

# NMMEA District VII Spring Meeting

## Monday May 6, 2024 - 5:00 pm

*M Building, Albuquerque Public School Finer Arts Building*

### A G E N D A

[2024/2025 DISTRICT DATES](#) *(not finalized)*

[District 7 Website](#) *(in progress)*

Section VPs will finalize and update any changes to the events calendar

Subscribe to the Google Calendar for dates to be automatically put into your calendar (link in document)

## Welcome:

*Jordan Sayre, President*

### Code of Ethics for NMMEA

All NMMEA meetings, as well as reports and recommendations, are open to review by all members of NMMEA. We trust the judgment and the conduct of our members, and anyone else in attendance, to be ethically discreet at all times when discussing personalities and issues. NMMEA strongly encourages members to be positive and discreet when discussing our organization, its events and festivals, as well as fellow teachers. The very nature of music education embodies a broad spectrum of expressions exploring different paths to arrive at artistic and educational goals. Members are encouraged to recognize and remain open to varied approaches and to celebrate both our differences and our similarities

## Officers

President - Jordan Sayre - Eldorado HS

Secretary/Treasurer - Caitlynn Camacho - Madison MS

Communications and Technology – Sarah Lopez - Jackson MS

VP HS Band – Josephine Gonzales - Highland HS

VP HS Choral – Molly Weiers - General Music - Our Lady of Assumption Catholic School

VP HS Orchestra – Anthony Baca - Public Academy for Performing Arts

VP MS Band – David Sorensen - Eisenhower MS

VP MS Choral – Wil Gonzales - Eisenhower MS

VP MS Orchestra – Erica Photiades - Desert Ridge and Eisenhower MS

VP Guitar – Mark Opperman - Public Academy for Performing Arts

VP General Music – Cat Woo - APS Elementary Music

#### Minutes:

- Meeting called to order at 5:08 p.m.

## NMMEA State Level Information:

- [Announcements from Neil](#)
- State Contests:
  - Choir April 4-5
  - Band- Marching October 26, April 10-12

#### Minutes:

## Educator News:

### Teacher Introductions and Updates:

- Introduce yourself, where you are coming from and where you are going.
- Band- NyTeezhia Black - Taylor Middle School, Josue Hernandez- Hoover MS, Brent Kelly- Tony Hillerman, Juan Nunez- Washington MS, Chandra Blackston- Tres Volcanes
- Orchestra- Patricia Morrison - Kennedy MS, Paul Robertson - Tres Volcanes and John Adams
- Choir- Heather Hagler - Taft MS
- Guitar- Ian Davis- Atrisco Heritage and George I. Sanchez,
- Elementary- New from APS: Xander (Francis) Allen, Tina (Christine) Hanson-Stout, Bethany Przybocki, Rachael Baca, Christopher Bailon, Victoria Barreras, Cecelia Mastripolito, Cici (Cecilia) McAfee, Ryan Merrill, Jeremy Murphy, Ellie (Gabrielle) Villavicencio

#### Minutes:

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# Recognitions:

- State Contests
  - Choir
    - Eisenhower Middle School 2nd place
    - PAPA Les Chanteuses 2nd place
  - Band
    - Eisenhower Middle School 2nd place
    - Volcano Vista 4th place
    - La Cueva 5th place
  - National Competitions
    - La Cueva Underground Show Choir 2nd place Hart Encore National Show Choir Competition
  - APS, again, received the NAMM “Best Communities for Music Education”
- APS will complete the expansion of music and art into every elementary school every year
  - In 2018 we had 52 elementary music teachers alternating schools every year
  - In 2024 we will have elementary Music teachers at all elementary schools
    - Students will receive music and arts every year
- National Boards
  - Rebecca Simons
- Retirements
  - Liz Torres Taylor- guitar and choir at Taylor MS, Allison Hamilton- elementary, Geri Smith- Band LBJ,
- Golden Apple Nominee: Camille Kelly (Del Norte HS)
- Moving out of district
  - Sarah Lopez

## Minutes:

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# Guests:

## Albuquerque Youth Symphony

- Gloria Velasco

## Minutes:

- **AYS has 47 students going to Costa Rica.**

- AYS would like to see more percussion, wind, and brass players audition.
- Tours in Fall (Mid-november) Middle School 3 AYS HS groups will visit your school. They will need to borrow stands. Elem Teacher 5 middle school level ensembles to visit elementary schools.
- AYS Facility is open to all NMMEA events, it is in use on Monday afternoons, Wednesday afternoons, and all-day on Saturdays. Any other time it can be open for other events.

## University of New Mexico

### Minutes:

- Mellisa Ryan was hired as an Elementary Music Education professor.

## APS Fine Arts

### Minutes:

- Any inside information about music ed staffing changes as school is appreciated.
- There will be overlap of the arrival of Mill Levy orders from last year and this year. Contact Paul Blakey if you are expecting items purchased with Mill Levy monies.

## President's Report:

*Jordan Sayre, President*

### Reminders from President:

- You must be a member of NMMEA in order to participate in NMMEA events.
- If you need the NMMEA District VII printer let me know and I'll make arrangements.
- New Website
  - Link [Here](#)
  - Bookmark your page
  - Section VPs will update information

### Minutes:

- VPs will have editing access to the new website, but not post copyrighted materials for distribution on the site.

