

NMMEA -SW District 1
Spring Business Meeting
May 10, 2025 - 10 am
Las Cruces HS Band Room

Meeting called to order - Karen Padilla, President

Welcome - Karen Padilla, President

Thank you White's and Mom's Coffee for refreshments

Introduction of District Officers

Karen Padilla - President*

Jonathan Wheatley - Band VP

Anton Tan - Choir VP*

Josh Bryant - Orchestra VP*

Marissa Al-Masoud - Secretary

Brent Phelps - Treasurer

*Denotes term is over

Review of Ethics Statement: Karen Padilla - President

Approval of Minutes from Fall 2024 Meeting

[Link to Minutes](#)

Motion to approve: Jennifer Rodgers; Unanimous vote to accept

Financial Report: Brent Phelps - Treasurer

- Band/ Choir/ Orchestra events
- Other miscellaneous district expenses
- Vote to increase fees for Marching MPA
 - Motion to approve: Joseph Flores; Second by Jonathan Wheatley; motion passed
- Motion to approve financial report: Ty Frederick; Second by Jennifer Rodgers; motion passed

Old Business

I. MPA Discussion

- Did you like scheduling
- Did you like Competition Suite
- Do you feel it was organized well(signs, schedules, communication, recordings, etc)
- What could be improved/ changed?
- New option for recording process
 - Contact Mike Cano and Frank for Sweetwater?

II. Solo and Ensemble Discussion

- Time of year and scheduling
- Event site
- Piano accompanists
- Did hosts have enough help
- Enough signs and pianos
- MS and HS together or separate

New Business

I. Elections for District Officers

- Orchestra VP: Abraham Gomez, **Nate Cantu**
- Choir VP: **Christopher Yee, by acclamation**
- SW District President: **Kristen Silver**, Josh Bryant

II. NMMEA State Awards Nominations/vote

- Music Educator of the Year: Rod Pior, Dr. Hyerim Mapp, **Karen Padilla**, Shawn Silva
- New and Emerging Teacher: Kevin Vigil, Bryan Berard, **Mica Bailey**, Abraham Gomez, Kaylee Howard
- Emeritus Teacher: **Pancho Romero by acclamation**
- Hall of Fame: Roman Chip, Geri Brink, **Leroy Borchert**
- John Batcheller Award (Elementary Music Educator): Bailey Fietze McLellan, **Pat Gaskill**, Patricia Smith, Leslie Kowalski
- Administrator of the Year: Eric Fraass, **Yong Vega**
- District Award of Distinction: **Gadsden Independent School District, by acclamation**

III. 2025/2026 Calendar

- [Link to proposed calendar](#)
- Dates to be discussed in section meetings: MPA, S&E
- Vote to approve calendar will be at Fall meeting

IV. NMMEA Updates and Reminders from Neill Swapp

- Summer music educator workshop July 13 at Volcano Vista HS
- State Marching Band contest at Rio Rancho HS on Oct 26
- New All-State honor group opportunity
- Update your membership details with NAFME; this email is used for NMMEA
- In Remembrance of Don Gerhardt, Celebration of Life on June 8
- Please communicate and answer emails!

V. NMSU Updates from Dr Steven Smyth

- New choral director next year
- David Muzyk - Professor of Low Brass
- Changes coming to TOB this year
- Changes to Jazz Jumpstart
- University Calendar shared

Closing Remarks - Karen Padilla, President

Dismissal to Section Meetings:

- Band - Band Rm
- Orchestra - Orchestra Rm
- Choir - Choir Rm