



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

**I. Call to order**

- A. *Called to order by Adriana Arango Torrez at 11:37 am*

**II. Minutes**

- A. Online ([www.region15choir.com](http://www.region15choir.com))  
*Chloe Ayala moves to approve minutes and Crystal Ortiz seconds. Approved.*

**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.  
*Want to link to region suggestion list from region website along with website for region tracks*

**V. New Business**

- A. Elect Region MS Secretary/Treasurer  
*Lizette Ochoa nominates Lauren Albright and David Soliz seconds. Carlos Alfaro closes nominations and Crystal Ortiz seconds. Lauren Albright approved.*

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

C. UIL Draw Cards

Schools with two directors present may draw two numbers and take whatever they prefer.



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.**

*Lizette Ochoa motions to accept handbook revisions and Chloe Ayala seconds.  
Approved.*

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**

- a. Linda Hernandez available to clinic and give PD.

**VII. Adjourn**

*Chloe Ayala moves to adjourn, Myrna Perales seconds. Adjourned at 11:57 am.*