



**NWNMMEA District 3
Spring General Meeting
April 29th, 2026 - 3:30pm (Hybrid)
Heights Middle School**

[Google Meets Link](#)

Call to Order

- Time: 3:32 PM
- Welcome & Introduction - Cody Jackson

- **NMMEA Ethics Statement**
 - “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.”
 - “While guests are welcome, only members of NMMEA/NAfME are eligible to vote and take part in discussions”.

- **Approval of Previous Minutes:** [Fall 2025 Minutes](#)
 - Motion: Dan Fear
 - Second: AJ Carson
 - Motion Passes/Fails: **Pass**

- **Attendance**
 - Members in Attendance
 - In-Person: Leo LaMarr, Alex Olivas, Katie Olivas, Anjee Hall, Virginia Weaver, Kayla Mohlman , Dan Fear, Kaden, Jared Fishburn , AJ Carson, John Patton, Tamara Schlosser, Ben Ludwig, Melody Postoak , Siromani Leath, Jenn Lasley, Amos Brown

 - Virtual: German, Kevin

- If there has been a change in position for you or other educators you are aware of, please email those changes to president-nw@nmmea.com
 - The new president will update our directory and have it uploaded to the NMMEA website (and emailed out) in the fall semester

President's Report

- Keep your NAFME membership up to date.
 - NMMEA contact is generally pulled from NAFME registration
 - Reminder: Each director must be current on their membership to register for events and auditions. Be diligent to keep this updated. Amy Williams usually sends me a list of who isn't registered.
 - Renew directly through NAFME website. www.nafme.org
 - *NOTE: Per our handbook, directors OUTSIDE of New Mexico who desire to participate in our events MUST be a member of NAFME (not NMMEA directly). In-state directors of course must be members of NMMEA/NAFME.*
- Spring 2026 Announcements from Neil Swapp + District Schools Across the State
 - Follow [this link](#) to see Neil's notes about upcoming events/deadlines/dates
 - Neil also has [this document](#) for reference about schools across the state.
- Please ensure that all officers (VP's, Treasurers, Secretaries) are checking emails semi-regularly, especially with any newly appointed folks in positions. VP's keep checking out who is new in our area when possible. Band discovered a new director in our region late into the year that we now have included in communications.
- As you all remember, Neil Swapp is stepping down as the NMMEA Executive Director. Any state-level questions should come to the district president which then get relayed to the new executive director, Daniel Fear. Daniel's email with NMMEA is: danielfear@nmmea.com ; please do not send NMMEA business to his FMS email.
- As Daniel Fear takes over the NMMEA Executive Director position, things are being streamlined as data gets cleaned up. As part of that process, please note the new form link to submit information about amounts and W-9's.
 - [Amounts & W-9's](#)
 - This will get streamlined to the new, single treasurer below once voted on.
- Handbook Updates
 - We voted on the new handbook that is currently up on the NMMEA website to serve our district as a touchpoint of clarity of our events. If ANY changes need to be made at this point, VP's please make sure you are seeking those changes out from your sections and voting on them. Once voted on, they can get included into the handbook.

- **Congratulations to All!**

- Congratulations to all performing ensembles and students who participated in MPA regionally, All-States, Honor Groups, and NMAA State Contests this year! We had great representation all around our region this year! It is always great to come together, showcase student growth, and become better musicians/educators through it all!
- Here are some highlights:
 - **NMMEA All-State**
 1. 97 students represented from NWNMMEA
 - **Bear Classic (String Festival)**
 1. Heights MS, Hermosa MS, Mesa View MS
 - **NMAA State Choir** (Heights MS, Hermosa MS, Farmington HS, Piedra Vista HS, Rehoboth Christian School)
 1. Heights MS - 3rd Place
 2. Rehoboth Christian School - 2nd Place A-3A
 - **NMAA State Band** (Heights MS, Hermosa MS, Farmington HS, Piedra Vista HS, Rehoboth Christian School)
 1. Rehoboth Christian School - 1st Place A-3A
- Congratulations as well to all of our elementary students and teachers who participated in your Honor and All-State choirs this semester!

- **Vice President's and Treasurer's Report/Updates**

This time is reserved for any general updates or reports needing to be provided by individual sections

- General Music
 - Anjee Hall, VP
 - Updates:
 1. Make sure all emails are updated as she is getting a lot of undeliverable emails
 2. Spring meeting next Wednesday at 3:30; will send zoom link to Mr. Jackson if you need it.
- Choir
 - Katie Olivas, VP
 - Updates:
 1. Raised choir fees
 - 2.
 - Siromani Leath, Treasurer
 - Updates:

\$6736.54 if including outstanding checks, **\$6154.54** (current)
- Orchestra

- VP: Benjamin Ludwig (taking temporary lead)
- Updates:
 1. No updates
- Band
 - Alex Olivas, VP
 - Updates:
 1. Meeting after general meeting
 - Melody Post oak, Treasurer
 - Updates:

\$5919.00 outstanding checks for incoming

Flat fee for all events, except for Honor band \$25 per kid for those not in multiple events

