

New Mexico School Boards Association

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New Mexico School Boards Association Elects Officers Presents Awards to Outstanding Members

School board members from across New Mexico gathered in Albuquerque December 1-3, 2022 to participate in the 2022 Annual Convention of the New Mexico School Boards Association (NMSBA) at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Albuquerque. School board members listened to several keynote speakers and participated in informative breakout sessions. The Association also elected state officers for the coming year; recognized Hall of Fame, Board Member of the Year and School Board of Year recipients; and presented Leadership Development Training Awards to 170 members from 67 districts.

NEWLY ELECTED NMSBA OFFICERS

Dymorie Maker, President of the **Lovington** Board of Education, was elected as the Association's President for 2023. Dymorie has served as NMSBA President-Elect, NMSBA Vice-President and NMSBA Secretary Treasurer, Region VI President and Secretary, and serves on the NMSBA Board of Directors. She received her Master Board Member Certification in 2018. Dymorie is an Early Childhood Instructional Coach.

Christine Ludi, member of the **West Las Vegas** Board of Education was elected to serve as the Association's 2023 President-Elect. Christine has served as NMSBA Vice-President and NMSBA Secretary Treasurer and is serving her fifth term on her local board where she has served as President, Secretary and Member. She has also served as NMSBA Region III President, member of the NMSBA Board of Directors and in 2021 received Master Board Member Certification. She is retired having served as Vice President of the State Employees Credit Union in Las Vegas.

Pauline Jaramillo, member of the **Socorro** Board of Education, was elected to serve as the 2023 NMSBA Vice-President. Pauline is in her fourth term on her local board and served as NMSBA President in 2019, NMSBA President-Elect in 2018, NMSBA Past President the last two years, and Region IV President previously. She was selected as School Board Member of the Year in 2017 and is a certified Master Board Member. Pauline and her family own and operate a plumbing and heating company in Socorro.

Terry O'Brain, member of the **Hobbs** Board of Education was elected to serve a second consecutive term as Secretary-Treasurer of NMSBA. He previously served as a Large District Representative on the NMSBA Board of Directors and has received his Leadership Achievement, Outstanding Leadership and Exemplary Training Awards. Terry is a Health and Safety Director for an Oil and Gas Company in the southeastern part of the State.

Marvyn Jaramillo, member of the **Mesa Vista** Board of Education and outgoing NMSBA President, will serve as the 2023 Past-President. Marvyn is in his third term on his local board and previously served as NMSBA President-Elect, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer. He also served as NMSBA Region II President and member of the NMSBA Board of Directors. Marvyn received the 2020 Board Member of the Year Award, Master Board Member Certification in 2021 and was inducted into the Hall of Fame at this year's Annual Convention. He is retired from the NM National Guard and also from the Santa Fe Sheriff's Department.



2022 NMSBA Recognition Award Recipients

Hall of Fame Award



Marvyn Jaramillo – Mesa Vista Board of Education

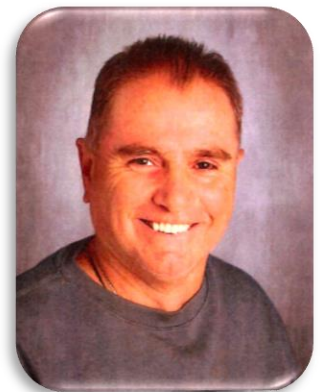
Marvyn Jaramillo has served as a member of the Mesa Vista Board of Education three terms. First elected in 2009, he served as President, Vice President, Secretary and member on his local board. At the region level he served as President of NMSBA's Region II and member of the Board of Directors for several years. At the state level has served as the Association's Secretary-Treasurer, Vice-President, President-Elect and President. He has also served and chaired NMSBA's Executive, Resolutions, and Nominating Committees. At the national level he served as a delegate to the National Delegate. Assembly and Western Region Conference. He received the Outstanding Leadership, Leadership Development, Exemplary Training Awards and in 2021 received Master Board Member Certification. In 2020 he received the Outstanding Board Member of the

Year Award. He has been and continues to be a passionate advocate for students and strives to move school boards forward. In her letter of nomination, Board Member Pauline Jaramillo says she simply cannot think of anyone more deserving of being inducted into the NMSBA Hall of Fame.

