decision about which school leaders should be aware.
Elena M. Gallegos, Eric Rodriguez.....Walsh Gallegos, P.C.
- 2:00 PM BREAK - *Sponsors:*
- 2:45-3:45 PM **2021 Regular (School Board) & Special Elections** -The next regular local election will take place November 2, 2021. Now is the time to start preparing for it and to decide whether to hold a special election before then. This session will provide you information you need to know to make the election process smooth, including deadlines for board resolutions, declarations of candidacy, and bond and mill levy questions.
Patricia Salazar Ives, Heather Travis Boone.....Cuddy & McCarthy, LLP
- 3:45 PM BREAK - *Sponsors:*
- 4:00-5:00 PM **Open Meetings Act: Myths or Realities?** How OMA is frequently misused and how to use it effectively for efficient meetings. OMA is an effective tool for transparency and for running efficient meetings. However, there are many myths or realities that can cause problems for Board meetings. Eliminate myths and address the realities, and avoid costly inquiries by the AG's Office.
Geno Zamora, Nicholas Govea.....Ortiz & Zamora, LLC

Saturday, February 13, 2021

WEBINARS VIA ZOOM

- 8:30-9:30 AM **School Board Role During COVID-19** - While education of students remains the focus, COVID-19 has altered the way boards approach their mission and the tools available to them. Participate in this lively zoom session to discuss evolving board roles, frustrating limitations, and new opportunities in a pandemic-altered world.
Tony F. Ortiz, Geno Zamora.....Ortiz & Zamora, LLC
- 9:45-10:45 AM **Coronavirus Relief Legislation & Updates on School Education Litigation** - This session will provide a summary of the education related sections of the new emergency federal legislation and provide updates on the 1) Yazzie/Martinez lawsuit, 2) Zuni Public Schools v. State of New Mexico related to capital outlay system, and 3) the suit by various school districts against PED over PED's authority to issues COVID-19-related guidance and directives.
R. Daniel Castille, Charlotte H. Hetherington..... Cuddy & McCarthy, LLP
- 11:00-12:00 **Local Decision Making and Flexibility During a Pandemic** - State law provides the Governor and Secretary with broad authority over public schools. School boards also have legally prescribed powers and duties to oversee their local school districts in matters of policy, budget, contracts including union agreements, and property. As the CEO, superintendents carry out the polices and rules of the PED and school board. During these unprecedented times, the legal lines of authority have not always been clear including when one authority should give way to another. Discuss COVID-related cases and legal considerations around local control during a pandemic.
Elena M. Gallegos, Karla Schultz.....Walsh Gallegos, P.C.
- 12:00 Noon ADJOURN