# District 7 Officer terms ending in Spring 2024

- Middle School Band (decided within section meeting)
- Middle School Choir (decided within section meeting)
- Middle School Orchestra (decided within section meeting)
- Communications and Technology
  - Nominations

## Minutes:

- **Nominations for Communications and Technology**
  - **Elsie Stott**
  - **Andrew Vaughn**
- **Tyler moved that nomination close, Josphine seconded.**
- **Majority vote for Andrew Vaughn.**

## District Documents:

- [Bylaws and Constitution](#)
- [Handbook and Procedures](#) updated fall 2022
- 2024-2025 School Year District 7 Calendar

## Nominations for NMMEA Awards and Honors:

We will take nominations on the floor and via a google form.

- [Criteria](#)
- [Process](#)

## Minutes:

- **Administrator of the Year -**
  - **Kimberly Fink, Cibola HS (Evan Aguilar)**
  - **Katie Eaton, John Baker Elementary (Julie Rombach)**
  - **Truman Middle School Administrative team (Elsie Stott)**
  - **Michael Power, Public Academy of Performing Arts (Mark Opperman)**
  - **Gina Rasinski, APS Fine Arts (Steve Snowden)**
- **Award of Distinction**

- APS (Jordan Sayre)
- Educator of the Year
  - Ryan Hatch (Choir Section)
  - Anthony Baca (Tyler North)
  - Julie Rombach Kendall (Cat Woo)
  - Faith Grattan (Mason Yordy)
  - Erica Photiades (Paul Robertson)
- Emeritus Teacher of the Year
  - Luis Delgado (Cat Woo)
  - Drew Austin (Sam Brown)
  - Anne Bateman (Luis DeVargas)
- Hall of Fame
  - Emily Awes (Tyler North)
  - Gloria Velasco (Lena Fahrenkrog)\*check in committee if nominees must be employed at a school.
  - Ed Torrez (Anthony Baca)
- John Batcheller Award for Elementary Education
  - Cat Woo (Julie Rombach Kendall)
  - Julie Rombach Kendall (Cat Woo)
- New & Emerging Teacher of the Year
  - Natalie Bonelli (Lena Fahrenkrog)
  - Luis DeVargas (Erica Photiades)
  - Evan Aguilar (Gabriel Velasco)
  - Sam Brown (Elsie Stott)
  - Alexa Nguyen (Molly Weiers)
  - Antonio Dailey (Laura Arrasmith)
- MOTION: Molly Weiers moves to form a committee to decide which nominees to vote for, Josephine Gonzales seconds.
  - Tyler North, Caitlynn Camacho, David Sorensen, Molly Weiers, Lena Fahrenkrog, Steve Snowden, Suzanne Shelton, Julie Rombach-Kendall, Cat Woo, Jordan Sayre

#### Honor Ensemble Information

- [Application](#)
- NEW HONOR ENSEMBLE OPPORTUNITY
  - GUITAR and ALTERNATIVE Honor Group

- A guitar or alternative ensemble is any middle or high school ensemble that doesn't fall into the traditional band, choir, jazz, or orchestra ensemble category.
  - This may include small ensembles such as string quartet, percussion ensemble, barbershop quartet, steel drum band, director ensemble, mariachi, etc.

## Treasurer's Report

*Caitlynn Camacho, treasurer*

- [LINK TO TREASURER DOCUMENT](#)
- There are several outstanding payments from this year. VPs will be reaching out about this. Please resolve your missing payments before the end of the year (i.e., now) so I can close our books at the end of July.
- If you are having issues with getting your payments processed, please contact me!
- PLEASE INCLUDE A COMPLETED COPY OF THE TREASURER'S FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT and double check that your payment is being sent to the correct address.
- [CURRENT TREASURER'S FORM](#)-Do not use to generate POs in August. Fee structure will be updated for the fall and the 24-25 form will be sent out after our August meeting.
- If you hosted an event at your school, make sure you submitted your W-9 to your VP and Caitlynn.

### Minutes:

- **Tyler North moves to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Cat Woo.**

## New Business:

- Adjudication Interest and Availability
  - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdnB20\\_ro8IR4iQ\\_uGAfpBRdINeGD\\_TwtiT-smnnxRk86zNIA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdnB20_ro8IR4iQ_uGAfpBRdINeGD_TwtiT-smnnxRk86zNIA/viewform)
- General Music: NMMEA Fall Workshop? Free for NMMEA members? Could we open Solo and Ensemble to include 5th grade?
- Scheduling MPA Proposal
  - Propose to rotate priority in March each year so different sections get priority in selecting dates in March.

### Minutes:

- **Josephine is working with Neil and Amy to rehaul how NMMEA trains adjudicators for NMMEA events. More information to come.**
- **Cat Woo proposes an NMMEA Dist 7 Fall Elementary Workshop. Allowing 5th graders to participate in Solo and Ensemble might incentivize Elementary teachers to join NMMEA.**
- **A Committee of Cat Woo, Jordan Sayre, Evan Aguliar, Madison Jones has been formed to discuss this topic further.**

- **MOTION: Molly Weiers moves that NMMEA Dist 7 adopts priority scheduling between sections (Choir, Band, Orchestra, Guitar) for MPAF dates.**
  - Sarah Lopez makes motion to table Molly's motion.

## Section Meetings

Led by section VPs.

Motion to dismiss to section meetings:

*Before leaving: Make sure your section shares its meeting minutes with Sarah Lopez, Caitlynn Camacho, and Jordan Sayre.*  
(Vice Presidents Presiding)

### Guitar Agenda

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### Orchestra Agenda

- [Meeting on May 6, 2024](#)

### Choir Agenda

- [Meeting on April 22, 2024](#)
- Meeting on May 6, 2024

### Band Agenda

- [Band Meeting Minutes](#)

### General Music Agenda

- [General Music Minutes](#)