



**Region XV**  
**TMEA MS/JH Fall Meeting Agenda**  
**Saturday, August 10, 2024**

**I. Call to order**

**II. Minutes**

A. Online ([www.region15choir.com](http://www.region15choir.com))

**III. Treasurer's Report**

Current Balance: \$10957.29

(TMEA Financial Report submitted on 7/30/2024)

**IV. Old Business**

- A. Reintroduce Region Officers
  - a. Coordinator: Adriana Arango Torrez
  - b. Co-Coordinator: Crystal Ortiz
  - c. Secretary/Treasurer: Lauren Albright *\*pending vote*
- B. Region Selection Meeting on Aug 2nd: Thank you to everyone who attended & Stephnie Champion-Alfaro and Ramon Banda (South M.S.) for hosting the region selection meeting.

**V. New Business**

A. Elect Region MS Secretary/Treasurer

B. Contact Information Update: ----->

C. UIL Draw Cards

D. Region Choir Auditions: Selected Repertoire  
(See Handbook List)



#### E. 2025 All-Region Clinicians

- 8th Grade Treble - Debbie Seitter
  - City Point UMC Choir Director
  - TCU Choral Graduate Assistant
  - Has taught MS (Smithfield and Haggard Middle Schools) & HS
- 7th Grade Treble - Dr. Eunice Marrero
  - Vines High School, Plano ISD
- 7th & 8th Grade Boys - Travis Baldwin
  - Veterans Memorial High School, Brownsville

#### F. SCHOLA CANTORUM PROJECT

- FREE Consortium membership to Title 1 Middle School Choirs.
- Over 120 schools have already participated!
- Underrepresented composers are commissioned to write songs appropriate for middle school singers and give it away for FREE annually!
- Sign up to print as many copies as you need, and you will receive a link to the music.
- You also receive resources: voice parts, piano accompaniments, and mixdown tracks.
- Voicings include: SA, TB, TT
- Sight reading practice songs in G & F for levels 1 & 2 are also available in SA/SSA, TB/TTB, SAB/SATB
- Annual Membership opens August 1, 2024
- Scan QR for more information & to sign up.



#### G. REGION AUDITIONS LOCATION/HOST:

Date: April 12, 2025

Location: Rowe HS

Host: Jason Whitney & Gianna Eason

\$10 registration fee / per student

\$50 Campus Fee (Attached to 8<sup>th</sup> grade treble invoice)

Other Details: Dropbox Subscription/ Track Release Platform

#### H. REGION CLINIC & CONCERT/HOST:

Date: May 3, 2025

Location: McAllen HS

Host: Bo Shirah & Jenn Cervantes

Other Details: Behavior @ host site during breaks/lunch

#### I. TMEA Membership

- a. \$65.00 Active Membership
- b. \$70.00 Convention Fee Active Members, \$95.00 after January 16th

#### J. Handbook and Appendix *\*pending vote*

Thank you to our Handbook/Appendix Revision Committee for your work this summer!

- Crystal Ortiz, Region Officer
- Lauren Albright, Region Officer/McAllen ISD
- Stephnie Champion-Alfaro, Edinburg CISD
- Cristina Saenz, Mission CISD
- Priscilla Ouellette, Sharyland ISD
- Sam Lucio, PSJA ISD
- Leticia Vega, Vanguard

Handbook Update Take-Aways:

- Clinician Per-Diem as suggested by the US General Services Administration
- Accompanist honorarium to \$300
- Instrumentalists honorarium to \$100
- Clarification on Official Entry Procedures
- Clarification on Refund Policy

Appendix Update Take-Aways:

- Highlight the importance of director participation in ALL mandatory events
- Clarification on purpose of Local Entry Form

The revised Handbook/Appendix will soon be on our website ([www.region15choir.com](http://www.region15choir.com) )

**Please send an updated copy of the Appendix to your *District Accounting Department* so there is no question about when and where to mail checks for contests.**

#### K. Important Dates/Deadlines

- a. High School Auditions  
(see page 1 of Appendix for dates and locations)
- b. TMEA Convention – February 12-15, 2025
- c. UIL Concert & Sight-Reading Contest – March 4-6, 2025 @ PSJA Southwest
  - 1. Postmark Deadline – February 4, 2025\*
  - 2. \$450 per group
- d. Region Choir Auditions – April 12, 2025 @ Rowe HS
  - 1. Postmark Deadline – March 29, 2025
  - 2. Check All ENTRIES before submitting on the TMEA website.
  - 3. Region cuts – Thursday, April 10, 2025 (by 8pm)
- e. Region Clinic/Concert – May 3, 2025 @ McAllen HS

#### VI. Other Business

#### VII. Adjourn