



Texas A&M University-Kingsville  
April 13, 2024, 1:00pm  
Business Meeting Agenda

## South Texas Chapter NATS

### I. Call to Order

II. Appointment of Parliamentarian - Orit Eylon will serve today to keep us on track

### III. Introductions

- A. External Judges- CL 7B, CL 8B, CL9, CL10 Finals and the Alice Dutcher Thornton Certificate - Michael Walsh - Lone Star College - Montgomery - Greater Houston. Debra Pophem - Emily Hous Hailmen from SHSU
- B. Outstanding Student Accompanist Award Judge
- C. New Members/First time attendees -  
Natalie Baker, Ignacios Cruz - Hanna HS, Joe Diehl, Bethany Goldshem, Alfonso Gonzalez, Dihee Hahn, Jiyeon Hwahn, Jenny Orthstrom, Younhan Park

### IV. Approval of Minutes

- A. Fall 2024 Business Meeting (University of the Incarnate Word, September 20, 2023)  
John Nix - Motioned Susan Olson - Seconded

### V. Reports

A. President's report: Rebecca Coberly  
Thanks and Acknowledgements to Melinda Brou for Hosting our Auditions and all of the students.

Gary Mabry - Aspiring Artist Award - A Program where we offer \$1500 to a student/s to a chapter member to help them attend a summer artist program.

B. Treasurer's report: Minkyung Lee

Balance October 2023: \$4,841.80

- Deposits: \$6,885 (October 2023-March 2024 membership fee)
- Withdrawals: 658.22

**Please see The Treasurer's report for further information**

Ken Williams - Motioned to accept John Nix - Seconded

C. Audition's Chair report: Cynthia Longoria

At the closing of registration on March 15, we had 200 students registered. After drops for various reasons we have 188 students participating in the auditions today, representing 36 teachers. 60 of the 200 are high school students.

19 students are participating in the Adult Categories, 40 are participating in the Musical Theatre categories and 135 students are participating in the classical categories.

Spring 2024 Texas A&M University Kingsville - 188

Spring 2023 Austin Community College, Austin - 213

Spring 2022 Del Mar College, Corpus Christi - 124

Spring 2021 Virtual - 205

Spring 2020 Texas State University, San Marcos canceled due to Covid-19 - 301

Spring 2019 Del Mar College, Corpus Christi - 231

Spring 2018 University of Mary Hardin Baylor - 235

Spring 2017 Texas State University, San Marcos - 305

Spring 2016 University of Texas, San Antonio - 320

**Please see the Auditions Chair Report for further information.**

D. Webmaster Report: Sean Taylor

**Please see Webmasters Report for further information**

E. Membership Liaison report: Lily Guerrero

No report was received. The following information was presented from Rebecca:

81 Members on the roster

22 members who have lapsed since last fall

58 Active Members (A member in good standing that has attended at least one related event in the past 18 months)

#### VI. Old Business:

A. Texoma Linda Poetschke People's Choice Award – Chapter Donation

John Nix - Motioned \$500 Becky Walker - Seconded

B. High School Fellowship Fundraiser Recitals Report – Becky Walker

\$1,946.80 - Raised in Funds

#### VII. New Business:

A. Fall Business Meeting at University of the Incarnate Word – October 5, 2024

B. Spring Business Meeting and Auditions-Date and Location - Spring Meeting and Auditions @ Texas State University - April 5th, 2025

C. Spring 2024 Elections – New Officers

LIST THE SLATE OF NOMINEES

Diane Taylor - Accepts                      John Nix - Seconded

Jenny Orstrom - Motioned to accept everyone in one full swoop - John Nix - Seconded

D. Discussion: Eliminating the South Texas NATS Membership Liaison Officer position

John Nix - Motioned to Eliminate the Position - George Hogan - Seconded

E. Discussion: ST NATS Audition Regulations – Finalists in small (3-4 singers) categories.

To have a true category for any groups with more than 1 singer who each qualify for Semifinals.

Ken Williams Motioned - Lauren White Arthur and Diane Taylor - Made the Second/s  
23 In Favor / 2 - Abstentions

F. National NATS Membership Initiative – Chapter Dues

No one made any motions to OPT OUT

G. Webmaster Position Appointment

#### VIII. Reminders/Announcements

A. Melinda Brou – Reminders and Announcements

Texhoma Auditions - Registration in JAN - Deadline in FEB

B. Fall Meeting Workshop and Workshop Committee

C. Aspiring Artist Summer Grant

D. South Texas NSA YouTube Round Reimbursement

#### IX. Motion to Adjourn

George Hogan - Motioned John Nix - Seconded.