



REGION XV
JR HIGH VOCAL DIVISION
SPRING MEETING - Sunday, April 26, 2026

I. Call to order

A. Call to order by Jazmine Johnson, Cathy Rodriguez seconds at 3:28 pm

II. Minutes

A. Gianna Eason motions to approve as posted and Stephnie Champion Alfaro seconds, APPROVED

III. Treasurer's Report

A. Balance - \$16334.49

Pending Region Clinic/Concert fees: approximately \$6,000 - \$7,00 plus outstanding refund checks. Projected around \$9,000 heading into next fiscal year.

IV. Old Business

A. Thank you to all the host sites for this year!

- Rowe HS: Jason Whitney & Carlos Alfaro – Region Auditions
- McHi HS: Bo Shirah & Jenn Cervantes – Region C&C

B. Region Audition Invoices and Refund Checks were handed out at auditions.

Refunds are not eligible for late entries or fees.

C. Region Auditions Discussion:

- Questions / Comments / Concerns?
 - Influx of students reporting phones & singing
 - Verify legitimacy of time requests. TMEA Handbook states school-related time requests only
 - Submit time requests & await confirmation (a few students arrived in the PM but did not have a time request on file)
 - Confirm students are entered in the correct voice section
- Realistic Start Time - Registration opens @ 7:45 AM

- Several schools didn't arrive until 8:00/8:05
 - (1) *Future idea: early arriving students can register early or go by district.*
 - Line-up start time: 10:00 (AM Time requests 10:30)
 - This is why it's important to send DNAs in advance
 - Set realistic expectations with students about AM Time Req.
 - Keep the later lunch time?
 - *Future idea: next year moving lunch to 1:00 pm and potentially shortening it to 30 minutes*
 - Late Entries & Fees - Plan ahead with your district's timeline in mind when processing paperwork to receive payment on time!
 - We will continue to open the contest early, as we did this year (Opened in January)
- D. Please update vendor information filed with your district. Checks are being made to the HS Vocal Division and/or made out to Naida Ramsey's address. It needs to reflect what's current for MS: Lauren Albright.

V. New Business

A. Region Auditions / Clinic & Concert Expenses

- Registration Fee was adjusted to \$10/student. Keep or adjust to \$12?
 - *Jazmine Johnson motions to keep at 10 dollars, Cathy Rodriguez seconds, APPROVED*
- Purchase 1 new tablet (to replace one not working properly)
 - *Veda Tijerina motions to approve the purchase of a new tablet, Gianna Eason seconds, APPROVED*

B. Elect Region MS Choir Coordinator

- *Adriana Arango Torrez nominated by Lizette Ochoa, seconded by Gianna Eason*
- *Alicia Pena motions to close nominations, Veda Tijerina seconds and moves to approve by acclimation, APPROVED*

C. Elect Region MS Choir Co-Chair

- *Stephnie Champion-Alfaro nominates Robert Garza, Veda Tijerina seconds.*
- *Alicia Pena motions to close, Stephnie Champion-Alfaro seconds, APPROVED*

D. Region Dates/Locations 2026-2027: (*Corresponding Dates)

■ **Region Selection Meeting** **Date: July 31, 2026***

- Location: South MS
- Spreadsheet to share music ideas & Clinician Suggestions (see QR Code on the next page)
- Discussion:
 - (1) Move to committee or keep the same process?
 - (2) *Future idea: move to a few representatives per district to meet versus it being completely open, Robert Garza moves to create a selection committee, Lizette seconds, APPROVED. Adriana will send an email asking for people who are interested and then vote will occur.*

■ **U.I.L. Concert & S.R.** **Date: March 2-4, 2027***

- Location: PSJA Southwest HS *or*
 PSJA Memorial HS *or*
 PSJA HS *or*
 PSJA North HS

Motion by Cathy Rodriguez to open voting for location preference, Maria Avalos seconds, APPROVED first choice is PSJA Southwest HS, second choice PSJA HS, motion to close by Jazmine Johnson, seconded by Robert Garza.

■ **Region Choir Auditions** **Date: April 17, 2027*(corresponding)**

- Location: Rowe High School
- Registration Opens: January 2027
- Checks & Entries Due: April 3, 2027

■ **Region Clinic & Concert** **Date: May 1, 2027*(corresponding)**

- Location: McAllen High School (**pending approval*)
 - (1) *Future idea: McAllen High School is going to start charging a fee, will circle back to this at Fall Meeting to see if we need to increase campus fee to cover this cost.*

E. Region 2026 Clinic & Concert: Saturday May 2, 2026

- Expectations/Duties

- *Section Leaders*: coordinate warm up with clinician, take attendance, facilitate break times, moving from one building to another, etc.
- *Monitors*: be on standby during your assigned rehearsal, assist section leaders as needed.
- Clinician notes received:

8th Grade Treble- Jason Mincy

Boats Sail: 1st-3rd chair Alto (both panels) sing the E @ m. 52

Gloria: 1st chair Soprano 1 (both panels) take the high Gb @ last chord

O Occhi: practice w/ students singing on a staccato “doo” for pitch clarity; Last chord altos will split evenly.

Juntos: 1st-2nd chair Soprano 1 (both panels) learn descant

- No students left unattended
 - Lunch, Breaks, Changing time

F. Region Handbook Revision Committee

VI. **Questions / Comments / Concerns**

VII. **Adjourn** *Sam Lucio motions to adjourn, Lizette Ochoa seconds, APPROVED, adjourned at 4:05 pm.*

Region Clinician/Repertoire Suggestions Spreadsheet

