

**NMMEA District VII Fall Meeting**  
**Monday, August 18th 2025 - 5:00 pm**  
**Location: Eldorado High School**

**A G E N D A**

[2025/2026 DISTRICT EVENT DATES](#)

[Google Calendar Link](#)

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

**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  
Treasurer - Caitlynn Camacho - Madison MS (Gabriel Velasco - La Cueva HS)  
Secretary – Andrew Vaughn - Manzano HS  
VP HS Band – Antonio Dailey - Rio Grande HS  
VP HS Choral – Alyssa Arruti - Sandia HS and Hoover MS  
VP HS Orchestra – Natalie Phillips Perkoff, West Mesa HS  
VP MS Band – David Sorensen - Eisenhower MS  
VP MS Choral – Garrett Keith - Cleveland MS  
VP MS Orchestra – Luis DeVargas - Jimmy Carter MS  
VP Guitar – Charlie Anderson - Van Buren MS  
VP General Music – Cat Woo - Inez ES

## NMMEA State Level Information:

Announcement Executive Director and Assistant Director (NMMEA employees)

- 2025/2026 State-Wide Dates
  - October 16-25, 2025 - Choir, Guitar & Orchestra All-State Auditions
  - October 25, 2025 - NMAA/NMMEA State Marching Band Contest (Registration link)
  - October 29-November 8, 2025 - Band & Jazz All-State Auditions
  - January 14-17, 2026 - All-State Music Festival & In-Service Conference (UNM)

- January 22-24, 2026 - Jazz All-State (ENMU)

## New Audition Procedures for NMMEA High School All-State

- Students/teachers can record the elements of the audition. NMMEA will still use the “Live Recording” feature (if you can call it a feature) of Opus to record the sight reading only.

# Treasurer’s Report

*Caitlynn Camacho and Gabriel Velasco, treasurers*

- [LINK TO TREASURER DOCUMENT](#)
- [UPDATED TREASURER’S FORM](#)—Please ensure that you use the CURRENT version of the form and ensure that your bookkeeper or treasurer ***updates the mailing address*** before sending your payment.
- How to Complete a PO Request for APS
  - PO Request, PO Approved, Submit Invoice, Payment Cut
  - It is within your bookkeeper’s rights to refuse to process a payment for an event that has already passed. Your payment is still expected for you to be eligible to be scheduled for events next year.
- Facilitron and APS facility use
  - Please make sure you have booked your facilities for NMMEA events through proper channels (Facilitron for APS facilities, please have a written agreement for facilities outside of APS for our records).
- Site hosts: If you host an event at your school, submit your W-9 to your VP or to Caitlynn/Gabriel. Save any receipts for purchases related to hosting the festival/event for reimbursement. (Check with your VP to make sure you are working within your budget!)
- **You MUST include a copy of the treasurer’s form/invoice with your payment.** Checks received without the form take longer to process while we try to figure out what you’re trying to pay for. In instances where we cannot determine what the payment is for, we will return the check to the school.

Motion to accept report: Cameron Hornberger

Second: Stephen Snowden Jr.

Motion Passes

# Educator News:

## News in District 7:

- Are you or do you know someone who is new to District 7? - Introduce yourself!
- National Boards Passed:
- Arts Proclamation from Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham

# NMMEA Awards Recipients:

These fine educators and organizations received recognition from NMMEA.

- Cat Woo- John Batchellor Award for Elementary Education
- Evan Aguilar- New and Emerging Music Teacher of the Year
- Bruce Dalby- Emeritus Teacher of the Year
- Albuquerque Public Schools- Award of Distinction

## President's Report: *Jordan Sayre, President*

### Reminders:

- 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 we'll make arrangements.
- Facilitron
  - Must use Facilitron to book facilities in APS. This goes with janitorial services and (depending on the size of the event) security. NMMEA officers (one email address that login information will be shared to officers in NMMEA) will manage inputting events.
    - Site Hosts should inform site facility directors to inform them of when events are to ensure availability before VPs enter dates into Facilitron
    - Site facility directors have the ability to schedule events and bypass payment - work with them to determine best way to proceed
  - We are working on an MOU between APS and NMMEA to address the facility use.
  - Regardless of what happened in the past- to stay above board you cannot use your APS employment status for the benefit of another organization. Facility use for the explicit benefit of students in APS can be approved by your administrator.

## District 7 Officer terms ending in Spring 2026

- President
- Middle School Band VP
- Middle School Choir VP
- Middle School Orchestra VP
- Guitar VP

### From the Handbook/Bylaws of District 7:

#### *"Election of Officers and Service Period*

*All officers are to be elected for two-year terms (except in the case of vacancy fulfillment) using the following guidelines:*

*(1.) President, Middle-School Vice Presidents, Guitar Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer will be elected on even years.*

*(2.) High-School Vice Presidents, Elementary Music Vice President and Communication and Technology Officer will be elected on **odd years**.*

(3.) In cases where partial terms are necessary (such as vacancy fulfillment), elections still follow the schedules outlined in the two previous points.

## District Documents:

- [Bylaws and Constitution](#)
- [Handbook and Procedures](#) updated fall 2022

## New Business:

### Bylaws and Handbook update

- [Proposed update to handbook and Bylaws](#)
- Committee
  - Jordan Sayre
  - Tyler North
  - Caitlynn Camacho
  - Anthony Baca
  - Others?

## Guests:

### Albuquerque Youth Symphony

- Gloria Velasco and Dan Whistler
  - Free use of AYS facilities (no Facilitron!)
  - Email Dorothy to schedule facilities [dorothy@aysmusic.org](mailto:dorothy@aysmusic.org)
  - School assembly tours available Thursday Nov. 6 and Thursday Dec. 4 - looking for sites to host these events

### University of New Mexico

- Emily Moss - Director of Bands
  - Elementary Ed - Dr. Melissa Ryan - contact for student teacher placement
- New Professors of Music Education at UNM - Dr. Anne Martin (Band), Dr. Juliana Lobiando (Choral)
  - Contact to visit, talk with students, clinics, etc.
- Dr. Jillian Cuzell - Oboe Professor
  - available to visit classes for clinics/lessons
  - UNM Oboe Day
- Dr. Carin Hendrickson - Orchestra
  - available to visit classrooms and give clinics

### APS Fine Arts

Motion to adjourn to section meetings: Stephen Snowden Jr.

Second: Gabriel Velasco

Motion Passes

# Section Meetings

Led by section VPs.

Band in band room

Choir in Choir room

Orch. in Orch. room

Guitar - M4

Elementary - PAC Lobby

*VPs - Before leaving: Make sure your section shares its meeting minutes with Andrew Vaughn ([abq-secretary@nmmea.com](mailto:abq-secretary@nmmea.com)), Caitlynn Camacho, and Jordan Sayre.*

(Vice Presidents Presiding)

## Guitar Agenda

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## Orchestra Agenda

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## Choir Agenda

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## Band Agenda

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## **General Music Agenda**