General District Announcements/New Business

- **New District President**
 - All district presidents are to serve 2 years per term. This is my (Cody Jackson) last bit of my 2-year term. It has been an honor to serve our district in this way! Please consider nominating yourself or someone else to take it over and represent us at the table of the NMMEA Board of Directors. Here are some of the things that were addressed during this term:
 - Updated NWNMMEA Handbook
 1. Eliminated old items that were no longer relevant to current practices
 2. Reformatted sections for clarity
 3. Revised wordings for clarity in some areas
 4. Moved eligibility from extra-curricular to co-curricular for regional events to align with other districts across state.
 - Recreated and updated District Contact Sheet (was very old originally, always ongoing)
 - Cleaned Up President google drive for cleanliness and record-keeping
 - Ensured all record-keeping was up-to-date for our region through the NMMEA website.
 - Pursuit and return to a single treasurer for NWNMMEA
 - Compiled an official document of NWNMMEA Officer and Position Responsibilities based upon current practices.
 - Check out our detailed overview of responsibilities for all officers, including District President
 - [Officer and Position Responsibilities](#)
 - Nominations for President for 2026-2028:
 - Amos Brown
 - Melody Post oak

- Kayla Mohlman
- Voted:
 - Kayla Mohlman will be District President for 2026-2028
- *Note: New District President **MUST** meet with past president (Cody Jackson) to hand off everything. We can schedule this at the conclusion of the band section meeting (or soon after).*
- **NWNMMEA Single Treasurer Committee**
 - Where are we at with everything?
 - [One Treasurer Committee Document](#)
 - Need to vote on the proposed process found on the document:
 - **1st Motion:** Treasurer is required to be a NMMEA membership (Alex Olivas)
 - Second: John Patton
 - Discussion on Motion:
 - Do not want to limit available pool; best to not have them be an NMMEA member
 - Pass/Fail: Fail
 - *Full Clarity - Treasurer does NOT have to be an NMMEA member to serve as Treasurer for NWNMMEA.*
 - **2nd Motion:** Motion to Approve the Treasurer Transfer Process (Siromani Leath)
 - Second: Kayla Mohlman
 - Discussion: None
 - Pass/Fail: Pass
 - List of Nominees:
 1. **Linnea Jackson** (suggested by Cody Jackson; has accounting degree)
 2. **Siromani Leath** (NMMEA Member/Choir Secretary)
 - **3rd Motion:** Siromani Leath for NW District Treasurer (Virginia Weaver)
 - Second: Katie Olivas
 - Pass/Fail: Pass
 - Discussion?
 1. NMMEA member or note, District 6 is not a member
 - Not a member concern is not understanding what is going on
 - As long as bonded then it should not be a concern
 2. If they are not and it is voted that they should be and the membership is paid by the District 3
 3. Experience to begin with vs have inexperienced to get it started and streamlined

- Siromani would work with the new Treasure to help get everything streamlined
 - Pass/Fail
- **Annual NMMEA Award Nominations**
 - Nominee/Nominator letter requirements due by: **July 1st**. (Laura Eberhardt will send out a digital form to fill out)
 - [Awards Criteria](#)
 - *Administrator of the Year* (Active admin who paves way for music education)
 - Nominations: Dr. Warman Hall
 - Nominator: John Patton
 - *Award of Distinction* (School District Award)
 - Nominations: Farmington Municipal Schools
 - Nominator: Dan Fear
 - Nominations: Aztec Municipal Schools
 - Nominator: Melody Post oak
 - *Emeritus Teacher Award* (Retired, Active Member)
 - Nominations: Virginia Nickles
 - Nominator: Siromani Leath
 - *Hall of Fame* (20+ Years, Active Member)
 - Nominations: Siromani Leath
 - Nominator: Melissa Mortensen
 - *John Batcheller* (5+ Years, Elementary Education, Active Member)
 - Nominations: Amy Sewell
 - Nominator: Melissa Mortensen
 - *New and Emerging Teacher of the Year* (Less than 5 years, Active Member)
 - Nominations: Melissa Mortensen
 - Nominator: AJ Carson
 - *Music Educator of the Year* (Any regional NMMEA member can be nominated)
 - Nominations: Cody Jackson
 - Nominator: AJ Carson
- **Honor Ensembles**
 - Consider submitting an application/recording for the All-State Honor Ensembles
 - Alternative/Guitar - No Rotation
 - Choir & Orchestra - Small School Preference
 - Band - Large School
 - General Music - Elem. Ensemble
 - Jazz - Large School
 - Application can be found [HERE](#)
 - [Submission Process](#)

- **All-State**
 - Any feedback to relay back to the executive committee?
 - Reflective practice
 - We all have great ideas but we tend to undervalue what we know and do
 - Consider presenting a clinic at All-State! You all have great ideas and practices to be shared!

- **NMMEA State Dates**
 - October 15-24, 2026 - Choir, Guitar & Orchestra All-State Auditions
 - October 25, 2026 - NMAA/NMMEA State Marching Band Contest
 - October 28-November 8, 2026 - Band & Jazz All-State Auditions
 - January 6-9, 2027 - All-State Music Festival & In-Service Conference (UNM)
 - January 21-23, 2027 - Jazz All-State (ENMU) (Cancelled last year due to weather...)
 - April 13-14, 2027 - NMMEA State Choir Contest (Cleveland HS, Tentative Date)
 - April 22-24, 2027 - NMMEA State Band Contest (Cleveland HS, Tentative Date)

See Executive Director's *Monday Notes* (or NMMEA website) for any registration links

- **Meeting Date for Fall 2026 Meeting:**
 - Motion: Wednesday, August 19, 2026, Kayla Mohlman 3:30pm at Mesa Alta Junior High
 - Second: Virigina Weaver
 - Pass/Fail: Pass

- **Meeting Date for Spring 2027 Meeting:**
 - Motion: Wednesday, April 28, 2027, Jennifer Lasley, 3:30pm at Tibbetts Middle School
 - Second: Siromani Leath
 - Pass/Fail: Pass

Adjournment of General Meeting

- Motion: AJ Carson
- Second: Siromani Leath
 - Motion Passes/Fails: Pass

- Adjournment Time: 4:37pm