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Music Education New Zealand Aotearoa  
*Mātauranga a Pūoro O Aotearoa*

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## **MUSIC EDUCATION NEW ZEALAND / AOTEAROA (MENZA)**

### **2025 AGM**

### **Agenda and Minutes**

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**AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON  
SATURDAY 7 JUNE 2025, COMMENCING AT 3.00PM  
AT BETHLEHEM SCHOOL, 66 CARMICHAEL ROAD, TAURANGA**

1. Opening remarks/Welcome
2. Apologies
3. [Minutes of previous AGM](#)
4. Matters arising from the Minutes
5. Presentation of [Chair's Annual Report](#)
6. Adoption of Annual Report
7. [Regional & MENZA Reports](#) taken as read
8. Presentation of [ISME report](#) by Linda Webb
9. Presentation of [Draft Accounts](#) taken as read (currently being audited)
10. Adoption of Draft Accounts
11. Appointment of Auditor
12. Board nominations and appointments
13. Any Other Competent Business - Board honoraria
14. Closing remarks

**MINUTES OF AN ANNUAL MEETING OF MENZA**  
**Held On 7 June 2025, 3pm, At Bethlehem School, Tauranga**

**1. Welcome**

Christian McDonald opened the meeting with a karakia and handed over to the MENZA Chair, Kat Daniela, to welcome members to the meeting.

**2. Present (in person and via ZOOM)**

Kat Daniela, Linda Webb, Megan Flint, Stephen Garton, Christian McDonald, Bronya Dean, Trevania Walbaekken, Rapua Timoti, Brenda Oakley, Tim Carson, Jessica Brown, Rapua Timoti, Trevania Walbaekken, Pauline Logger, and via ZOOM: Celia Stewart, Ali Caldwell, Maria Winder, Judith Bell, Ben Lau, Sonya Parrott, Robyn Trinick, Judy Inkster.

**3. Apologies**

Mary Gentle, Chris Williamson, Ben Wilcox.

Moved and accepted.

**4. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting**

Chair Kat Daniela moved that the previous year's AGM minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Seconded by Megan Flint. Motion passed.

**5. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

No matters arising.

**6. Chair's Report**

Chair Kat Daniela spoke to her report for the period April 2024-May 2025, citing changes to the board and its leadership with the resignation of Ben Lau as chair, and changes to membership, our updated constitution and policy updates. MENZA has continued to maintain strong community engagement despite challenges in the education and funding environment. We continue to develop publications and resources and hold professional development workshops. We continue to strengthen our partnerships with Tangata Whenua and embed Mātauranga Māori across our professional development offerings and resources, especially thanks to Christian, Rapua and Trevania's leadership in this space.

Kat noted that this report reflects the work that Ben has led over the year, and that special acknowledgement of Ben's work over Covid, NCEA and his fantastic leadership in his term as Chair of MENZA is in order. Thanks and acknowledgement were also given to Linda Webb, all board members, sponsors, funders, the advocacy team, administrator, supporters, members and our regional hub leaders. Without us all, MENZA would not be able to do what it does.

MENZA Chair moved that the Chair's report be accepted. Passed.

**7. Regional Reports**

7.1 Tamaki Makaurau report by Molly Devine

- 7.2 Bay of Plenty report by Kat Daniela
- 7.3 Hawke's Bay report by Suzanne Purdy
- 7.4 Music Education Canterbury (MEC) AGM report by Judith Bell
- 7.5 Music Education Otago report by Ali Caldwell
- 7.6 Taonga Puoro report by Rapua Timoti
- 7.7 Waikato report by Trevania Walbaekken
- 7.8 Whanganui-a-Tara report by Joanna Calvert and Ben Lau

MENZA Chair moved that the Regional Reports be accepted as read and thanked all the regional leaders for their work, especially as we can appreciate that music teachers are very busy but despite that still take the time to support fellow teachers. Kat acknowledged the toll on local teachers of the workload of running a Regional Music Education organisation, and hoped that by moving under the MENZA umbrella that MENZA can support their amazing work and provide some relief, in particular to MEC and Hawkes' Bay who are in the process of moving under the MENZA umbrella. Passed.

## **8. ISME CoPA report**

ISME CoPA Report compiled and commented on by Linda Webb.

Linda spoke to her report and pointed out that the international conference in Helsinki was about sustainability in music education. The focus around the presentations was to enhance inclusion. November 2024's edition of *Tune Me In* included Martin Emo's article about beyond music advocacy – who's musics are we trying to sustain? What does this mean for our music teacher communities? What can we do politically? Our new ISME president is Patricia Gonzalez from Mexico. Linda included relevant quotes from the UNESCO Framework for Culture and Arts Education in her music advocacy response to the NZ government's AMPLIFY policy.

Linda was part of the World Alliance for Arts Education (WAAE) summit in October 2024, where the priorities highlighted were related to access, inclusivity and music's ability to foster essential competencies, the significance of research-based practices, the critical need for teacher development and improved conditions for teachers.

The UNESCO presentation in Wellington in March 2025 was about its global education monitoring report. Hon. Erica Stanford's response to this report was given, with a STEM focus central to at the centre of the speech, but at the end Linda raised that she represented STEAM, and how important it is to include arts in a balanced holistic education. It is so important to be at these hui and represent STEAM - if you can, meet at local level with your MP and discuss issues important to you. Through local MPs, we can access ministers more directly.

Linda reminded us of the call for Abstracts for the next MISTEC and ISME international conferences in July 2026. Also check out the ISME online café, as it has a range of interesting speakers presenting and they also have a student forum.

MENZA Chair moved that the ISME CoPA report be accepted. Seconded by Brenda Oakley. Passed.

## **9. Financial Report**

Draft Financial Report taken as read and briefly commented on by MENZA Treasurer Stephen Garton.

It was agreed that the MENZA board is to report back to the membership when the Annual Accounts have been audited and are ready to be accepted.

## **10. Appointment of Auditor**

It was resolved to appoint Invisible Office Chartered Accountants Tauranga as Auditor for the 2025/2026 financial year. Moved by Kat Daniela, seconded by Rapua Timoti. Motion passed. Appointed.

## **11. Board Nominations and Appointments**

No current vacancies so no need to nominate or appoint new board members.

The MENZA Chair moved that the current members continue on the board and that Jessica Brown and Stephen Garton be appointed as full board members. Passed.

## **12. General Business**

### **Honoraria**

Linda moved that the MENZA board members and chairperson are paid an honorarium every time there is a scheduled face-to-face or ZOOM meeting, being \$55 for board members and \$75 for Chair. Seconded by Bronya Dean. Board members have the option of declining the payments. Passed.

Chair Kat Daniela gave closing remarks, and thanked everyone for coming, and thanked Ben again for all his mahi. Linda moved that we provide thanks to Kat for stepping up to the role, and acknowledged her co-leaders Rapua Timoti and Trevannia Walbaekken. A big thank show of thanks to you.

## **13. Meeting Closed at 3.45pm with a karakia by Christian McDonald.**