

MUSIC EDUCATION NEW ZEALAND / AOTEAROA (MENZA)

2026 AGM

Agenda

**AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON
SATURDAY 4 JULY 2026, COMMENCING AT 2.45PM
AT MARCELLIN COLLEGE, 617 Mount Albert Road, Royal Oak, Auckland 1023**

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 Report taken as read: [MEC report 2026](#)
8. Presentation of [ISME report](#) by Linda Webb
9. Presentation of [Draft Accounts](#) taken as read
10. Adoption of Accounts
11. Appointment of Auditors
12. Board nominations and appointments
13. Any Other Competent Business
14. Closing remarks

MINUTES OF AN ANNUAL MEETING OF MENZA
Held On 4 July 2026 2.45pm, At Marcellin College, Auckland

1. Welcome

Trevaria Walbaekken 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, Ben Lau, Joe Thomas, Linda Webb MNZM, Stephen Garton, Trevaria Walbaekken, Jessica Brown, Brenda Oakley, Steve Voisey, Louise O'Neill, Madeleen du Plessis, Rapua Timoti, Brenda Oakley, Tim Carson, Jessica Brown, Alana Frankum, Opeloge Ah Sam, Elisha Fa'i-So'oialo, Pauline Logger, and via ZOOM: Ali Caldwell, Judith Bell MNZM, Stephanie Lees, Joanna Calvert and Peter Liley.

3. Apologies

Martin Emo, Jeni Little, Christian McDonald, Megan Flint, Sola Vuna, Andrea, Louise, Esther, Nate, Liz Tamblyn, and Celia Stewart MNZM.

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. Carried.

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 July 2025 to June 2026, celebrating the MENZA Te Rito conference in July, highlighting growth in membership (from 296 to 359 subscribers), curriculum advocacy work, and bicultural initiatives. Thanks and acknowledgement were given to Linda Webb, all board members, sponsors, funders, the advocacy team, administrator, supporters, members and our regional hub teams for their work behind the scenes. Thanks was also given to those who worked on the primary curriculum whose names we are not able to include due to privacy rules. Past MENZA board member Charlotte Nicklin was also thanked.

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

Linda expressed appreciation of and acknowledgment for the Chair, especially the workload, which was even higher at the moment with all the curriculum advisory – as well as the MENZA board – on behalf of the MENZA membership.

7. Regional Report

7.1 Music Education Canterbury (MEC) AGM report by Judith Bell

MENZA Chair moved that the Regional Report be accepted as read and thanked all the regional teams for their work. Carried.

8. ISME CoPA report

ISME CoPA Report compiled and commented on by Linda Webb.

Linda spoke to her report and mentioned she would be going to Montreal for the international music conference. They are finalising their strategic plan and Linda was involved in it via CoPA, and said it was good to have discussions with people from all over the world. At the end of the conference in Helsinki last year, she raised that ISME isn't embracing the hybrid conference model, which means that only those that can afford travel and accommodation can go there. NZ Music Therapy presented their conference using the hybrid model, offering a slightly lower fee for online attendance, which was highly successful and they even made a profit and grew their membership numbers too. It is often too difficult for individuals to get to these things in person, so she will be promoting the hybrid model at the ISME conference. If anyone has any comments they would like representation from New Zealand for, please send these to Linda to have these added.

Linda moved that the ISME CoPA report be accepted. Seconded by Ben Lau. Passed.

9. Financial Report

Kat moved that the draft Financial Report taken as read and adopted. Passed.

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 reappoint Invisible Office Chartered Accountants Tauranga as Auditor for the 2026 financial year. Moved by Kat Daniela, seconded by Stephen Garton. 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. Passed.

- Megan is absent but has agreed to continue in the role of secretary. Jessica nominated Megan as secretary. Moved Jessica, seconded Brenda. Passed.
- Nominations for treasurer. Jessica nominated Stephen. Moved by Jessica, seconded Rapua. Passed.
- Nominations for deputy chairs. Jessica nominated Trevania and Rapua. Moved by Kat, seconded Stephen. Passed.
- Jessica called for nominations for Chair. Brenda nominated and moved Kat, seconded Rapua. Passed.
- Sola Vuna was appointed full board member, and Opeloge and Elisha were co-opted as new board members.

Resigned board member Charlotte was acknowledged for her work on the MENZA board and presented a gift.

12. General Business

Kat gave a big thanks to everyone and the board for coming despite it being the end of a very busy term. She also acknowledged all the amazing music-related organisations out there doing so much for music education, like the New Zealand Ukulele Trust (NZUT), Kodaly, ONZA and regional organisations, etc., who advocate and provide resources and support for Music Education around the motu. Ongoing curriculum change challenges were discussed and the need for primary school support, with plans of creating a dedicated kaiairahi role to support primary teachers through the curriculum transition period. She expressed hope that Networks of Expertise funding will continue after the current 3-year period, and that MENZA needs to continue building its public presence and membership.

13. Meeting Closed at 3.45pm with a karakia by Rapua Timoti.