NEW MEXICO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

2026 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY HANDBOOK

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2026 NMSBA Delegate Assembly

Friday, December 4, 2025 – 8:00 a.m.
Embassy Suites Hotel, Albuquerque, NM

AGENDA

I. Call to Order – Marvyn Jaramillo, President

II. Business

1. Adoption of the Agenda*

2. Review Rules of Procedure

3. Approve 2025 Delegate Assembly Minutes*

4. Financial Report – Patrick Cohn, Secretary-Treasurer
   Action on the Financial Report*

5. Resolutions/Legislative Committee Report – Terry O'Brain, President-Elect
   Action on the Resolutions Committee Report*
   (No second necessary)
   Action on Proposed Resolutions & Recommendations*

6. Nominating Committee Report – Marvyn Jaramillo, President
   Action on the Nominating Committee Report*
   (No second necessary)
   Candidate Statements
   Election of Vice President and Secretary Treasurer*

7. Policy Review Committee Report – Pauline Jaramillo, Past President
   Action on the Policy Review Committee Report*
   (No second necessary)
   Action on Proposed Changes & Recommendations*

III. Adjourn

**Indicates Action Items*

NMSBA Delegate Assembly Rules of Procedure

Agenda & Rules of Procedure
The NMSBA President will preside over the Delegate Assembly with the first order of business being approval of the agenda which requires a motion and a second followed by a vote of the delegates. Following approval of the agenda the NMSBA President will review the rules of procedure for the Delegate Assembly.

Minutes of Previous Delegate Assembly
The NMSBA President will ask for a motion and second to approve the minutes of the previous year's Delegate Assembly followed by a vote of all delegates.

Financial Report
The NMSBA Secretary-Treasurer will present the Financial Report allowing an opportunity for questions from the delegates. Formal action to approve the Financial Report requires a motion and a second followed by a vote of the delegates.

Resolutions/Legislative Committee Report
The NMSBA President-Elect serves as Committee Chair and will present the Resolutions/Legislative Committee Report. A formal motion to accept the Committee Report will be made by the Committee Chair and does not require a second. Delegates will then vote to accept the report. Recommendations on proposed resolutions will be reviewed with the delegates and can be acted upon as a whole or individually. Motions to amend proposed resolutions may be made from the floor and can be acted on individually.

Nominating Committee Report
The NMSBA President serves as Committee Chair and will present the Nominating Committee Report for approval by the delegates. A formal motion to accept the Committee Report will be made by the Committee Chair and does not require a second. Delegates will then vote to accept the report.

Candidates nominated by the Committee will be allowed to make a brief presentation (limited to 3 minutes) to the delegates. Ballots will be distributed, collected and counted unless electronic voting is available. In the event that no candidate receives a majority vote, there shall be a runoff between the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes on the first ballot. The President will declare the results.

Policy Review Committee Report
The NMSBA Past-President serves as Committee Chair and will present the Policy Review Committee Report. A formal motion to accept the Committee Report will be made by the Committee Chair and does not require a second. Delegates will then vote to accept the report. Recommendations for changes to the Constitution and Bylaws will be reviewed with the delegates and can be acted upon as a whole or individually. Motions to amend any of the proposed policies may be made from the floor and can be acted on individually. Changes to the Constitution require 2/3 voter approval while changes to Bylaws require a simple majority.

Adjournment
Upon completion of all business, the Delegate Assembly will be adjourned via motion, second and vote of the delegates.

New Mexico School Boards Association Delegate Assembly
Embassy Suites Hotel – Albuquerque, New Mexico
Friday, December 5, 2025

CALL TO ORDER - President Pauline Jaramillo welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:43 PM. It was determined there was a quorum present to conduct the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – *P. Benally moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by T. Humble – motion carried.*

REVIEW RULES OF PROCEDURE – P. Jaramillo reviewed the rules of procedure for the Delegate Assembly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – P. Jaramillo reviewed the 2024 Delegate Assembly Minutes with the Delegate Assembly. *J. Lujan moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by J. Dominguez – motion carried.*

FINANCIAL REPORT - Presented by Arlene Murillo, Secretary Treasurer

1. 2025-26 Budget Status Year-to-Date
   Revenue Report
   a. Dues collected are reflected at 100%.
   b. Leadership Retreat total income generated was $29,175.
   c. Reflected is income for this year's Annual Convention at about 19%.
   b. Policy Service Program revenues are on target and are already at 56% or $191,730.
   c. Total revenues are in line with projections. We have realized $599,558 or 65% of our revenues four months into the fiscal year.
2. Morgan Stanley Account – Total reserve account balance is at $534,080 as of Oct. 31st.
3. Wells Fargo Accounts
   a. Operating/checking account reflects a balance of $221,914 as of Oct. 31st.
4. Expenditure Report
   b. We are under-expended in most budget categories. Although we should be expended at approximately 33% four months into the year, our expenses are at 25%.
   c. In summary we have expended $236,841 of our budget of $929,369.

T. Glenn moved to approve the financial report, seconded by P. Cohn – motion carried.

RESOLUTION/LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Presented by Marvyn Jaramillo, Committee Chair
M. Jaramillo presented an overview of the Resolution/Legislative Committee Report and moved to approve the report (since it is a committee report, there does not have to be a second) – motion carried.

M. Jaramillo made a motion to approve the Resolutions Committee recommendations on all resolutions, (since it is a committee report, it does not require a second) – motion carried.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT – Presented by Pauline Jaramillo, Committee Chair.
P. Jaramillo reported that four nominations were received for the office of Vice-President, and two were recommended by the Nominating Committee which were Christine Ludi, West Las Vegas and Toby Willis, Logan. There was one nomination received for the office of Secretary-Treasurer, Patrick Cohn, Silver. *P. Jaramillo made a motion to approve the Nominations Committee Report (since it is a committee report, it does not require a second) motion carried.*

P. Jaramillo, Committee Chair, presented a brief overview of the requirements to serve as a state school board association officer.

C. Ludi and T. Willis candidates for Vice President were given 2 minutes to address the delegates from the podium. Members voted on the Turning Point Response pads. T. Willis was voted in as Vice President.
T. Humble made a motion to accept T. Willis as the new Vice-President, seconded by A. Esquivel – motion carried.

P. Cohn was the only candidate that was nominated, so he will be the new NMSBA Secretary Treasurer. *T. Humble made a motion to accept P. Cohn as the new Secretary-Treasurer, seconded by A. Esquivel – motion carried.*

ADJOURNMENT – *K. Romine moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by T. Humble – motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 PM.*

NEXT MEETING – Delegate Assembly 2026 - December 4, 2026, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Albuquerque, NM

These minutes were approved as presented. _____/_____/_____

OR

The following changes and/or corrections were made.

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The minutes were approved as corrected. _____/_____/_____

Signed by NMSBA Secretary-Treasurer:

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2026 Financial Report

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	NMSBA REVENUE REPORT						10/27/2026
2	CATEGORIES	2025-2026 APPROVED BUDGET			2026-2027 APPROVED BUDGET		
3		BUDGETED	YTD	YTD	BUDGETED	YTD	YTD
4		REVENUE	REVENUE	% REVENUE	REVENUE	REVENUE	% REVENUE
5		2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026	2026-2027	2026-2027	2026-2027
6	**NMSBA DUES**						
7	Dues	$262,240.07	$262,240.07	100.00%	$262,240.07	$249,731.96	95.23%
8	**SUBTOTAL**	**$262,240.07**	**$262,240.07**	**100.00%**	**$262,240.07**	**$249,731.96**	**95.23%**
9	**NMSBA CONFERENCES**						
10	Board Member Institute	$60,000.00	$175,000.00	291.67%	$65,000.00	$0.00	0.00%
11	School Law Conference	$70,000.00	$183,362.50	261.95%	$70,000.00	$0.00	0.00%
12	Leadership Retreat	$15,000.00	$31,175.00	207.83%	$15,000.00	$46,650.00	311.00%
13	Annual Convention	$60,000.00	$168,849.90	281.42%	$65,000.00	$5,775.00	8.88%
14	Region Meetings	$10,000.00	$9,750.00	97.50%	$10,000.00	$4,189.82	41.90%
15	Western Region Conference		$18,033.66				
16	**SUBTOTAL**	**$215,000.00**	**$586,171.06**	**272.64%**	**$225,000.00**	**$56,614.82**	**25.16%**
17	**NMSBA SERVICES**						
18	Board Workshops	$1,000.00	$0.00	0.00%	$1,000.00	$0.00	0.00%
19	Policy Review	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
20	Web Link for Exhibitors	$200.00	$0.00	0.00%	$200.00	$0.00	0.00%
21	Board Book	$500.00	$910.00	182.00%	$500.00	$980.00	196.00%
22	Policy Service	$345,000.00	$371,910.00	107.80%	$355,000.00	$190,960.00	53.79%
23	Policy Service Reimburse	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
24	Commissions	$0.00	$2,100.00	0.00%	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
25	**SUBTOTAL**	**$346,700.00**	**$374,920.00**	**108.14%**	**$356,700.00**	**$191,940.00**	**53.81%**
26	**INTEREST INCOME**						
27	Operating Bank Account	$50.00	$22.84	45.68%	$50.00	$11.35	22.70%
28	Morgan Stanley	$1,000.00	$200.40	20.04%	$1,000.00	$67.29	6.73%
29	**SUBTOTAL**	**$1,050.00**	**$223.24**	**21.26%**	**$1,050.00**	**$78.64**	**7.49%**
30	**OTHER INCOME**						
31	Annual/Assoc.Membership	$5,000.00	$2,000.00	40.00%	$5,000.00	$0.00	0.00%
32	Sales/Products	$100.00	$0.00	0.00%	$100.00	$0.00	0.00%
33	NSBA COSA Dues	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
34	Miscellaneous / Endorsments	$1,000.00	$0.00	0.00%	$1,000.00	$0.00	0.00%
35	NSBA Affiliate Profit Sharing	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
36	**SUBTOTAL**	**$6,100.00**	**$2,000.00**	**32.79%**	**$6,100.00**	**$0.00**	**0.00%**
37	**Budgeted Cash Balance**	**$98,279.03**	**$98,279.03**	**100.00%**	**$94,685.90**	**$0.00**	**0.00%**
38	**GRAND TOTAL REVENUES**	**$929,369.10**	**$1,323,833.40**	**142.44%**	**$945,775.97**	**$498,365.42**	**52.69%**
39	**Money Market Account (9/30/26)**	**$534,122.42**					
40	**Bank Account Balance (9/30/26)**	**$389,847.40**					