Board Member of the Year

Tony Rubin – Wagon Mound Board of Education

Tony Rubin has served on the Wagon Mound Board of Education for 18 years. He is serving his second term as Board President and is currently serving as NMSBA Region III Secretary. He previously served as Region III Vice President and has served on the NMSBA Board of Directors for several years. He attended many NMSBA leadership training sessions accumulating numerous hours of training credit and is involved in local regional and state school board activities. He is a retired teacher with over 28 years of experience and knowledge which have made him a true asset to his school district. Mr. Rubin has represented NMSBA on the New Mexico Athletic Commission and is serving his second term on the NMSBA Resolutions Committee. He is great supporter of Wagon Mound



students and staff. He is a graduate of Wagon Mound and has come full circle to able to give back to his community. In her letter of nomination Superintendent Anita Romero states that Mr. Rubin has shown himself to be worthy of this award and it would be a great honor for him, his family and the Wagon Mound Public Schools.

Boards of Education of the Year

Small District: Mesa Vista Board of Education



Mesa Vista Board of Education members are: President Anthony Vigil, Vice President Kisha Maestas, Secretary Moises Pena and members Marvyn Jaramillo and Margaret Gallegos-Alire. The letter of nomination indicates the board is a dedicated group of individuals whose sole concern is doing what is best for children. Board members have participated actively in training activities at the region, state and national level. They are thoughtful in their deliberation when making decisions and listen to all community voices. The board has improved relations with staff, parents and administration by allowing two-way communication and assuring policies and procedures are effective and up to date. The board

has prioritized active shooter training and is developing strategies to protect students and faculty. They have been successful in obtaining funding from the Legislature and other grants to assist in implementing priorities. In summary the board works in harmony to accomplish goals and improve the quality of education for their students.

Large District: Santa Fe Board of Education

Santa Fe Board of Education members are: President Kate Noble, Vice-President Sarah Boses, Secretary Sascha Guinn Anderson, Members Dr. Carmen Gonzales and Roman 'Tiger' Abeyta. In his letter of nomination Superintendent Hilario "Larry" Chavez says he is honored to nominate the Board for its commitment to ensuring that every student is given a safe, high quality and engaging education. The board has been actively engaged in addressing a range of issues that are critical to their vision *"unity is strength, learning is everything and dreams are unlimited"*. The board has adopted several



aggressive initiatives in this regard starting with the staffing crisis where the board took action to support educators and attract and retain a quality teaching force; the College, Career and Technical Education initiative that provided support to build on career pathways and make secondary education more engaging and relevant; the Gun Violence Prevention Legislative Priorities initiative that built on previous board action to secure gun storage and create a State Office of Gun Violence Prevention; and finally of special note is the U.S. Department of Education's recognition of the district as a model for best practices in supporting improved mental health. In his closing Superintendent Chaves says "by any measure, the work of the Santa Fe Board of Education exceeds standards for excellence and is deserving of this award."



2022 Leadership Development Program Awards

The following school board members will be recognized with certificates and lapel pins at the NMSBA Annual Conference. An explanation of each level of award is listed below.

Level I = Reached 24 cumulative training hours within the program/training year;

Level II = Reached 36 cumulative training hours within the program/training year;

E = Exemplary = Earned 20 or more hours within the program/training year;

MBM = Master Board Member distinction – 44 cumulative hours plus presentations/practicums and coursework

Alamogordo

Carol Teweleit – E
Ryan Sherwood - E

Albuquerque

Peggy Muller-Aragon – E
Josefina Dominguez – E, I
Yolanda Montoya-Cordova – E
Courtney Jackson - E
Barbara Petersen – E
Crystal Tapia Romero – E

Aztec

Paul Marken – E, I

Belen

Max Cordova – E
Jim Danner – E
Larry Garley – E, I
Larry Lindberg – E
Aubrey Tucker – E

Bernalillo

Michael Archibeque – E, I
Cordelia Chavez – E
Christine Suina – E, I

Bloomfield

Steven Gunn – E, II
Dale Maes - E

Capitan

Jim Nesbitt – E, I
Craig Westbrook – II

Carlsbad

Robert Chacon – E
Tiffany Shirley - E

Carrizozo

Holly Marron – E, II
Kelly Zamora – E
Melanie Zamora - I

Central

Christina Aspaas – E
Cheryl L. George – E, I, II
Suzette Haskie – E
Gary Montoya – E
Marion L. Wells – E, I, II

