

**NMMEA District VII Fall Meeting**  
**Monday, May 4th 2026 - 5:00 pm**  
**Location: Eldorado High School**

**A G E N D A**

[2025/2026 DISTRICT EVENT DATES](#) (current school year)

[2026/2027 DISTRICT EVENT DATES](#) (next year- not finalized)

[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 (term ending)  
Treasurer - Caitlynn Camacho - Madison MS (Gabriel Velasco - La Cueva HS)  
Secretary – Andrew Vaughn - Manzano HS (term ending)  
VP HS Band – Vacant (Brian Weller)  
VP HS Choral – Alyssa Arruti - Sandia HS and Hoover MS (need to fill vacancy)  
VP HS Orchestra – Natalie Phillips Perkoff, West Mesa HS  
VP MS Band – David Sorensen - Eisenhower MS (term ending)  
VP MS Choral – Garrett Keith - Cleveland MS (term ending, continuing to second term)  
VP MS Orchestra – Luis DeVargas - Jimmy Carter MS (term ending) (Canice Laubhan)  
VP Guitar – Charlie Anderson - Van Buren MS (term ending) (need  
VP General Music – Cat Woo - Inez ES

## NMMEA State Level Information:

Announcement Executive Director and Assistant Director (NMMEA employees)

- *2026/2027 State-Wide Dates*
  - *NMMEA Website here*
- *NMAA State Contests*
  - *State Marching Contest - October 24, 2026*

- *State Choir Contest - April 13 & 14, 2027*
- *State Band Contest - April 15, 16 & 17, 2027*

# Treasurer's Report

*Gabriel Velasco, treasurer*

- [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.
- Please get all payments in for 25-26 ASAP. We still have missing payments in all sections. If you need help or time, please reach out to Gabriel.
- Please make every effort to pay for events ahead of time. Plan ahead—none of the dates are a surprise. You can open all of your POs tomorrow when you get back to work, they can stay open for 6 months. You can open the PO even if you don't have the money in your account yet (i.e., you haven't held your fundraiser yet).
- **Those with outstanding balances from last year will not be put on the schedules of this years' events until those are resolved.**
- If you are having issues with getting your payments processed, please contact Gabriel! We can help you through the steps—they can be confusing, especially if you're new to the district. It's better to ask for help than to not get your payment in.

Motion to accept report: Stephen Snowden Jr.  
Second: Cat Woo

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: Josephine Gonzales and Christina Young
- NMAA State Contests
  - Eisenhower MS Band - 1st
  - Eisenhower MS Choir - 2nd
  - La Cueva HS Band - 2nd
- Guitar Bear Classic Guitar and Orchestra Competition
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- Retirements:
  - Julie Rombach-Kendall

# 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

## Award Nominations:

- Sections nominate a person then we will determine nominees finalists in the committee
- List:
  - Music Educator of the Year
  - John Batcheller Award for Elementary
  - Hall of Fame
  - Administrator of the Year
  - New & Emerging Teacher
  - Emeritus Teacher
  - Award of Distinction
- Committee:
  - Tyler North
  - Cat Woo
  - Elena Maietta
  - Luis DeVargas
  - Find who was nominated and paste here>>>>>

## 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
- Secretary
- Middle School Band VP
- Middle School Choir VP
- Middle School Orchestra VP
- Guitar VP

## District 7 Officer Elections

- President
  - Nomination: Cat Woo
  - Other Nominations?
    - Move to close nominations Tyler North
    - Second: Stephen Snowden Jr.
    - Vote passes
- Secretary
  - Nominations: Jordan Sayre
  - Other Nominations?
    - Move to close nominations: Tyler North
    - Second: Stephen Snowden Jr.
    - Vote passes
- Treasurer
  - Gabriel Velasco (Treasurer Elect)
    - Move to close nominations: Tyler North
    - Second: Stephen Snowden Jr.
    - Vote passes
- Middle School Band VP:
  - Nominations: Chris Ogden
  - Other Nominations?
- Middle School Orchestra VP:
  - Nomination: Canice Laubhan
  - Other Nominations?
- Filling of Vacancies for the remainder of the term:
  - High School Band VP:
    - Nomination: Brian Weller
    - Other Nominations?
  - High School Choir VP:
    - Nomination:
    - Other Nominations?

### **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 Changes](#)

- [Proposed update to Bylaws](#) as per the committee
  - TLDR Version:
    - **Article VII:** Clarifies that District VII adjudicated events are strictly student-centered and exist for student learning, feedback, and recognition. Educators are there to conduct, direct, accompany only when specifically permitted, or supervise—not perform as ensemble members. **To do so would result in a comments only performance.** The only standing exception is a piano accompanist in choral festival settings.
    - **Article VIII:** Establishes that District VII will maintain a formal Code of Conduct and Organizational Handbook covering behavior, supervision, audience etiquette, and participant responsibilities. The handbook carries full organizational authority and may be updated as needed.
    - **Article IX:** Confirms District VII’s commitment to full copyright compliance for all events, regardless of whether groups are entered for ratings, comments only, or performance only. All **published** music must be legally acquired, and failure to comply **will** result in removal from the event or loss of eligibility for comments/ratings.
  - TLDR **Governance Update – Secretary/Treasurer Bylaw Amendment**
    - **Secretary duties expanded** to include keeping accurate meeting minutes, gathering section notes into a report for the President, helping organize district information, assisting with audits and financial documentation, supporting website communication/resources with section vice presidents, handling correspondence, and helping secure facility usage.
    - **Treasurer duties clarified** to emphasize custody of district funds, accurate tracking of money received and disbursed, collaboration with the Secretary and President on documentation and audits, fiscal transparency, timely collection of funds, and compliance with NMMEA financial policies.

Proposed Handbook [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RLPXyiBoFEmnUof\\_JLrNj3Ep4itmcwx/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RLPXyiBoFEmnUof_JLrNj3Ep4itmcwx/edit)

Accept article VIII to proposed bylaw changes, and governance updates for Treasurer and Secretary, and Table articles VII and IX?

- Motion by: Jordan Sayre
- Second: Chandra Blackston
- Motion passes

## Guests:

Albuquerque Youth Symphony

- Thanks for all the support
- Final Concert 5/10 - teachers can receive free tickets
- Auditions starting 5/11 - late auditions for open spots will take place at a later date - have parents/students email Dorothy to get audition scheduled

University of New Mexico

- Go Lobos

APS Fine Arts

- Still have must hire dangling - once it goes through the floodgates open for postings -MANY openings will be pushed through
  - between 15-16 openings potentially (including all of Fine Arts)

Motion to adjourn to section meetings: Tyler North

Second: Gabriel Velasco

Motion Passes

## Section Meetings

Led by section VPs.

Band in band room

Choir in Mirror room

Orch. in Orchestra. room

Guitar -

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**