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1	**NMSBA EXPENDITURE REPORT**						
2	**CATEGORIES**	**2025-2026 APRROVED BUDGET**			**2026-2027 APPROVED BUDGET**		
3		**BUDGETED**	**YTD**	**YTD**	**BUDGETED**	**YTD**	**YTD**
4		**EXPENSE**	**EXPENSE**	**% EXPENSE**	**EXPENSE**	**EXPENSE**	**% EXPENSE**
5		**2025-2026**	**2025-2026**	**2025-2026**	**2026-2027**	**2026-2027**	**2026-2027**
6	**Office Personnel Salaries**						
7	Executive Director	$164,136.20	$164,136.20	100.00%	$165,777.56	$44,698.42	26.96%
8	Finance Director	$89,726.74	$89,726.74	100.00%	$90,624.01	$24,398.78	26.92%
9	Program Director	$66,824.16	$75,492.13	112.97%	$67,492.40	$18,171.02	26.92%
10	Part-time / Other	$0.00	$6,000.00	0.00%	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
11	Miscellaneous Leave	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
12							
13							
14	**Subtotal**	**$320,687.10**	**$335,355.07**	**104.57%**	**$323,893.97**	**$87,268.22**	**26.94%**
15	**Administrative Services**						
16	Printing/Publishing	$2,500.00	$979.75	39.19%	$2,500.00	$751.09	30.04%
17	Legal Services	$4,000.00	$2,704.70	67.62%	$4,000.00	$811.41	20.29%
18	Lobbying Expenses	$16,000.00	$15,037.64	93.99%	$25,000.00	$0.00	0.00%
19	Audit	$18,000.00	$25,810.31	143.39%	$18,000.00	$0.00	0.00%
20	Subscriptions	$300.00	$3,872.51	1290.84%	$2,000.00	$3,622.62	181.13%
21	**Subtotal**	**$40,800.00**	**$48,404.91**	**118.64%**	**$51,500.00**	**$5,185.12**	**10.07%**
22							
23	**Administrative Travel**						
24	Auto Expense/Travel	$2,500.00	$3,836.35	153.45%	$2,500.00	$897.70	35.91%
25	Meals/Lodging	$2,500.00	$940.41	37.62%	$2,500.00	$106.45	4.26%
26	Conferences/Training	$2,500.00	$2,407.74	96.31%	$2,500.00	$43.28	1.73%
27	**Subtotal**	**$7,500.00**	**$7,184.50**	**95.79%**	**$7,500.00**	**$1,047.43**	**13.97%**
28							
29	**Office Expenses**						
30	Parking	$2,500.00	$1,575.00	63.00%	$2,500.00	$0.00	0.00%
31	Advertisement	$500.00	$0.00	0.00%	$500.00	$0.00	0.00%
32	Postage	$3,000.00	$878.16	29.27%	$3,000.00	$424.40	14.15%
33	Supplies\Expense	$5,000.00	$8,430.22	168.60%	$5,000.00	$1,541.07	30.82%
34	Maintenance	$4,500.00	$3,049.78	67.77%	$4,500.00	$1,369.96	30.44%
35	Telephone	$6,000.00	$7,293.45	121.56%	$6,000.00	$2,257.40	37.62%
36	Internet/Web Hosting	$5,000.00	$3,198.01	63.96%	$5,000.00	$3,890.50	77.81%
37	Promotional	$6,000.00	$2,996.44	49.94%	$6,000.00	$0.00	0.00%
38	**Subtotal**	**$32,500.00**	**$27,421.06**	**84.37%**	**$32,500.00**	**$9,483.33**	**29.18%**
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40	**Plant Operations**						
41	Building Association Fees	$6,000.00	$6,606.54	110.11%	$6,000.00	$2,202.18	36.70%
42	Building Maintenance	$4,000.00	$0.00	0.00%	$4,000.00	$973.03	24.33%
43	Utilities	$1,000.00	$1,286.84	128.68%	$1,000.00	$518.59	51.86%
44	**Subtotal**	**$11,000.00**	**$7,893.38**	**71.76%**	**$11,000.00**	**$3,693.80**	**33.58%**
45							
46							
47	**Employee Benefits**						
48	Retirement	$50,000.00	$59,357.75	118.72%	$50,000.00	$14,824.39	29.65%
49	Social Security	$25,000.00	$22,405.76	89.62%	$25,000.00	$5,406.54	21.63%
50	Workers Compensation	$100.00	$40.50	40.50%	$100.00	$14.40	14.40%
51	Unemployment Tax	$500.00	$381.39	76.28%	$500.00	$11.37	2.27%
52	Health/Life	$35,000.00	$36,765.89	105.05%	$35,000.00	$9,716.35	27.76%
53	Basic Life	$250.00	$127.30	50.92%	$250.00	$51.84	20.74%
54	**Subtotal**	**$110,850.00**	**$119,078.59**	**107.42%**	**$110,850.00**	**$30,024.89**	**27.09%**
55							
56	**Insurance**						
57	Auto Insurance	$3,000.00	$3,485.00	116.17%	$3,000.00	$3,591.00	119.70%
58	Directors & Officers Liability	$2,500.00	$2,486.00	99.44%	$2,500.00	$0.00	0.00%
59	Building Contents	$750.00	$730.00	97.33%	$750.00	$730.00	97.33%
60	Commercial Crime	$3,000.00	$1,983.00	66.10%	$3,000.00	$0.00	0.00%
61	Worker's Compensation	$1,500.00	$709.38	47.29%	$1,500.00	$341.00	22.73%
62	**Subtotal**	**$10,750.00**	**$9,393.38**	**87.38%**	**$10,750.00**	**$4,662.00**	**43.37%**
63							
64	**Dues and Bonds**						
65	NSBA	$20,282.00	$20,282.00	100.00%	$20,282.00	$0.00	0.00%
66	**Subtotal**	**$20,282.00**	**$20,282.00**	**100.00%**	**$20,282.00**	**$0.00**	**0.00%**
67							
68	**Capital Outlay**						
69	Equipment/Furniture	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
70	Auto Purchase	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
71	**Subtotal**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**0.00%**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**0.00%**
72							
73	**Committees/Programs**						
74	Board of Directors	$12,500.00	$14,674.44	117.40%	$12,500.00	$4,805.15	38.44%
75	Resolutions/Legislative	$4,500.00	$6,897.12	153.27%	$4,500.00	$7,040.63	156.46%
76	Nominations	$500.00	$0.00	0.00%	$500.00	$0.00	0.00%
77	Student Achievement Award	$3,500.00	$2,946.25	84.18%	$3,500.00	$0.00	0.00%
78	Leadership Development	$2,000.00	$1,371.58	68.58%	$2,000.00	$0.00	0.00%
79	Policy	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
80	**Subtotal**	**$23,000.00**	**$25,889.39**	**112.56%**	**$23,000.00**	**$11,845.78**	**51.50%**

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81							
82	**Conferences/Conventions**						
83	Board Member Institute	$40,000.00	$88,058.76	220.15%	$40,000.00	$0.00	0.00%
84	School Law Conference	$50,000.00	$71,240.00	142.48%	$50,000.00	$0.00	0.00%
85	Leadership Retreat	$10,000.00	$14,493.26	144.93%	$10,000.00	$21,154.31	211.54%
86	Annual Convention	$35,000.00	$61,712.74	176.32%	$35,000.00	$0.00	0.00%
87	Region Meetings	$15,000.00	$15,427.38	102.85%	$15,000.00	$5,861.35	39.08%
88	*NSBA Leadership Conference*	$10,000.00		0.00%	$10,000.00	$0.00	0.00%
89	*NSBA Advocacy Conference*	$13,000.00	$22,333.95	171.80%	$13,000.00	$0.00	0.00%
90	*NSBA Annual Conference*	$20,000.00	$19,290.11	96.45%	$20,000.00	$0.00	0.00%
91	*NSBA Liason Conf./Mtgs.*	$3,500.00	$5,195.33	148.44%	$3,500.00	$2,192.43	62.64%
92	*NSBA President's Retreat*	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
93	*Western Region*	$12,500.00	$8,295.54	66.36%	$12,500.00	$8,731.15	69.85%
94							
95	**Subtotal**	**$209,000.00**	**$306,047.07**	**146.43%**	**$209,000.00**	**$37,939.24**	**18.15%**
96							
97	**Other Expenses**						
98	Advocacy Campaign	$5,000.00	$0.00	0.00%	$7,500.00	$0.00	0.00%
99	Policy Service	$120,000.00	$102,792.86	85.66%	$120,000.00	$28,193.02	23.49%
100	NSBA Reception	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
101	Contributions & Donations	$3,000.00	$157.02	5.23%	$3,000.00	$242.17	8.07%
102	Board Training & Documents	$10,000.00	$0.00	0.00%	$10,000.00	$0.00	0.00%
103	**Subtotal**	**$138,000.00**	**$102,949.88**	**74.60%**	**$140,500.00**	**$0.00**	**0.00%**
104							
105	**Contingency Fund**						
106	Policy Service Reserve	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
107	Contingency Fund	$1,000.00	$0.00	0.00%	$5,000.00	$0.00	0.00%
108	**Subtotal**	**$1,000.00**	**$0.00**	**0.00%**	**$5,000.00**	**$0.00**	**0.00%**
109							
110	**Building Fund**						
111	Mortgage	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
112	Reserve	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
113	**Subtotal**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**0.00%**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**0.00%**
114							
115	**GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES**	**$925,369.10**	**$1,009,899.23**	**109.13%**	**$945,775.97**	**$191,149.81**	**20.21%**
116	**GRAND TOTAL REVENUES**	**$925,369.10**			**$945,775.97**		

2026 Resolutions/Legislative Committee Report

The NMSBA Resolutions/Legislative Committee membership is comprised as follows: each region elects one member; each Region President appoints one member; and the State President appoints one member from each region. The President-Elect of the Association serves as Chair of the Committee.

The duties of the Committee, pursuant to Article BV Standing Committees, Section 1 of the NMSBA Bylaws, are to review current positions and new resolutions; suggest amendments, deletions, or additions where needed; prioritize them for publication to present to the legislature; and promote legislation which benefits education in general consistent with the beliefs and positions (resolutions) of the Association.

The election of region representatives to the Committee was held at the 2026 Spring Region Meetings. The elected members serve a two-year term. Each Region President made appointments to the Committee and these representatives serve a two-year term as well. State Presidential appointed members serve a one-year term and were appointed by Marvyn Jaramillo to the Committee in September 2026.

The Call for Resolutions with a copy of the 2026 Legislative Platform was sent via e-mail to all local school board members and district superintendents on August 3, 2026. The deadline for submitting resolutions was September 8, 2026. Thirty-one (31) resolutions were submitted by member boards for consideration. The Resolutions Committee meeting notice and all resolutions were sent to Committee members for review prior to their meeting.

The Committee met at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at the NMAA Offices in Albuquerque, NM, with Terry O'Brain, NMSBA President-Elect, presiding. A quorum was present and the Committee reviewed and acted on each resolution. It should be noted that twenty (20) resolutions addressed priorities that were previously approved by Delegate Assembly leaving the remaining eleven (11) resolutions for Committee consideration and recommendation.

Each of the eleven resolutions and Committee recommendations along with a summary are provided and will be acted on at the NMSBA Delegate Assembly, Friday, December 4, 2026, during the NMSBA Annual Convention which will be conducted in Albuquerque, NM.

2026 Resolutions/Legislative Committee

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Submitted by Las Cruces Public School District
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Submitted by Las Cruces Public School District
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2027 LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #1 Submitted by Albuquerque Public School District

Student Outcomes Focused Governance

Providing that the Albuquerque Public Schools Board of Education supports legislation and funding to strengthen student outcomes focused governance statewide by providing local school boards with high-quality training, coaching, technical assistance, and implementation support.

