



New Mexico Music Educators Central District VI

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## **Spring Meeting**

Saturday, May 3rd, 2025, 9:30 AM

### **Call to Order**

President William Austell called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

### **Ethics Statement**

The NMMEA Ethics Statement was read aloud and displayed by William Austell at 9:31 AM.

### **Member Introductions**

Introductions took place at 9:33 AM.

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## **Officer Reports**

### **Secretary's Report – 9:37 AM**

Joshua Dumais shared that members may edit the district roster directly until the end of the week. After that, edits can be emailed to his secretary email address. The minutes are posted on the NMMEA website and are accessible at any time.

- **Motion:** Francis Slife motioned to approve the spring minutes.
- **Second:** Brad Dubbs
- **Outcome:** Motion passed at 9:40 AM.

## **Treasurer's Report – 9:40 AM**

Catherine Danner shared her treasurer's report (also included in the agenda) and announced that the year ended in the black. She noted a batch of RRPS checks was lost in the mail. She then presented a "Data at a Glance" sheet that she created for easier financial review.

- Donna inquired about reserve thresholds. William Austell responded that the goal is to maintain a 50% rollover of funds annually, and the district currently exceeds 60%.
- Matt Casarez commented, "Cathy is AWESOME!"
- **Motion:** Francis Slife motioned to approve the treasurer's report.
- **Second:** Rena Sedillo
- **Outcome:** Motion passed at 9:49 AM.

## **Section Meetings**

Breakout into section meetings began at 9:50 AM.

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## **Vice President and Committee Reports**

### **President's Report – 10:40 AM**

William Austell discussed concerns about a lack of award submissions, possibly due to the intimidating perception of the process. He encouraged participation and clarified that only one letter of support is now required.

### **General Music – 10:44 AM**

Ana Maria reported a successful General Music Festival and noted that the program ended in the black.

### **Guitar – 10:45 AM**

Donovan Perea was absent; William Austell read his report. Donovan is currently under the impression that Moriarty is the only CNMMEA school that offers guitar. After discussion, it was learned that guitar is actually being taught by the following teachers in

these schools:

- CHS – Cherokee Randolph & Joseph Santiago
- SODA – Mike Hinds
- RRHS – Jim Rivera
- Socorro HS – Heather Sanchez
- Sandoval Academy – Sarah Farrell
- Belen HS – Chris Orphal

### **Orchestra – 10:48 AM**

Brennan Wright shared that MPA was very successful, finished in the black, and will add an additional day to accommodate growth.

### **Choir – 10:49 AM**

Miguel reported that all choir events went smoothly despite weather challenges.

### **Band – 10:52 AM**

Samantha Rice stated that participation was high and all events ran successfully.

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## **NMAA Representatives**

- **Jadira Flamm:** Reported that choir and band may be scheduled during the same week next year. Choir would potentially be Tuesday/Wednesday. Band would be the same as it's been.
- **Daniel Holmes (via Joshua Dumais):** Band participation included 15 middle schools and 23 high schools!

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## **Business**

## **Old Business – 10:53 AM**

No specific items discussed.

## **New Business – 10:54 AM**

### **Calendar – 10:55 AM**

The district calendar was reviewed and discussed. The fall meeting was postponed by one week due to a later school start date.

[Calendar link: [Google Calendar Spreadsheet](#)]

- **Motion:** Matthew
  - **Second:** Brennan
  - **Outcome:** Calendar draft approved at 11:05 AM
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## **Award Nominations – 10:30 AM**

William Austell shared a document with award descriptions. The following nominations were submitted:

- **Administrator of the Year:** Andrew Pierce (nominated by Donna Schmidt)
- **Award of Distinction:** Rio Rancho Public Schools (nominated by Kurt Schmidt)
- **Educator of the Year:** Daniel Holmes (nominated by Cherokee Randolph)
- **Emeritus Teacher of the Year:** William Austell (nominated by Jonathan Robak)
- **Hall of Fame:** Donna Schmidt (nominated by Brennan Wright)
- **John Batcheller Award for Elementary Education:** Catherine Danner (nominated by Ana Maria Dark)
- **New & Emerging Teacher of the Year:** Brennan Wright (nominated by Karen Ginther)

Award nominations concluded at 10:50 AM.

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## Handbook Review

Donna Schmidt inquired about the frequency of handbook revisions. The District VI board will serve as the committee to review updates over the summer. Topics to consider include:

- Number of pieces and program length at MPA
- Clarification on directors performing with ensembles resulting in a "no rating"
- Wording regarding district representation if a VP is based in one region but hosts an event in another

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## Adjournment

William Austell expressed gratitude to all District VI officers at 11:54 AM.  
The meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM. Section meetings continued as needed.

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**Respectfully submitted,**  
*Joshua Dumais, Secretary*