

NMMEA - SW District 1
Spring Business Meeting
May 9, 2026 - 10 am
Centennial HS Band Room

Meeting called to order - Kristen Silver, President

Welcome - Kristen Silver, President

Thank you White's for refreshments

Thank you Centennial High School for hosting meetings this year

Introduction of District Officers

Karen Padilla - President

Jonathan Wheatley - Band VP*

Chris Yee - Choir VP

Nate Cantu - Orchestra VP

Marissa Al-Masoud - Secretary

Brent Phelps - Treasurer

*Denotes term is over

Review of Ethics Statement: Kristen Silver - President

Approval of Minutes from Fall 2025 Meeting

[Link to Minutes](#)

Motion to approve Ty Frederick; Second by Rod Pior; motion passes

Financial Report: Brent Phelps - Treasurer

- Band/ Choir/ Orchestra events
- Other district expenses
- Brent's term ended last year, but Exec. Board gave approval to allow him to continue as treasurer
- Motion to approve financial report by Pamela Quiniones

Memberships and Registration Deadlines

- Please adhere to registration deadlines for all events!
- Check the calendar for registration deadlines and dates
- Check for confirmation email after registering

Old Business

I. MPA Recap

- Addition of security
- Evolv System
- Food costs
- Thank you to volunteers
- Feedback

II. Solo and Ensemble Recap

- Participation in all sections
- Feedback and suggestions

New Business

I. Elections for District Officers

- Band VP: **Philip Ramos**; Kevin Vigil
- Motion to reinstate Brent Phelps as treasurer; approved by acclamation

II. NMMEA State Awards Nominations/vote

- Music Educator of the Year: Rod Pior, Colin McAllister, Karen Padilla, Shawn Silva, **Kristen Silver**, Anton Tan
- New and Emerging Teacher: Bryan Berard, Azul Cano, Abraham Gomez, Quinn McPherson, Nicholas Tabullo, Ruth Rodriguez, Ari Prieto, **Kevin Vigil**
- Emeritus Teacher: Chuck Gerheart, Nancy Joy, Tony Montano, **Doug Poff**, Pancho Romero
- Hall of Fame: **Roman Chip**, Nancy Joy, Tony Montano, Shawn Silva, Ken Van Winkle
- John Batcheller Award (Elementary Music Educator): Julio Castillo, **Aubrianna Garcia**, Leah Mathe, Bailey McLellan
- Administrator of the Year: Caleb Kartchner (Deming), **Yong Vega (Sierra MS)**
- District Award of Distinction: Clovis Municipal Schools, Gadsden ISD, **LCPS**

III. MPA Honorariums

- Possible change from \$250 per day to a set amount per ensemble.
- More equitable and competitive payment for high quality and relevant judges.
- Allows for more predictable expenditure per group.
- thoughts/ suggestions
- Pay \$25 per ensemble: motion by Karen Padilla; second by Rod Pior; motion passes

IV. MPA Program grade level requirement

- Suggestion to form small committee to set definitions: motion by Ty Frederick; second by Michele Lang

V. New Teacher Support System

- Creation of support system to help new educators navigate events, guidelines, deadlines, procedures

VI. NMSU Updates - Dr Steven Smyth

- Dr Holly Phippen - Music education coordinator and elementary music professor
- New oboe professor coming to NMSU this year

VII. 2026/2027 Calendar

- [Link to proposed calendar](#)
- Motion to accept calendar by Karen Padilla; second by Ty Frederick

Closing Remarks - Kristen Silver, President

Dismissal to Section Meetings:

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