WHEREAS, New Mexico continues to face persistent challenges in student academic achievement and significant achievement gaps, requiring sustained focus and accountability at every level of the public education system; and

WHEREAS, local school boards play a critical governance role in establishing educational policy, setting priorities, overseeing district resources, employing and evaluating the superintendent, and maintaining accountability for student outcomes; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico law recognizes the importance of effective school board governance by requiring board member training related to student academic achievement, the use of data, effective governance practices, and supporting and supervising the superintendent; and

WHEREAS, research-informed governance practices emphasize clear student outcome goals, regular progress monitoring, the use of relevant data, accountability for results, and an effective distinction between the governance responsibilities of the Board and the administrative responsibilities of the superintendent; and

WHEREAS, Student Outcomes Focused Governance provides a continuous improvement framework through which local school boards can maintain sustained attention on student outcomes while empowering superintendents and district staff to manage the strategies and operations necessary to achieve those outcomes; and

WHEREAS, meaningful implementation of an outcomes-focused governance model requires ongoing training, coaching, technical assistance, access to useful data, and other supports to build the governance capacity of local school boards and superintendents throughout New Mexico;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albuquerque Public Schools Board of Education calls on the New Mexico Legislature to build upon existing school board governance requirements by providing sufficient funding and support for high-quality training, coaching, technical assistance, and implementation resources that enable local school boards to adopt and sustain governance practices focused on improving student outcomes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such efforts should preserve local governance authority while strengthening the capacity of school boards to establish clear student outcome goals, monitor progress, align resources with those goals, evaluate superintendent performance, and maintain an appropriate distinction between governance and district administration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Albuquerque Public Schools Board of Education calls upon the New Mexico School Boards Association to support and advocate for this legislative priority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the New Mexico School Boards Association, the Chair of the Senate Education Committee, the Chair of the House Education Committee, and the Director of the New Mexico Legislative Education Study Committee.

Recommendation:
Do Not Approve - NSBA's number one legislative priority is already student success, student achievement and associated funding. We must be extremely cautious about mandating one size fits all governance standards and requirements at the expense of local decision making and without sufficient funding and resources.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #2 Submitted by: Hobbs Municipal School District

Equitable adjustment to the Teacher Cost Index for Teacher Work Days

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico has established a Public School Funding Formula designed to provide equitable funding to school districts and charter schools based upon the costs associated with providing educational services to students; and

WHEREAS, the Teacher Cost Index (TCI) is an established component of the Public School Funding Formula intended to recognize differences in the cost of employing teachers based upon factors including teacher licensure and years of experience; and

WHEREAS, the current Teacher Cost Index recognizes differences in the characteristics of the teacher workforce but does not adequately account for differences among school districts in the average number of days teachers are contractually required to work; and

WHEREAS, school districts across New Mexico operate under varying calendars and employment agreements that may require teachers to work different numbers of days during the school year, resulting in differences in the actual personnel costs necessary to provide educational services; and

WHEREAS, a district that requires teachers to work more days than the statewide average incurs a greater personnel cost for providing the same number of teacher positions than a district whose teachers are required to work fewer days; and

WHEREAS, the Public School Funding Formula should recognize legitimate and measurable differences in the cost of providing educational services and should not create a funding advantage or disadvantage based solely upon differences in the number of days teachers are required to work; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has recognized through the K-12 Plus component of the Public School Funding Formula that additional instructional days create additional costs and warrant additional funding within the formula; and

WHEREAS, a similar principle should apply to the Teacher Cost Index when the average number of days teachers are required to work in a school district differs from the statewide average; and

WHEREAS, an equitable adjustment to the Teacher Cost Index should be based upon objective, consistently reported data and should recognize both districts whose teachers work more days than the statewide average and districts whose teachers work fewer days than the statewide average; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Mexico School Boards Association supports legislation and/or administrative action to amend the New Mexico Public School Funding Formula to incorporate the average number of contracted teacher work days into the calculation of the Teacher Cost Index; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Teacher Cost Index should be adjusted through a Teacher Work Day Adjustment Factor that establishes the statewide average number of teacher work days as the neutral point for purposes of the adjustment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a school district whose average number of contracted teacher work days is greater than the statewide average should receive a positive adjustment to its Teacher Cost Index to recognize the additional personnel cost associated with those additional work days; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a school district whose average number of contracted teacher work days is less than the statewide average should receive a corresponding negative adjustment to its Teacher Cost Index, recognizing the lower personnel cost associated with fewer contracted work days; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Teacher Work Day Adjustment Factor should be designed so that the statewide average number of teacher work days produces a neutral adjustment, thereby maintaining the overall equity and fiscal integrity of the Public School Funding Formula; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the New Mexico Public Education Department, in consultation with the Legislative Education Study Committee, the Legislative Finance Committee, school districts, charter schools, and other appropriate stakeholders, should establish a transparent methodology for calculating the adjustment using verified district employment and payroll data; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the calculation should be based upon the average contracted work days of full-time-equivalent classroom teachers, or another consistently defined teacher population determined by the Public Education Department, and should distinguish teacher work days from student instructional days when appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the methodology should utilize existing reporting systems to the greatest extent practicable, minimize additional administrative burdens on school districts, and provide consistent treatment of districts regardless of calendar structure or local bargaining arrangements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the New Mexico School Boards Association supports the development and implementation of this adjustment as an equity mechanism within the existing Teacher Cost Index, rather than as a separate categorical program, so that the Public School Funding Formula more accurately reflects the actual cost of employing teachers across New Mexico; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the New Mexico School Boards Association urges the Governor, the New Mexico Legislature, the Legislative Education Study Committee, the Legislative Finance Committee, and the New Mexico Public Education Department to review and implement an adjustment to the Teacher Cost Index consistent with the principles established in this resolution.

Recommendation:

Do Not Approve - The proposed resolution is complex and proposes financial adjustments to the TCI that utilize statewide averaging and take into account differences in schools on a four-day and five-day calendars. Without additional funding these adjustments may result in increases for some districts and decreases for others. Without an opportunity to see the financial impact to all districts it is difficult make a recommendation.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #3 Submitted by Hobbs Municipal School District

Reforming local school board suspension and removal procedures to ensure due process, local democratic integrity, and parity with other elected officials

WHEREAS, local school board members are duly elected by registered voters within their respective communities to serve as constitutional and statutory trustees of local public education; and

WHEREAS, Section 22-2-14 NMSA 1978 currently grants the Secretary of Public Education—an unelected, politically appointed cabinet official—the unilateral executive authority to suspend a local school board and usurp all local governance duties, powers, and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, all other locally elected officials in the State of New Mexico, including county commissioners, sheriffs, municipal mayors, and city councilors, cannot be unilaterally suspended or removed from office by an appointed state agency head; and

WHEREAS, under Sections 10-4-1 through 10-4-29 NMSA 1978 and Section 3-10-7 NMSA 1978, the suspension or removal of other local elected officials requires formal judicial proceedings in District Court, demonstrating cause such as malfeasance, misfeasance, or gross neglect of duty, with full constitutional due process protections and standard evidentiary thresholds; and

WHEREAS, the concentration of unilateral suspension authority in an appointed executive official diminishes the democratic voice of local electors, bypasses judicial impartiality, and creates an unequal standard of governance accountability unique only to school board members; and

WHEREAS, preserving local control of public education necessitates that the removal or suspension of locally elected school board members be governed by objective judicial review and established statutory due process rather than administrative fiat;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Mexico School Boards Association (NMSBA) calls upon the New Mexico State Legislature to amend Section 22-2-14 NMSA 1978 and related provisions of the Public School Code during the upcoming legislative session to:

1. **Repeal the Secretary's Unilateral Suspension Authority: Divest the Secretary of Public Education of the unilateral power to administratively suspend or remove locally elected school boards.**
2. **Establish Judicial Due Process: Require that any action seeking the involuntary suspension or removal of a school board or individual board member be initiated by petition in the appropriate District Court, aligning the process with Chapter 10, Article 4 NMSA 1978.**
3. **Limit Administrative Remedies: Clarify that the Public Education Department's authority in matters of severe compliance or fiscal deficiencies is strictly limited to seeking judicial injunctions, mandamus relief, or targeted fiscal oversight, leaving governance removal exclusively in the hands of the courts or the electorate.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NMSBA Legislative Committee adopt this priority as an official component of the NMSBA Legislative Agenda, actively drafting and supporting statutory legislation that restores full democratic parity, due process, and local control to New Mexico's elected boards of education.

Recommendation:

Approve – Removal or suspension of school board members should be consistent with all other local elected officials in the State of New Mexico, including county commissioners, sheriffs, municipal mayors, and city councilors. All these officials can only be removed by the voters or the courts and cannot be unilaterally suspended or removed from office by an appointed state agency head.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #4 Submitted by Las Cruces Public School District

Create Legislative Gun Safety Task Force

Whereas, New Mexico continues to experience firearm-related deaths and injuries at rates above the national average, creating significant public health, safety, and economic challenges for communities throughout the state;

Whereas, firearm-related injuries and deaths affect children, families, schools, and communities, and reducing these incidents requires collaboration among educators, health professionals, law enforcement agencies, families, and community organizations;

Whereas, research indicates that many firearms used in incidents involving youth are obtained from homes or family members, highlighting the importance of safe firearm storage and responsible firearm ownership;

Whereas, public health experts, educators, and safety organizations have identified secure storage practices, community education, and firearm safety awareness as effective strategies for reducing accidental shootings, youth access to firearms, suicides, and other preventable tragedies;

Whereas, New Mexico has invested in firearm safety initiatives, including public education efforts and the distribution of firearm safety devices, demonstrating a commitment to promoting responsible firearm ownership and protecting children;

Whereas, communities across New Mexico, including Las Cruces, have experienced the devastating impacts of firearm violence, reinforcing the need for continued study, prevention efforts, and evidence-based policy recommendations;

Whereas, schools play an important role in supporting student well-being and safety and have a vested interest in policies and educational strategies that reduce youth access to unsecured firearms and promote responsible decision-making;

Whereas, meaningful progress requires a balanced approach that respects lawful firearm ownership while advancing practical strategies to improve safety, education, awareness, and accountability;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, **that the Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education respectfully urges the New Mexico Legislature to establish a Firearm Safety and Prevention Task Force to study firearm-related injuries and deaths in New Mexico and evaluate evidence-based strategies that improve public safety while supporting responsible firearm ownership;**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, **that the task force examine topics including:**

- **Safe firearm storage practices and public awareness campaigns;**
- **Firearm safety education for families, youth, and communities;**
- **Strategies to reduce unauthorized youth access to firearms;**
- **Community-based violence prevention initiatives;**
- **Suicide prevention and behavioral health interventions related to firearm safety;**
- **Partnerships among schools, health care providers, law enforcement agencies, and community organizations;**
- **Best practices and successful approaches implemented in other states and local communities.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, **that the task force include representatives from the Department of Health, Department of Public Safety, Public Education Department, Children, Youth and Families Department, health care providers, school districts, the New Mexico School Boards Association, tribal governments, law enforcement agencies, community-based organizations, firearm safety advocates, responsible firearm ownership organizations, and other stakeholders with expertise in youth safety and violence prevention.**

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, **that the task force provide recommendations to the Legislature for policies, programs, and educational initiatives that promote firearm safety, prevent unauthorized access to firearms, reduce firearm-related injuries and deaths, and support safer communities throughout New Mexico.**

Recommendation:
Approve. The resolution calls for the establishment of a Firearm Safety and Prevention Task Force to study firearm-related injuries and deaths in New Mexico and provide recommendations for policies, programs, and educational initiatives that promote firearm safety, reduce firearm-related injuries and deaths, and support safer communities.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #5 Submitted by Las Cruces Public School District

