

Aug 26, 2025 | 📅 NWNMMEA Orchestra Meeting

Attendees: Benjamin Ludwig Daniel Fear Dustin Jackson Monica Leaming
Tamara Schlosser

1. Call to order: 3:31 PM
2. Leadership roles discussion
 - a. Orchestra Vice President
 - i. What are the responsibilities of Orchestra VP?
 1. Communication with NMMEA leadership
 2. Organizing and/or delegating responsibilities for events
 - a. Includes hiring, housing, and paying clinicians
 - ii. Daniel Fear nominates Benjamin Ludwig to be Northwest NMMEA Orchestra Vice President
 - a. Seconded by Tamara Schlosser
 - i. Amendment: term is specifically for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years.
 - b. Vote
 - i. Motion **passes** with unanimous vote.
 - b. Secretary
 - i. Is it necessary to have one? Perhaps they could provide support to the VP?
 - ii. We will not have a secretary at this time.
 - c. Treasurer
 - i. It was advised that we should not have a treasurer because we do not have a bank account anymore. If we were to need money we would have to organize funding through coordination of our school budgets.
3. Performance calendar
 - a. **11/22/25** San Juan Symphony Junior and Youth Orchestra Concert @ Henderson Fine Arts Center in Farmington, NM
 - b. **1/14/26-1/17/26** All State Conference @ UNM in Albuquerque, NM
 - c. **3/6/26, 3/7/26** Orchestra MPA (C)
 - d. **3/11/26** Orchestra MPA (A)
 - e. **3/12/26** Orchestra MPA (SW)
 - f. **4/10/26, 4/11/26** - The Bear Classic Guitar and Orchestra Invitational @ at La Cueva HS in Albuquerque, NM

- g. **4/18/26** Solo and Ensemble (C)
- h. **4/26/25** SJS J&Y Orchestra Concert @ Durango Community Concert Hall in Durango, CO

(See FMS Fine Arts Calendar for Farmington school performance dates)

- 4. Interest in doing a combined city event this year?
 - a. Ideas
 - i. Clinic
 - ii. Honor orchestra (auditioned)
 - iii. String ensemble (non-auditioned)
 - b. Pros and cons of labeling an event NMMEA vs FMS
 - c. At this time, we do not plan to have a district event for the 2025-26 school year.
 - d. We tentatively plan to have an event in Fall 2026, perhaps around October.
 - e. Benjamin Ludwig and Dan Fear will come up with some proposals for possible events at the Spring Orchestra meeting.

- 5. The next NW Orchestra meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2026 before the General Meeting (around lunchtime). Specific time TBD.

- 6. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Tamara Schlosser
 - a. Seconded by Dusty Jackson
 - b. Meeting adjourned at 4:08 PM