Chama

Margaret Martinez – E
Donald Valdez – E, II

Cimarron

Nancy Hooker – E
Kari Jaramillo – E
Dollie O'Neil – E, I

Clayton

Mike Barnes, E
John Trujillo, I

Cloudcroft

Danny Ward, E
Lance Wright – E

Clovis

Terry Martin - E

Cobre

Serena Murillo - E

Cuba

James Casaus - E
Vivian Keetso – E
Dianna Maestas – E
Taylor Pinto - E

Deming

Mary Lou Cameron – E
Daniel Krowl – E
Olivia Paez – E, I

Des Moines

Lloyd Miller - II

Dulce

Frankie Ortiz – E
Annette Teube – E, I
Diane Vigil – E

Espanola

Brandon Bustos - I
Jeremy Maestas – E
Katrina J. Martinez - E

Estancia

Kelsey Collins – E, I
Randol Riley – E
Keith Sandy – I, II
Lee Widner – E

Eunice

Alice Hahn – E, I

Farmington

Andra Stradling – E, I
Stephanie Thompson – E

Gadsden

Armando Cano – E, II
Daniel Castillo – E
Laura Salazar Flores – E
Arlean Murillo – E, I, II
Claudia Rodriguez – E

Gallup-McKinley Co.

Priscilla Benally – E
Kevin Mitchell – E
Christopher Mortensen - II
Michael Schaaf – E

Grants-Cibola

Guy Archambeau - E

Hagerman

Dusty Perry – E, I

Hatch Valley

Lupe Castillo - II
Merlinda Hinojos – E

Hobbs

Peggy Appleton – E
Joseph Calderon - E
Gary Eidson – E
Terry O'Brain - E

House

Bill Noland – E

Jal

Amy Crawford - E

Jemez Mountain

Sabrina Lujan – E, II

Jemez Valley

Anthony Delgarito - E
Cathy Trujillo-Wiseman - I

Las Cruces

Carol Cooper – E
Pamela Cort – E, I
Teresa Tenorio – E
Robert Wofford – E, I

Las Vegas City

Richard Armijo – E
Robert Duran III - E
Dennis Romero – E

Logan

Toby Willis – E, I

Los Alamos

Christine Bernstein – E
Melanie Colgan – E
Erin Green – E
Antonio Jarique – E, I, II
Ellen Specter – E

Los Lunas

Bruce Bennett – E
Tina Garcia – E, I, II
Dave Vickers – E

Lovington

Patti Ann Ancell – E
Dymorie Maker – E

Magdalena

Sharon Harris – E

Maxwell

Kacie Deines – E
Krystal Harty - E

Mesa Vista

Margaret Alire – E
Marvyn Jaramillo – E
Anthony Vigil – E

Mora

Dr. Monica Aragon – E, II
Victoria Valdez – E, I, II
Doris C. Velarde – E, I, II
Audra Vigil – E, I, II

Moriarty-Edgewood

Charles Armijo – E
Linda Hudson – E, I

Pecos

Grady Barrens – E, I
Harold Garcia - E
Darlene Ortiz – E

Penasco

Patricia Martinez – E, I, II
Dorothy Lopez-Sherman – E
Gwen Símbolo – E, I, II

Pojoaque

Felix Benavidez – E
Jerome Lujan - E, I
Susan Quintana – E, I, II
Toby Velasquez - E

Portales

Braden W, Frazee - E
Inez Rodriguez – E
Rod Savage - E

Quemado

Carmelita Chavez – E

Questa

Michael Cordova – E
Esequiel Romero – E

Reserve

Eric Fryar - E

Rio Rancho

Amanda Galbraith – E
Jeffrey Morgan – E
Noreen Scott - I

Roswell

Jack Cheney - E
Hilda Sanchez – E

Roy

Brandon Smith - I

Ruidoso

Luther Light – E

Santa Rosa

Chantel Lovato – E
Susan Abeyta Lynch – E, I
Angela Romo - E
Keith Ross – E, II
Joseph Salas – E, I

Silver

Eddie Flores – E, II

Socorro

Dave Hicks - II
Pauline Jaramillo – E
Sharon Sessions – E, I

Springer

Rebecca Herrera – E

T or C

Mark Hedge – E, I, II
Christy LaFont – E, I, II
Barbara Pearlman – E
Julianne Stroup – E
Jaime Sweeney – E, I, II

Taos

Mark Flores - E
Pascualito Maestas – E
Susan Trujillo – E

Tucumcari

Victor Matthew Pacheco - I

Vaughn

Chris Matson - E

Wagon Mound

Camille Cornell – E
Eldie Cruz - E
Tony Rubin – E

West Las Vegas

Christine Ludi – E
Roland Medrano – E
Linda M. Montoya – E

Zuni

Albert Chopito – E, I
Jerome Haskie – E
Mildred Lementino – E, II
Anthony Otto Lucio – E
Stephanie Vicenti – E