Realize the Full Potential of New Mexico's Summer Enrichment Internship Program with Adequate Planning, Collaborative Local Partnerships, and by Serving All Participating Students Equitably and Legally

WHEREAS, the Summer Enrichment Internship Program provides 8-week summer work opportunities for high school students ages 14 and older, including students with disabilities, that are hosted by local government agencies, nonprofits, tribal, and private sector sites; and

WHEREAS, this program has tremendous potential to prepare students for future careers by developing workplace skills and real-world competency, building confidence, and expanding career awareness and exploration; and

WHEREAS, the NMPED contracted last summer with an out of state third-party vendor that did not give every participating community enough local control and local access to information resulting in a number of challenges that negatively affected students, families, employers, and school districts; and

WHEREAS, the state must improve communication and collaboration with local partners throughout program planning and implementation in order to effectively support our students and their families, better pair students with internships that meet their needs, prioritize in-person placements over remote online placements when possible, and eliminate unnecessary rush, stress, confusion, delays, and frustration; and

WHEREAS, establishing expectations and best practices with adequate time for stronger planning, clearer communication, defined roles and responsibilities, and greater accountability among all partners will ensure a stronger, more reliable, equitable, and highly reputable program for all participating students throughout the state, year after year;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, **future funding of the program must be allocated 6 months to 1 year in advance; and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, **NMPED must include school districts and local stakeholders as active partners from the outset with an option for a local fiduciary agent and a designated point of contact to ensure timely, consistent communication and effective collaboration among all involved including the school districts, employers, families and possibly the County; and**

LASTLY, BE IT RESOLVED, **NMPED must legally provide equitable access and appropriate support for students with disabilities to ensure successful internship opportunities.**

Recommendation:
Approve. School districts must realize the full potential of New Mexico's Summer Enrichment Internship program with adequate planning, collaborative local partnerships, and by serving all participating students equitably and legally.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #6 Submitted by Rio Rancho Public School District

School District Voice in Meta Judgment

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico, through Attorney General Raúl Torrez, brought legal action against Meta Platforms, Inc., alleging that its social media platforms contributed to significant harms to children and youth, including risks related to mental health, exploitation, and online safety; and

WHEREAS, in March 2026, a New Mexico jury found Meta liable for violations of New Mexico's consumer protection laws and awarded $375 million in civil penalties; and

WHEREAS, in August 2026, the First Judicial District Court entered an additional judgment requiring Meta to pay $567 million to address harms to New Mexico children and youth, bringing the total judgment against Meta to approximately $942 million; and

WHEREAS, the court's August 2026 order recognizes the significant impact of social media on the well-being of New Mexico's children and directs substantial resources toward treatment, prevention, education, and other efforts intended to mitigate those harms; and

WHEREAS, the judgment and any related orders, agreements, programs, or remedies may include both monetary and non-monetary components designed to prevent, reduce, identify, or address harms to children and youth resulting from social media use; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's public schools are on the front lines of addressing the academic, behavioral, social, and emotional challenges experienced by students and families, including challenges associated with social media use and online exploitation; and

WHEREAS, school districts interact with students and families on a daily basis and possess substantial expertise regarding the needs of children and youth, the delivery of student support services, prevention and intervention programs, digital citizenship, school safety, and the educational consequences of social media-related harms; and

WHEREAS, school districts also serve as important partners with state agencies, health-care providers, community organizations, law enforcement agencies, and families in addressing the complex challenges facing New Mexico's children; and

WHEREAS, decisions regarding the allocation and use of the substantial monetary resources resulting from the judgment against Meta, as well as the development and implementation of any non-monetary remedies or requirements affecting New Mexico children, youth, families, or public schools, should be informed by entities that work directly with New Mexico's children and families and understand the needs of communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, meaningful participation by public school districts would help ensure that monetary resources and non-monetary remedies are directed toward evidence-based programs, practices, policies, and services that can effectively prevent, identify, and address the harms experienced by New Mexico students; and

WHEREAS, consultation with public school districts is particularly important when any component of the judgment, settlement, court order, implementation plan, or related agreement may establish expectations, requirements, programs, educational initiatives, reporting obligations, data practices, prevention strategies, or other measures that directly or indirectly affect public schools, students, or school districts; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico School Boards Association (NMSBA) has an important role in advocating for policies that strengthen public education and improve outcomes for New Mexico's children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE RIO RANCHO PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION urges the Governor, the New Mexico Legislature, the Attorney General, the judiciary, and

other appropriate state officials and entities responsible for implementing or overseeing the judgment against Meta to ensure that New Mexico public school districts have a meaningful voice and opportunity to participate in discussions and decisions concerning both the allocation and use of monetary resources and the development, implementation, and evaluation of any non-monetary remedies, programs, requirements, or other components of the judgment that affect New Mexico children, youth, families, or public schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rio Rancho Public Schools Board of Education urges the State of New Mexico to establish a formal mechanism for consultation with representatives of public school districts and the New Mexico School Boards Association regarding the development, implementation, and evaluation of programs funded through the judgment, as well as any non-monetary remedies or requirements arising from the judgment, particularly those addressing student mental health, prevention, digital safety, online exploitation, education, and other impacts of social media on children and youth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such consultation should occur before significant decisions are made or implemented when those decisions may directly affect public school districts, students, families, or the delivery of educational or student support services, and should provide school districts with a meaningful opportunity to provide recommendations, identify potential impacts, and offer practical expertise based on their direct experience serving New Mexico's children and families.

Recommendation:
Approve. It is important that NMSBA and other school officials have a meaningful voice and opportunity to participate in discussions and decisions concerning both the allocation and use of monetary resources and the development of a formal mechanism to disperse civil penalty funds.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #7 Submitted by Taos School District

Increase Per Diem for School Board Member Attendance at Board or Committee Meetings or Permit School Board Members to Receive an Annual Salary

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 22-5-5, prohibits School Board members from being compensated for their service;

WHEREAS, for attendance at a board or committee meeting, NMSA 1978, Section 10-8-4 (Per diem and mileage rates; in lieu of payment) permits School Board members as a nonsalaried public officer to receive either reimbursement of actual expenses or
(1) forty-five dollars ($45.00) if the officer physically attends the board or committee meeting for less than four hours or the officer attends a virtual meeting of any duration during a single calendar day; or
(2) ninety-five dollars ($95.00) if the officer physically attends the board or committee meeting for four hours or more during a single calendar day;

WHEREAS, State legislators receive a per diem at a rate of $247 (FY 2026) per day for attendance during the legislative session and attendance at committee meetings;

WHEREAS, State legislator per diem rates have historically increased almost every 1 to 3 years;

WHEREAS, the per diem rate for School Board members under NMSA 1978, Section 10-8-4 (Per diem and mileage rates; in lieu of payment) decreased in 2003 by distinguishing between meetings of less than four hours versus more than four hours;

WHEREAS, in addition to per diem, State legislators have a Legislature Retirement Plan to which they may choose to participate;

WHEREAS, by State law (NMSA 1978, §§ 3-10-3, 3-12-3), municipalities through local ordinance may prescribe the compensation and fees to be paid municipal officers including city councilors;

WHEREAS, by State law (NMSA 1978, §§ 4-44-1 through 4-44-14), county commissioners receive an annual salary of thirty-nine thousand one hundred six dollars ($39,106) each for a Class A county; thirty thousand one hundred ninety-six dollars ($30,196) each for a Class B county; and fifteen thousand eight hundred forty-four dollars ($20,048) each for an H class county;

WHEREAS, by way of example, Taos City Councilors for FY 26, receive an annual salary of $28,595;

WHEREAS, by State law, School Boards must meet at least monthly (NMSA 1978, § 22-5-12(A)), and most School Boards by necessity meet more frequently than monthly;

WHEREAS, by State law, School Boards are required to have a Finance Subcommittee and an Audit Committee (see NMSA 22-8-12.3) on which less than a quorum of its members are required to serve;

WHEREAS, School Board members are required to prepare for School Board and committee meetings including by reading packets of dense materials for which there is no compensation or per diem;

WHEREAS, meetings such as Finance Subcommittee and Audit Committee meetings and some School Board meetings occur during the business day;

WHEREAS, School Board packets including those for Finance Committee meetings are often 400 pages or more;

WHEREAS, School Board members attend numerous school events throughout the year such as graduation for which there is no compensation or per diem;

WHEREAS, by State law, School Boards have tremendous responsibility including but not limited to fiscal responsibilities; acquiring, leasing and disposing of property; suing and being sued; providing for the repair and maintenance of all property belonging to the school district; and employing and evaluating the superintendent;

WHEREAS, it is difficult to recruit candidates to run for School Board, particularly those who are employed (such as working parents) who have to take paid or unpaid leave to fulfill their obligations as a School Board member;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the per diem compensation for School Board members be increased, or that School Board members be authorized to receive a salary commensurate with the compensation provided to county commissioners or city councilors, taking into consideration equitable factors such as the size, enrollment, responsibilities, and annual budget of the school district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that School Board members receiving such compensation be permitted to participate in the New Mexico Educational Retirement Board (NMERB/ERB) retirement system, including the ability to make applicable member contributions and receive corresponding employer contributions, consistent with the provisions and requirements of the Educational Retirement Act and other applicable state law.

Recommendation:
Do Not Approve - While NMSBA's legislative program prioritizes reinstatement of full per diem for school members the Committee felt a paid salary and retirement benefits were not a priority for New Mexico school board members.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #8 Submitted by Truth or Consequences Municipal School District

Expand state Good Samaritan Law to expressly apply to public school and charter school employees under appropriate "Emergency Circumstances"

WHEREAS, Section 24-10-3, NMSA 1978 of the New Mexico Health and Safety Code protects those persons who come "to the aid or rescue of another person by providing care or assistance in good faith at or near the scene of an emergency," as defined in state law, from liability for civil damages "as a result of any action or omission by that person in providing that care or assistance, except when liable for an act of gross negligence; and

WHEREAS, Section 24-10-4 of that same law defines "emergency" as "an unexpected occurrence of injury or illness occurring in public or private places to a person that results from:
A. motor vehicle accidents and collisions;
B. acts of God; and
C. other accidents and events of similar nature."

WHEREAS, public school employees have immunity under the New Mexico Tort Claims Act only when an employee is performing their official job duties, a definition strictly applied by the courts; and

WHEREAS, public school and charter school employees often face situations in which they must, or should, act to prevent harm to themselves or others (e.g., come "to the aid or rescue of another person... [and provide] assistance in good faith"), for instance during a student fight or attack, or a school medical emergency; and

WHEREAS, public school and charter employees facing such circumstances, and unclear whether such situations constitute performance of their duties, fear liability or discipline if they act to come "to the aid or rescue of another person" in such circumstances;

WHEREAS, such fear, and resulting failure to act, is not in the best interests of students, or school employees; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interests of school safety if 24-10-3, NMSA 1978, and related tort statutes, were amended to clearly protect from liability public school employees who properly act, while on-duty in the workplace, to come to "the aid or rescue of another person by providing care or assistance in good faith at or near the scene" in a school-related situation in which there is actual, or potential, harm to the employee or others; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interests of school safety if 24-10-3, NMSA 1978, and related tort statutes, were amended to include school emergencies, as described above, in the definition of "emergency" under Section 24-10-3, NMSA 1978.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Truth or Consequences Municipal Schools respectfully requests the New Mexico Legislature to amend 24-10-3, NMSA 1978 and related tort statutes to provide public school and charter school employees with protection from liability when they act to "aid or rescue another person" while on duty in the school workplace.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Truth or Consequences Municipal Schools Board of Education requests the New Mexico School Boards Association to adopt this resolution as part of its approved 2027 Legislative package.

Recommendation:
Approve. The intent of the resolution is excellent. Public school employees have immunity under the New Mexico Tort Claims Act when an employee is performing their official job duties. Expanding and reinforcing this immunity is warranted.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #9 Submitted by Truth or Consequences Municipal School District

Allocate additional care, treatment, and rehabilitation resources for state Juvenile Detention Facilities

WHEREAS, available data shows that there is insufficient space, and inadequate resources, in New Mexico's juvenile detention and juvenile justice facilities to assist school-age persons who need care, treatment and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, due to the lack of care, treatment, and rehabilitation services in New Mexico's juvenile detention and juvenile justice facilities, such students often struggle when transitioning back into the community and schools; and

WHEREAS, such unsuccessful transitions, due to lack of adequate juvenile care, treatment, and rehabilitation services, results in recidivism and re-incarceration, even with the best efforts of public schools; and

WHEREAS, insufficient space and inadequate resources in New Mexico juvenile detention and juvenile justice facilities to assist school-age persons who need care, treatment and rehabilitation is not in the best interests of our state, or of our youth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Truth or Consequences Municipal Schools respectfully requests that the New Mexico Legislature study and develop solutions for fully and properly funding New Mexico's juvenile detention and juvenile justice facilities so they have both adequate space, and can provide necessary care, treatment, and rehabilitation services to school-aged persons in New Mexico.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Truth or Consequences Municipal Schools Board of Education requests the New Mexico School Boards Association to adopt this resolution as part of its approved 2027 Legislative package.

Recommendation:
Do Not Approve - While the intent of the resolution is admirable, prioritization of funding for juvenile detention facilities, care, treatment and rehabilitation services, may fall outside of public education responsibilities and may take resources away from current funding to schools.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #10 Submitted by Truth or Consequences Municipal School District

Fully fund public school districts and charter schools for approved distance-learning and virtual school programs

WHEREAS, New Mexico funds distance learning for public school and charter school students through the State Equalization Guarantee (SEG), the state's primary public school funding formula; and,

WHEREAS, the funding formula for distance learning and virtual schools has historically been similar to that for traditional brick-and-mortar schools; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) has recently proposed that funding for distance learning and virtual schools should be reduced;

WHEREAS, PED has stated as its justification for this proposed funding reduction that distance learning and virtual schools are less costly to operate and achieve lower academic outcomes for students; and

WHEREAS, it is the experience of the Truth or Consequences Municipal Schools that distance learning and virtual students require as much or more instructional resources as a traditional in-person student; and

WHEREAS, public schools' ability to provide distance, or virtual, learning allows students to stay in school and continue their education, where they were not able to do so in the traditional classrooms, due to a range of issues including behavioral, medical or family circumstances; and

WHEREAS, students with such needs may not achieve the same academic results due to their challenging circumstances; and

WHEREAS, public school district and charter schools being provided adequate funding to maintain such distance learning and virtual options, and stay in school, on a short-term or long-term basis, is beneficial to the student, their families, the public schools, and the state of New Mexico.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Truth or Consequences Municipal Schools respectfully requests the New Mexico Legislature to ensure that approved distance learning and virtual schools provided by public school districts and charter schools be provided full SEG funding, on par with that of traditional brick-and-mortar public schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Truth or Consequences Municipal Schools Board of Education requests the New Mexico School Boards Association to adopt this resolution as part of its approved 2027 Legislative package.

Recommendation:
Do Not Approve - The premise that distance learning school programs require the same amount of SEG funding as traditional schools is arguable. LESC, LFC and PED are currently studying the whole operation of distance learning schools and the Committee felt we wait for their results prior to adopting a position on this topic.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #11 Submitted by Truth or Consequences Municipal School District

Approve public school district and charter school use of minivans for student transportation

WHEREAS, New Mexico law, specifically Section 22-16-4 NMSA 1978 and N.M. Admin. Code §6.41.4.14, allows only buses and sports utility vehicles (SUVs), defined under New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) regulations (6.41.4.7 NMAC) as crew cab pickup trucks or full size extended-length sports utility vehicles, to be used for student transportation; and

WHEREAS, safety is the essential reason for such limitation on vehicles that may transport students; and

WHEREAS, in national safety tests, minivans have similar results as those for pickup trucks, which are considered SUVs under New Mexico law, including better results in rollover crashes; and,

WHEREAS, minivans are much cheaper to purchase, fuel, and maintain than sports utility vehicles; and.

WHEREAS, approximately twenty-three other states allow use of minivans for public school student transportation, as long as such minivans meet certain statutory criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Truth or Consequences Municipal Schools respectfully requests the New Mexico Legislature develop legislation to allow public school districts and charter schools, to safely use minivans to transport students, and direct the PED to revise its regulations accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Truth or Consequences Municipal Schools Board of Education requests the New Mexico School Boards Association to adopt this resolution as part of its approved 2027 Legislative package.

Recommendation:

Do Not Approve - The intent of the resolution is financial in nature with the major benefit being the affordability of minivans and fuel compared to the use of larger buses. The Committee felt that current codes prohibit the use of small vans and any changes should be supported with supporting data, and accident records provided by safety professionals.

2026 Nominating Committee Report

The NMSBA Nominating Committee is composed of the eight (8) Region Presidents, all NMSBA Past Presidents, and the President-Elect. The President of the Association serves as Chair of the Committee.

In accordance with Article BV, Standing Committees, Section 2 of the NMSBA Bylaws, the duty of the Nominating Committee is to report to the membership its recommended nominations for the offices of NMSBA Vice-President and NMSBA Secretary-Treasurer.

The Call for 2027 NMSBA Officer Nominations was emailed on September 8, 2026, to all local school board members in New Mexico. The deadline for receipt of nominations was October 13, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Official notice was sent to all Nominating Committee members on October 5, 2026, advising them of a Zoom meeting scheduled for October 19, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to review nominations and take action on recommendations.

The Committee met via Zoom as scheduled, with President Marvyn Jaramillo presiding. A quorum was present. The Committee reviewed two (2) nominations for the office of NMSBA Vice-President and two (2) nominations for the office of NMSBA Secretary-Treasurer. Nominees included:

<u>Vice-President</u>

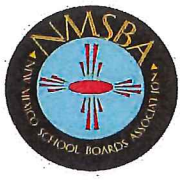
- Gary Montoya, Central (Region 1)
- Patrick Cohn, Silver (Region VIII)

<u>Secretary-Treasurer</u>

- Mona Kirk, Roswell (Region VI)
- Pauline Jaramillo, Socorro (Region IV)

Following review and discussion, the Committee voted to recommend both Gary Montoya and Patrick Cohn for Vice-President, and both Mona Kirk and Pauline Jaramillo for Secretary-Treasurer. These nominations will be presented to the full membership for selection at the Annual Delegate Assembly on Friday, December 4, 2026, during the NMSBA Annual Convention.

Consistent with NMSBA Bylaws, no further nominations may be made from the floor at the Delegate Assembly. Also, in accordance with the Bylaws, President-Elect Terry O'Brain (Hobbs) will become President; Toby Willis (Logan) will become President-Elect; and Marvyn Jaramillo (Mesa Vista) will become Immediate Past President.



2026 Nominating Committee

Marvyn Jaramillo - President (Mesa Vista)
Committee Chairperson

Terry O'Brain, President Elect

Gary Montoya - Region I President (Central)

Toby Velasquez - Region II President (Pojoaque)

Linda Montoya - Region III President (West Las Vegas)

Chris Matson - Region IV President (Vaughn)

Inez Rodriguez - Region V President (Portales)

Travis Glenn - Region VI President (Tatum)

Lance Wright - Region VII President (Cloudcroft)

Patrick Cohn - Region VIII President (Silver)

Terry Martin - Past President (Clovis)

Dymorie Maker – Past President (Lovington)

Pauline Jaramillo – Past President (Socorro)

Christine Ludi – Past President (West Las Vegas)

New Mexico School Boards Association
Nominations for State Office

- Nominations for Vice-President
  - Gary Montoya (Central)
  - Patrick Cohn, (Silver)
- Nominations for Secretary-Treasurer
  - Mona Kirk (Roswell)
  - Pauline Jaramillo (Socorro)

NEW MEXICO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION
2027 OFFICER NOMINATION FORM

I hereby place the individual named below before the NMSBA Nominating Committee for consideration as a nominee for NMSBA Officer:

Name Gary J. Montoya

Address Po Box 427

City, State, Zip Code Shiprock, NM 87420

Nominated for office of: ☑ **Vice-President** ☐ **Secretary-Treasurer** *(check one only)*

If seeking Vice-President Office: Is candidate committed to a local term of office that will allow you to serve NMSBA through the presidency? Yes X **No**____

Phones: Home____ **Work**____ **Cell** 505-402-5834

Name of Local School District Central Consolidated Schools

Years of School Board Service 6 **Dates of School Board Service** 2019-2027

Date Current Term Expires 2027 **Occupation** Retired

Local Board Positions held CCSD - President

NMSBA Region and State Positions held NMSBA Region I -President, NAFIS State Chair, NMSBA Legislative Committee Member

Is candidate available to attend <u>all</u> State NMSBA and National NSBA Events? Yes ✓ **No**____ **If not, please explain below:**

<u>Please attach a one-page biographical resume and photo in PDF format.</u>

I have contacted the nominee and have obtained a firm commitment that he/she will actively seek election and meet all duties and attendance/meeting requirements if elected.

Rebecca Montoya
Nominator Signature **Type/Print Name Clearly**

CCSD- Vice President
Board of Education

9/25/2026
Date

PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 13, 2026:

To: Elizabeth Egelhoff, NMSBA Program Director
Email: elizab@nmsba.org

<u>For NMSBA Use only:</u>		
	Level of Training Received:	I ✓ II ✓ MBM —
	Local District Dues Paid:	Yes ✓ Date 7/24/2026
	Meets All Requirements:	Yes ✓ No ____

GARY J. MONTOYA

PO Box 427, Shiprock, NM 87420 | (505) 402-5834 | gmontoya22@gmail.com

CCSD School Board Member (Central Consolidated School District)
Current NMSBA Region 1 President | Current NAFIS State Chair | NMSBA Legislative Committee Member

BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE & LEADERSHIP VISION

Lifelong resident of Shiprock, NM on the Navajo Reservation, dedicated school board leader, and educational equity advocate. Re-elected Central Consolidated School District (CCSD) Board Member, NMSBA Region 1 President, NAFIS State Chair, and NMSBA Legislative Committee Member. Recognized for driving systemic governance reform, spearheading native language and cultural preservation, establishing district-wide equity policies, and securing multi-million dollar educational infrastructure funding for Native American students.

SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

- **Cohesive Act Policy & Equity Governance:** Championed and adopted CCSD's landmark Cohesive Act Policy, synthesizing NM's Indian Education Act, Hispanic Education Act, Black Education Act, and Bilingual Multicultural Education Program Act to address the *Yazzie/Martinez* decision and court mandates.
- **Intercultural & Community Outreach (ICO) Department:** Co-established CCSD's ICO Department to directly engage the four diverse tribal and regional communities served by the district, aligning governance with community needs.
- **Identity Scaffolding Educational Framework:** Designed a birth-through-12th-grade educational model integrating Place-Based Education and Community Schools to solidify cultural identity and language revitalization for Native students.
- **NMSBA & Regional Leadership:** Serves as NMSBA Region 1 President and active NMSBA Legislative Committee Member, advocating for state-wide policy solutions, rural school funding, and tribal educational sovereignty.
- **Federal Impact Aid Advocacy:** Serves as State Chair for the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS), leading federal and state advocacy for impact aid funding supporting federally impacted school districts.
- **Infrastructure Advocacy:** Successfully lobbied the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for a $25 Million educational facility in Shiprock while serving as SASI Parent Advisory Committee President.

EDUCATION & ACADEMIC HONORS

Harvard Graduate School of Education — Ed.L.D. Finalist — **Cohort 14 (2024)**
Doctor of Education Leadership (Ed.L.D.) Finalist

New Mexico Highlands University — M.A. in Educational Leadership — **Graduated May 2023 | GPA 3.78**
Ben Lujan Fellow (Ben Lujan Leadership & Public Policy Institute)

New Mexico Highlands University — B.A. in University Studies — **Graduated 2021 | GPA 3.97**
Political Science Concentration (Business & Technical Trades) — Summa Cum Laude

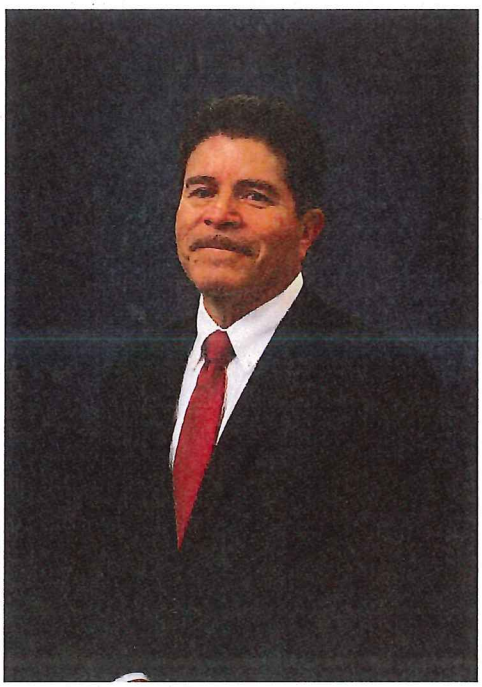
San Juan College — A.A. in Liberal Arts (Business Emphasis) — **Graduated 2017 | GPA 3.71**
Vice Presidential Honors

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

- **New Mexico School Boards Association (NMSBA):** Region 1 President | Legislative Committee Member
- **National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS):** State Chair
- **National School Boards Association (NSBA):** Active Member
- **National Indian Impacted Schools Association (NIISA):** Active Member
- **National Indian Education Association (NIEA) & National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)**

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE & PUBLIC SERVICE

- **Legislative Governmental Liaison (CCSD, 2011–2014):** Collaborated with the Governor's Office, state legislators, and tribal/county agencies to coordinate state services and educational support during emergency events (2014 Newcomb fire).
- **U.S. Army Veteran (Disabled, 1984–1988):** Honorable military service with international duty in Korea and Europe.
- **Private Sector & Operations Experience:** 14 years with BHP Minerals (mining & reclamation); former small business owner.



NEW MEXICO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION
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I hereby place the individual named below before the NMSBA Nominating Committee for consideration as a nominee for NMSBA Officer:

Name Patrick Cohn

Address 803 E. Kelly St.

City, State, Zip Code Silver City, New Mexico 88061

Nominated for office of: XX **Vice-President** ☐ **Secretary-Treasurer** *(check one only)*

If seeking Vice-President Office: Is candidate committed to a local term of office that will allow you to serve NMSBA through the presidency? Yes X **No**_____

Phones: Home N/A **Work** 575-574-0055 **Cell** 575-956-7900

Name of Local School District: Silver Consolidated Schools

Years of School Board Service 10 **Dates of School Board Service** January 2017

Date Current Term Expires 2029 **Occupation** County Treasurer

Local Board Positions held Served as Vice President and currently as Secretary

NMSBA Region and State Positions held Region 8 Secretary/Region 8 Chair/NMSBA Secretary-Treasurer

Is candidate available to attend all State NMSBA and National NSBA Events? Yes XX **No**_____ **If not, please explain below:**

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Please attach a one-page biographical resume and photo in PDF format.

I have contacted the nominee and have obtained a firm commitment that he/she will actively seek election and meet all duties and attendance/meeting requirements if elected.

Nominator Signature

Patrick M. Cohn, Jr.
Type/Print Name Clearly

Silver Consolidated Schools
Board of Education

September 10, 2026
Date

PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 13, 2026:

To: Elizabeth Egelhoff, NMSBA Program Director
Email: elizab@nmsba.org

For NMSBA Use only:		
	Level of Training Received:	I ✓ II ✓ MBM —
	Local District Dues Paid:	Yes ✓ Date 8/17/2026
	Meets All Requirements:	Yes ✓ No _____

Biography

Patrick Cohn's commitment to public education is rooted in a strong belief that effective school board leadership requires service, advocacy, collaboration, and the courage to be a voice for students, teachers, families, and communities. Throughout his public service, Patrick has worked to ensure that local school board members have a meaningful voice at the local, state, and national levels. He currently serves as County Treasurer for Grant County, Chair of the New Mexico Association of Counties Treasurers Affiliate, Secretary of the Board of Education for Silver Consolidated Schools, and Chair of NMSBA Region 8.

Patrick was also honored to serve as 2026 Secretary-Treasurer of the New Mexico School Boards Association (NMSBA). In this leadership capacity, he had the privilege of representing school board members from across New Mexico at National School Boards Association (NSBA) events. His service provided him opportunities to meet with New Mexico's congressional delegation in Washington, D.C., and advocate for the protection and advancement of public education. Patrick has also carried that advocacy to the New Mexico Legislature, where he has advocated and testified for legislation that benefits students, teachers, and public schools, while standing firmly against policies that could negatively impact them.

Patrick's commitment to service extends throughout Grant County and New Mexico. In addition to his service on the Silver Consolidated Schools Board of Education, he has served his community through LULAC Council 8003, the Grant County Chamber of Commerce, El Grito Head Start, and as a co-founder of the Grant County Task Force for the Homeless. These experiences have strengthened his belief that meaningful leadership requires listening to others, building relationships, finding common ground, and being willing to take an active role in the decisions that shape our communities.

On a personal note, Patrick is a dedicated family man and has been happily married to his wife, Desiree, for more than 24 years. Patrick and Desiree have four children and three grandchildren. They have made Grant County their home, residing in Silver City, New Mexico. In his free time, Patrick enjoys spending time with his family and experiencing the natural beauty of southwestern New Mexico through camping, hiking, fishing, and time in the Gila National Forest.

Patrick would be honored to continue his service to NMSBA as Vice President on the NMSBA Executive Board. He is committed to bringing his experience, proven leadership, and passion for public education to the Board while continuing to advocate for every school board member, every educator, and most importantly every student in New Mexico.



NEW MEXICO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION
2027 OFFICER NOMINATION FORM

I hereby place the individual named below before the NMSBA Nominating Committee for consideration as a nominee for NMSBA Officer:

Name Mona Kirk

Address 1 Holly Loop

City, State, Zip Code Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Nominated for office of: ☐ Vice-President X☒ Secretary-Treasurer *(check one only)*

If seeking Vice-President Office: Is candidate committed to a local term of office that will allow you to serve NMSBA through the presidency? Yes X **No**

Phones: Home **Work** **Cell** 575-626-4049

Name of Local School District Roswell Independent School District

Years of School Board Service 7 **Dates of School Board Service** 8-2015-12-2021 and 1-2026 -12-2030

Date Current Term Expires 12-2030 **Occupation** Retired Educator

Local Board Positions held President, Vice President, and Secretary, in addition, I am a Master Board Member

NMSBA Region and State Positions held Region VI President and Secretary

Is candidate available to attend all State NMSBA and National NSBA Events? Yes X **No** **If not, please explain below:**

Please attach a one-page biographical resume and photo in PDF format.

I have contacted the nominee and have obtained a firm commitment that he/she will actively seek election and meet all duties and attendance/meeting requirements if elected.

Mona Kirk
Nominator Signature

Mona Kirk
Type/Print Name Clearly

Roswell Independent School District
Board of Education

9-30-2026
Date

PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 13, 2026:
To: Elizabeth Egelhoff, NMSBA Program Director
Email: elizab@nmsba.org

For NMSBA Use only:		
	Level of Training Received:	I ✓ II ✓ MBM 2020
	Local District Dues Paid:	Yes ✓ Date 7/24/2026
	Meets All Requirements:	Yes ✓ No

MONA KIRK

Address: 1 Holly Loop
Roswell, New Mexico 88201
Phone: 575-626-4049 – Cell

EDUCATION:

College: Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, New Mexico
Master of Education in Elementary Education/Administration – 1994

Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, New Mexico
Bachelor of Science in Education
Major: Physical Education/Recreation
Minor: Health/Language Arts/Elementary Education – 1981

High School: Goddard High School, Roswell New Mexico – 1974

WORK HISTORY:

- Valley View Elementary School – Director/Principal – 2012 – 2015
- Creative Learning Center – Director – 2010 – 2012
- El Capitan Elementary – Principal - 2004 – 2010
- Chisum Elementary – Principal – 1998 – 2004
- Mesa Middle School – Assistant Principal – 1996 – 1998
- Mt. View Middle School – Language Arts Teacher – 1986 – 1996
- City of Roswell Recreation Department – Assistant Director – 1984 - 1986
- Aztec Municipal Schools – Teacher and coach – 1983 – 1984
- Magdalena Municipal Schools – Teacher and coach – 1982 – 1983

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- Assurance Home Board Member
- Member of Grace Community Church
- Serve on the Extraterritorial Zoning Commission
- Volunteer at the community kitchen monthly
- Served on United Way Board of Chaves County
- Graduate of Leadership Roswell
- Served on the Leadership Roswell Board
- On the original board for Character Counts of Chaves County
- Chaves County Federated Republican Women membership chair – 2015-2018
- Chaves County Federated Republican Women secretary 2018-January 2022
- Historical Foundation Board Member

ELECTED POSITIONS

- Elected to Roswell Independent School District Board of Education – August 2016
- Re-elected to RISD School Board – December 2018
- While serving on the RISD school board, I served as President, Vice President, and Secretary
- Elected Secretary New Mexico School Board Association Region VI – January 2018
- Elected President New Mexico School Board Association Region VI – January 2021
- Served on New Mexico School Board Association Board of Directors 2018-2021 and 2026-

STATE POSITIONS

- Children's Trust Fund



NEW MEXICO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

2027 OFFICER NOMINATION FORM

I hereby place the individual named below before the NMSBA Nominating Committee for consideration as a nominee for NMSBA Officer:

Name Pauline Jaramillo

Address P.O Box 1801

City, State, Zip Code Socorro, NM 87801

Nominated for office of: ☐ **Vice-President** ☒ **Secretary-Treasurer** *(check one only)*

If seeking Vice-President Office: Is candidate committed to a local term of office that will allow you to serve NMSBA through the presidency? Yes ____ No____

Phones: Home_____ **Work**_____ **Cell** 505-450-4123

Name of Local School District Socorro Consolidated

Years of School Board Service 14.5 **Dates of School Board Service** _____

Date Current Term Expires 2029 **Occupation** _____

Local Board Positions held President Vice President Secretary

NMSBA Region and State Positions held Region IV President, Vice President Secretary NMSBA President Elect Vice President Past President Secretary

Is candidate available to attend all State NMSBA and National NSBA Events? Yes X **No**____ **If not, please explain below:**

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Please attach a one-page biographical resume and photo in PDF format.

I have contacted the nominee and have obtained a firm commitment that he/she will actively seek election and meet all duties and attendance/meeting requirements if elected.

Inez Rodriguez — **Nominator Signature**

Inez Rodriguez — **Type/Print Name Clearly**

Portales Municipal School — **Board of Education**

9-21-26 — **Date**

NMSBA Board of Directors

PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 13, 2026:

To: Elizabeth Egelhoff, NMSBA Program Director

Email: elizab@nmsba.org

For NMSBA Use only:		
	Level of Training Received:	I ✓ II ✓ MBM 2019
	Local District Dues Paid:	Yes ✓ Date 7/24/2026
	Meets All Requirements:	Yes ✓ No ____

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

To the Nomination Committee:

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation in support of Pauline Jaramillo for consideration for the position of Secretary of the Executive Board of the New Mexico School Board Association.

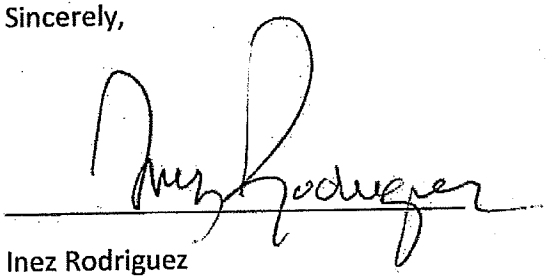
For more than 16 years, Pauline has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to serving on the school board and has contributed in various leadership roles throughout her tenure. Her years of service have provided her with valuable experience, a strong understanding of board governance, and the ability to work effectively with others.

Throughout her service, she has demonstrated the qualities of a team leader and has consistently represented 89 Districts with professionalism, integrity, and dedication. She understands the importance of collaboration we serve.

Her experience, reliability, organizational abilities and commitment to public education make her well suited for consideration for the position of Secretary. I respectfully submit this recommendation and ask that you give her candidacy your full consideration.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Inez Rodriguez

Board Member

Portales, New Mexico

Date: September 18, 2026


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Policy Review Committee Report

In accordance with Article BV, Standing Committees, Section 3 of the NMSBA Bylaws, President Marvyn Jaramillo appointed a Policy Review Committee on December 21, 2025.

The Committee was comprised of eight members which included the President of each of NMSBA's Region Organizations with Pauline Jaramillo, Past-President, serving as Committee Chair.

The duties of the Policy Review Committee are to review the Constitution, Bylaws and Policies of the Association and make recommendations for change or update to the Association membership and/or Board of Directors.

The Committee conducted four virtual meetings via Zoom;

- January 21, 2026
- February 26, 2026
- April 1, 2026
- April 29, 2026.

A quorum was present at each meeting and the Committee developed several recommended changes and updates to NMSBA's Constitution and Bylaws.

It should be noted that the proposed changes to the constitution and bylaws were presented for information to the Board of Directors on July 16, 2026, with final approval reserved for action by the Association membership at the Delegate Assembly as required by the Constitution and Bylaws.

The Committee's recommendations and summary are provided for review and will be acted on at the NMSBA Delegate Assembly, Friday, December 4, 2026 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1000 Woodward Place, NE in Albuquerque, N.M.

NMSBA Policy Review Committee Members

Section 3. Policy Review Committee
The Policy Review Committee shall be appointed by the President.

a. The duties of the Policy Review Committee shall be to review the Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies and make recommendations to the Board of Directors when appropriate.

b. The Immediate Past President, or his/her designee, shall be the chairman of the Policy Review Committee.

Chair	Pauline Jaramillo (Socorro) Immediate Past President
Region I	Priscilla Benally (Gallup McKinley)
Region II	Toby Velasquez (Pojoaque)
Region III	Linda Montoya (West Las Vegas)
Region IV	Chris Matson (Vaghn)
Region V	Toby Willis (Logan)
Region VI	Travis Glenn (Jal)
Region VII	Lance Wright (Cloudcroft)
Region VIII	Patrick Cohn (Silver)

Appointed by President Marvyn Jaramillo 12/23/25

Policy Review Committee

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES AND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION

PROPOSED CHANGE #1
Removes an outdated policy regarding composition of state delegations attending National School Boards Association meetings. — Approve

PROPOSED CHANGE #2
Clarifies the timing for receipt of nominations for vice president and secretary treasurer. — Approve

PROPOSED CHANGE #3
Clarifies experience requirements for candidates seeking nomination for vice president and secretary treasurer. — Approve

PROPOSED CHANGE #4
Requires a one year minimum break in service by the immediate past president prior to seeking nomination for vice president. — Approve

CHANCES TO BYLAWS

PROPOSED CHANGE #5
Allows annual membership dues to be increased by vote of the delegate assembly rather than by mail ballot to each member board. — Approve

PROPOSED CHANGE #6
Allows notice of association annual and other meetings to be provided by electronic as well as written mail. — Approve

PROPOSED CHANGE #7
Clarifies that the offices of president, president elect, and immediate past president are not open for nomination. Only the offices of vice president and secretary treasurer are subject to annual nominations.

New Mexico School Boards Association
CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS
Proposed Amendments 2026

Cleanup and Updates = 1, 2, 6, 7
Substantial Changes = 3, 4, 5

CONSTITUTION

underscored material = new
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ARTICLE CI
NAME

The name of this organization shall be the New Mexico School Boards Association. The executive office shall be located in Santa Fe.

ARTICLE CII
PERIOD OF DURATION

The period of duration of the New Mexico School Boards Association shall be perpetual unless dissolved as provided in this constitution.

ARTICLE CIII
PURPOSES

The purpose of this Association shall be to assist local school boards to provide the best possible education to all public school students in New Mexico. To accomplish this the Association shall:

1. Identify the proper role of school board members and provide training for carrying out board member's responsibilities;
2. Encourage the most efficient and effective organization and administration of the public schools;
3. Provide information to individual school boards and their members;
4. Provide public understanding of the role of school boards and school board members in the improvement of education;
5. Represent the interests of public education in the legislative process.

ARTICLE CIV
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Voting Members

All public school boards of education in the State of New Mexico may become member boards by paying the annual dues. The voting members shall be the individual members of local member boards.

Section 2. Nonvoting Members

a. Honorary Member - any person who, in the opinion of the Association's Board of Directors, has rendered distinguished service to the cause of public education such as; Secretary of Education, Public Education Commission, Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC), Legislative Finance Committee (LFC), Department of Finance Administration (DFA) and other partner organizations. Members may attend functions as nonpaying guests.

b. Affiliate Member - Reserved for future use.

c. Individual Membership - past board members may attend functions of the Association at the regular member fee.

d. Associate Member - non-public schools, charter school governing boards and other educational agencies. Personnel of the agency may attend functions at the regular member fee.

e. Commercial Member -vendors, exhibitors, and other businesses. Members will be listed in conference programs and be given exhibitor space at NMSBA conferences at one-half the regular rate.

ARTICLE CV
DUES

The schedule of annual dues for membership shall be determined as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE CVI
OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1. President
The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and perform all duties incidental to that office and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

The President shall attend the National School Boards Association Annual Conference, Advocacy Institute, Summer Leadership Seminar and Western Region Conference. The President shall be an official delegate to the National School Boards Association Delegate Assembly, and Western Region Conference and attend any other conferences deemed necessary by the Association.

The President shall chair the Nominations Committee and be an Ex-Officio non-voting member of all other committees.

The President shall appoint members to the standing committees, to other committees and positions, such as the parliamentarian, as the need arises.

The President shall submit proposed policy changes to the Board of Directors when appropriate.

Section 2. President-Elect
The President-Elect shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President, or in the event of the President's inability or refusal to act. The President-Elect will serve as the President the following term.

The President-Elect shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

The President-Elect shall attend the National School Boards Association Annual Conference, Advocacy Institute, Summer Leadership Seminar and Western Region Conference. The President-Elect shall be an official delegate to the National School Boards Association Delegate Assembly and Western Region Business Meeting.

The President-Elect shall chair the Resolutions/Legislative Committee and serve on the Nominating Committee.

Section 3. Vice-President
The Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President-Elect in his/her absence and will serve as President-Elect the following term.

The Vice-President shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

The Vice-President shall attend the National School Boards Association Annual Conference, Advocacy Institute, Summer Leadership Institute and Western Region Conference. The Vice-President shall serve as an official delegate to the National School Boards Association Delegate Assembly, as first alternate delegate to the Western Region Business Meeting. ~~However, NMSBA must comply with the NSBA policy ruling that at least one member of any state's delegation to the NSBA Delegate Assembly be a member of an ethnic minority group when the delegation has three or more members. If the President, President Elect or Vice President is not a member of an ethnic minority group, the Board of Directors shall select a person who is a member of an ethnic minority group to serve in the place of the Vice President on the state's delegation, giving preference to the Secretary Treasurer, the Immediate Past President or a member of the Board of Directors.~~

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Section 4. Secretary-Treasurer
The Secretary-Treasurer shall perform the usual duties of such office and such additional duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall attend the National School Boards Association Annual Conference, Advocacy Institute, Summer Leadership Seminar and Western Region Conference. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be the second alternate delegate to the National School Boards Association Delegate Assembly and second alternate to the Western Region Business Meeting.

Section 5. Immediate Past-President
The Immediate Past-President shall perform duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

The Immediate Past-President shall attend the National School Boards Annual Conference, Advocacy Institute, Summer Leadership Seminar and the Western Region Conference.

The Immediate Past-President, or his/her designee, shall chair the Policy Review Committee.

The Immediate Past-President shall serve as the first alternate delegate to the National School Boards Association's Delegate Assembly.

ARTICLE CVII
NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Nominations
Nominations of the Nominating Committee shall be reported in writing to the members of the Association at least 30 calendar days prior to the Annual Conference. Failure to meet this deadline will result in no nominations report.

2 Nominations may only be made from the floor at the annual meeting for the offices of Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer if no nominations are received by the Nominating Committee **by the deadline in the call for nominations.** Notice for individuals running from the floor must be provided to the Association ~~45~~ 40 days prior to the annual meeting and must include a statement of qualifications and acknowledgement the candidate can fulfill the responsibilities and time and travel requirements of the office.

3 Candidates nominated for the offices of Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer must ~~have a minimum of four years' experience~~ **be in their second four year term in office** on a local school board, must have served ~~in a leadership position~~ **as an officer on their local board** and must have served on an NMSBA committee or **on the NMSBA** board of directors.

Section 2. Elections
The Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected by ballot vote at the annual meeting by a majority of the members present and voting. A majority vote is fifty percent plus one of those members who are present and voting.

In the event that no candidate receives a majority vote, there shall be a runoff election between the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes on the first ballot. In the runoff election, the candidate with the greater number of votes wins. In the event that there is a tie, all members present will vote again on the same two candidates. The candidate with the higher number of votes wins. In the event that there is a tie again, the winner will be determined by a coin-flip administered by the presiding officer of the Association. Such runoff elections shall be conducted prior to the conclusion of such annual meeting.

Section 3. Qualifications
Only voting members of NMSBA shall hold an office in the Association. (See Article C IV, Sec. 1)

Section 4. Term of Office

4 The term of office shall be for one year, commencing at the end of the Annual Conference, and ending at the conclusion of the following Annual Conference or upon the election of a qualified successor. **Outgoing past presidents shall have a break period of at least one year prior to running for Vice President**

Section 5. Vacancy

a. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the President-Elect, who shall serve the remainder of that term of office. The President-Elect shall also serve the succeeding term as President.

b. A vacancy in the office of President-Elect shall be filled by the Vice-President, who shall serve the remainder of that term of office and shall assume the office of president-elect the following term.

c. A vacancy in the office of Vice-President or Secretary-Treasurer shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the remainder of that term.

d. A vacancy in the office of the Immediate Past-President shall be filled by a former NMSBA President currently serving on a local school board.

ARTICLE CVIII
MEETINGS

Section 1. Delegates' Annual Meetings

The annual meeting of the Association shall be held at the time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors except that it must be held in the fall of the year.

A quorum for meetings of the Association's general membership shall consist of the members who are present.

Section 2. Other Meetings

Other meetings of the Association membership may be called by the President with the concurrence of a majority of the Executive Board at such time and place as they may designate.

ARTICLE CIX
EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. Membership

The members of the Executive Board shall be the elected officers of the Association and the Immediate Past President of the Association, providing he/she is currently a voting member of the Association. In addition, any New Mexico school board member serving on the National School Boards Association Board of Directors shall serve as an Ex-Officio non-voting member.

Section 2. Powers and Duties

The Executive Board shall have those powers and perform those duties authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Actions

All actions of the Executive Board must be presented to the Board of Directors for ratification.

Section 4. Meetings

The meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President or the Executive Director.

ARTICLE CX
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Membership

The members of the Board of Directors shall be:

a. The elected or appointed officers of the Association;

b. The officers of the regions;

c. All Past-Presidents of the Association who are currently voting members of the Association;

d. One board member appointed by any board whose local district enrolls more than 10,000 pupils;

e. The Executive Director shall be an Ex-Officio non-voting member of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may appoint other Ex-Officio non-voting members of the Board.

Section 2. Powers and Duties
The Board of Directors shall have the authority and duty to conduct all affairs of the Association and shall make all decisions for the Association that do not conflict with resolutions adopted by the general membership or with the Constitution and Bylaws. The powers shall include, but not be limited to:

a. Employ and evaluate an Executive Director and set salary and responsibilities. Approve the employment and salary of other paid personnel upon the recommendations of the Executive Director.

b. Approve such committees as it deems necessary.

c. Draft and recommend resolutions, in addition to those by local districts, for adoption by the membership.

d. Study proposed legislation and take action as appropriate.

e. Provide programs and activities in harmony with the purpose of the Association.

f. Hold the Executive Director responsible for the financial management of the Association including preparation of the budget, approval of budget increases or decreases and line item transfers, recommending dues structure of the general membership, determining benefits of the employees, providing bonding for employees and officers, handling Association funds, and providing for an annual audit.

g. NMSBA must comply with the NSBA policy ruling that at least one member of any state's delegation to the NSBA Delegate Assembly be a member of an ethnic minority group when the delegation has three or more members. If the President, President Elect or Vice President is not a member of an ethnic minority group, the Board of Directors shall select a person who is a member of an ethnic minority group to serve in the place of the Vice President on the state's delegation, giving preference to the Secretary Treasurer, the Immediate Past President or a member of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Meetings
The Board of Directors shall meet at least three times during the fiscal year. Meetings may be called by the President, or upon request of at least five members of the Board of Directors, or by the Executive Director.

A quorum for a Board of Directors meeting shall consist of twelve members.

ARTICLE CXI
REGION ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Eight Geographic Regions
The State of New Mexico shall be divided into eight (8) geographic regions.

The member local school boards shall be placed in the region determined by the Board of Directors. Membership in a region organization may be changed upon petition of a local board of education and approval by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Region Officers
The region officers shall be the President, Vice-President, and Secretary.

a. Term of Office

Term of office shall be two years. The election shall be held at the spring region meeting of even numbered years. If extenuating circumstances do not permit an election to be held, current officers shall serve until the next regular region meeting, at which time the election will be held to fill the offices for the remainder of the term. Region officers are elected by the membership and are eligible for re-election to office. Region officers shall assume their duties immediately.

b. Duties

1. Region President.
    a. Plan region meeting program in concert with NMSBA office and host school district.
    b. Appoint representative to NMSBA Resolutions/Legislative Committee.
    c. Serve on Nominating Committee.
    d. Serve on NMSBA Board of Directors.
2. Region Vice President.
    a. Assume the duties of the Region President in the absence of the Region President.
    b. Serve on the NMSBA Board of Directors.
3. Region Secretary.
    Serve on the NMSBA Board of Directors.

c. Vacancies

A vacancy occurring at the region level may be filled by the Region President. The Vice-President shall assume the office of President in case of a vacancy in the office of President. The Secretary shall assume the office of Vice President in case of a vacancy in the office of Vice-President. The appointed officers shall fill vacancies until the next regular election.

Section 3. Meetings

Region meetings shall be held in the fall and spring of each year. The Executive Director, with the aid of the host school districts, shall prepare a schedule of region meetings.

ARTICLE CXII
AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

The Constitution can be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided the amendment has been submitted to the membership, in writing, 30 calendar days prior to the annual meeting. Without advance notice to the membership, a unanimous vote of the members present and voting shall be required.

ARTICLE CXIII
DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Should it become necessary, at any time, for the Association to dissolve and cease to exist as an organization, the assets of the Association shall be transferred to the Public Education Department to be used as the Public Education Commission shall direct.

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BYLAWS

ARTICLE BI
OFFICES

The principal office of the New Mexico School Boards Association shall be located at 300 Galisteo St., Suites 203 and 204, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

ARTICLE BII
MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. Membership
The membership of the Association shall be as specified in Article C IV of the Constitution.

Section 2. Annual Dues
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Dues shall be determined ~~by~~ **at any annual meeting of the Association by two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.** ~~mail ballot vote of the member boards~~ after recommendation by the Board of Directors. ~~After a recommendation by the Board of Directors, a change in dues must be approved by at least a two-thirds majority of those member boards casting a ballot.~~ For the purpose of assessing dues, a district's revenue is taken from the 2nd preceding year's (2 years past), actual revenue as the sum of local, state and federal revenues. The minimum dues shall be $300.

Dues are computed as follows:
Schedule A - Dues Structure

First	$500,000 = $.60 per $1,000
Next	$1,000,000 = $.40 per $1,000
Next	$4,500,000 = $.30 per $1,000
Next	$6,000,000 = $.20 per $1,000
Next	$75,000,000 = $.05 per $1,000

~~Ten percent (10%) shall be added to each board's dues as determined by the above schedule. This increase shall remain in effect until changed by a vote of the member boards.~~

Other Memberships

Associate Membership	$1,500.00
Commercial Membership	$1,500.00

Section 3. Payment of Dues
Dues are payable on or before July 1 of each year. Membership privileges will be suspended when dues are 90 calendar days past due. Members, suspended for nonpayment of dues, may be reinstated at any time upon payment of current year's dues.

ARTICLE BIII
NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meeting
Members shall be given written **or electronic** notice of the meeting at least 30 calendar days prior to the meeting.

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Section 2. Other Meetings
Members shall be given written **or electronic** notice, including reason for the meeting, at least 15 calendar days prior to the meeting.

a. Executive Board Meetings

b. Board of Directors Meetings
c. Region Meetings

ARTICLE BIV
LETTERS, SURVEYS, QUESTIONNAIRES, ETC.

Communication representing the position of New Mexico School Boards Association must have prior approval of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE BV
STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. Resolutions/Legislative Committee
Members of the Resolutions/Legislative Committee shall be appointed as follows: Each region shall elect one member, each region president appoints one member, and the State President appoints one member from each region. Elected members and those appointed by the Region President shall serve two (2) year terms. Members appointed by the State President shall serve a one (1) year term. The President-Elect shall serve as Chairman of the Resolutions /Legislative Committee.

Duties of the Resolutions/Legislative Committee are:
a. Attend legislative sessions to represent NMSBA positions.
b. To review the current positions and new resolutions.
c. To suggest amendments, deletions, or additions where needed.
d. To submit a report to the membership for adoption or disapproval.
e. Prioritize them for publication to present to the Legislature.
f. To promote legislation which benefits education in general and is consistent with the beliefs and positions (resolutions) of the Association.

Section 2. Nominating Committee
The eight (8) region presidents, the past presidents of the Association, and the President-Elect shall serve on the Nominating Committee. The President shall serve as the chairman of the Nominating Committee. In the event that the President cannot serve, the President shall appoint a chairman. A minimum of two members from the committee who attended the meeting for the previous year shall be retained for continuity.

The duty of the Nominating Committee shall be to report the nominations they recommend, in writing, to members of the Association at least 30 calendar days prior to the annual meeting.

The following criteria shall be utilized by the Nominating Committee in an effort to provide continuity and to reduce the possibility of personal, regional, and school district conflicts.

1. **President,** President-Elect, **Immediate Past President** - There shall be no nominated opposition for ~~this~~ **these** offices. There shall be no nominations from the floor for ~~this~~ **these** offices.

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2. Vice-President - There shall be no more than two people nominated for this office by the Nominating Committee. There can **only** be nominations for this office from the floor in accordance with Article CVII, Section 1 of the Constitution. (page 3)
3. Secretary-Treasurer - There shall be no more than three people nominated for this office by the Nominating Committee. There can **only** be nominations for this office from the floor in accordance with Article CVII, Section 1 of the Constitution. (page 3)

Section 3. Policy Review Committee
The Policy Review Committee shall be appointed by the President.

a. The duties of the Policy Review Committee shall be to review the Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies and make recommendations to the Board of Directors when appropriate.
b. The Immediate Past President, or his/her designee, shall be the chairman of the Policy Review Committee.

Section 4. Dues Structure Study Committee
The Dues Structure Study Committee shall be appointed by the NMSBA President when appropriate.

a. The duties of the Dues Structure Study Committee shall be to review the dues structure of NMSBA and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Alternates

a. Appointees to all standing committees shall notify the NMSBA office if they are unable to attend the meetings.

b. The Executive Director, in consultation with the President, shall appoint the alternates to fill the vacancies.

Section 6. Meeting Structure

When appropriate, standing committees may meet by electronic means.

ARTICLE BVI
FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Association shall be July 1 through June 30.

ARTICLE BVII
POLICY DEVELOPMENT

The Policy Committee shall have the responsibility for the development of policies for the operation of the Association. Changes in the Policies will be acted upon by the Executive Board but shall be ratified by the Board of Directors at their next regular meeting.

ARTICLE BVIII
AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

The Bylaws can be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by simple majority of the members present and voting, provided the amendment has been submitted to the membership, in writing, 30 calendar days prior to the annual meeting. Without advance notice to the membership, a unanimous vote of the members present and voting shall be required.

ARTICLE BIX
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The Association shall be governed by the Constitution and Bylaws. Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised) shall govern any situation not covered by the bylaws. Failure of the Association, Executive Board, the Board of Directors or any standing committee to strictly comply with parliamentary rules shall not invalidate actions taken.

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