



**Tennessee Music Education Association**

**Council Meeting**

**Morning Session: 10:00 am-12:00 pm CST**

**Afternoon Session: 1:00 pm-3:00 pm CST**

**Council Minutes**

**August 15, 2020**

In Attendance:

**TMEA Board of Directors**

- Executive Director Michael Chester
- President: Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry
- President-Elect Dr. Ryan Fisher
- Immediate Past-President: Lafe Cook
- Advocacy and Government Relations Chair Dr. Christopher Dye
- Band Chair Jacob Campos
- Choral Chair Jason Whitson
- CNAfME Chair Dr. Jody Blake
- Higher Education Chair: Dr. Robert Bryant
- Orchestra Chair Anna Maria Miller
- General Music Chair Franklin Willis
- SMTE/Research Chair Dr. Loneka Wilkinson Battiste
- Editor, *Tennessee Musician* Anna Laura Williams
- Secretary Dian Eddleman
- *Guest-ArtsEdTN* Stephen Coleman
- *Guest-TN* Coordinator of Fine Arts Todd Shipley

**TMEA Conference Planning Team**

- Conference Chair Mr. Paul Waters
- Conference Chair Mr. Brad Turner
- Conference Exhibits Chair Ms. Jo Ann Hood
- Conference Auditions Chair Mr. John Mears

**TMEA Project Chairs**

Jazz Band: Dr. Ollie Liddell

Webmaster: Mr. John Womack

TRI-M: Ms. Robbin Johnston

Music In Our Schools Month/TN Treble: Ms. Tiffany Barton

Guitar Education (Modern Band): Mr. Ryan Payne

Music Merchants Industry: Mr. Nick Averwater, Amro Music

**TMEA Council (Regional Leaders)**

WTGMEA President: Jennifer Proseus

WTGMEA President-Elect Harrison Howle

WTVMEA President Sharon Morris

WTVMEA President-Elect Adrian Maclin

WTSBOA President Jennifer Cupples

WTSBOA Past-President Dr. Ollie Liddell

MTGMEA President Rachel Lapinski

MTGMEA President-Elect Corynn York

MTVA President Gerald Patton

MTVA President Elect Lorna Pyka

MTSBOA President Justin Scott

MTSBOA President-Elect J.R. Baker

ETGMEA President Amanda Bivens

ETVA President Deborah Gouge

ETVA President Elect Kristen Wiram.

ETSBOA President Donald Benton

ETSBOA President-Elect Jim Burton

## **I.) Call to Order**

President Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry called the meeting to order at 10:09a.m. Saturday August 15, 2020.

## **II.) Roll Call**

## **III.) Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Donald Benton, seconded by Ollie Liddell and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the TMEA Council meeting August 10, 2019.

## **IV.) Fine Arts Focus Group**

TN Coordinator of Fine Arts, Todd Shipley, presented extensive information on the School Closure Toolkit: Fine Arts. It includes tool kits supporting the document and direct guidance relating to fine arts. Tennessee is one of the few states that has released this type of guidance. Refer to the TN Department of Education webpage for listings of the toolkits.

You can also follow Shipley on Twitter @tshipleyTN to see direct links to all of this information.

Also, refer to the Tennessee Department of Education webpage to access important newsletters regarding all updates, under TDOE tab and department newsletter tab to sign up.

## **V.) ArtsED Tennessee**

Stephen Coleman reported on the formation of this state-wide coalition to support arts education in our schools. The report included various advocacy work in support of arts education. President Derryberry encouraged all to sign up and follow ArtsEdTN on Facebook. A one-page document has been written as a resource for regional associations to address the important work and unity of our regional, state and national associations. Go to ArtsEdTN, under resources to access this document.

The latest update has included Governor Lee signing joint resolution 759, affirming the value of arts ed in TN. This has led to Arts education week in Tennessee September 13-19, 2020. During this week, the field of arts education joins together in communities across the country to tell the story of the impact of the transformative power of the arts in education.

ArtsEDTN has developed a platform for arts programs that may be in jeopardy. A form is available on the ArtsEdTN website under resources (ART) ACTION RESPONSE TEAM.

This form provides the opportunity to connect teachers with an advocacy team to help provide local advocacy material.

## **VI.) Regional Reports**

Reports are included in the shared Google Doc folder.

## **VII.) Executive Director Report**

TMEA Executive Director Michael Chester presented a snapshot of the finances of TMEA. There is presently \$107,943.61 in the TMEA back account. He plans to provide a complete financial report at the scheduled TMEA monthly meetings. Chester ensured the support of services by NAFME regarding advocacy, availability of NAFME lawyer in an advisory role for TMEA, and other multiple services provided to TMEA by NAFME. He also covered the need to directly serve the membership of TMEA regarding the process for collecting regional and state membership dues. Chester also asked the TMEA Council to complete the information form

provided during the meeting. Donald Benton, ETSBOA President, asked about the process of higher membership running through regional associations. Chester encouraged those memberships to be paid directly to TMEA.

**Board and Council recessed at 12:04pm.**

**Board and Council returned to meeting at 1:06pm.**

### **VIII). Introduction of TMEA Board**

President Derryberry introduced the TMEA Board of Directors for 2020-2022.

### **IX). Publications Report**

Tennessee Musician editor Anna Laura Williams reported concerning the state music journal. President Derryberry will be taking over the newsletter.

### **X.) New Business**

- “Discussion was led by President Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry to formulate a secretary position within TMEA. The position would be responsible for taking minutes, posting of minutes on the TMEA website and work with the executive committee concerning policies of TMEA. It was moved by Jason Whitson, seconded by Sharon Morris, and passed unanimously to create the position of TMEA Secretary responsible for taking minutes and reporting on behalf of the organization. The position will be an ex-officio member of the TMEA Board and a non-voting position.”
- TMEA/NAfME Advocacy: President Derryberry reviewed and shared the Arts is Essential document from TCVPAS. Christopher Dye reviewed information on the distribution of TMEA’s Letter to the Superintendents and the TMEA OP-ED for *The Tennessean*.
- President Derryberry reported on TMEA/Keeping the Beat monthly professional development. She asked board members to plan to assist in recruiting clinicians/presenters for this program.
- President Derryberry presented information for the online audition platform *Submittable*. *Submittable* is an online program that can be customized for TMEA in order for regional associations to collect, collaborate, and manage any type of audition application. Discussion from the TMEA Council continued on the aspects of the program. President Derryberry took questions and will report back to the board chairs who will in turn work with regional association leaders to decide on the use of this program.
- TMEA Conference: TMEA Executive Director Michael Chester presented information from negotiation discussion concerning the TMEA 2021 state conference and all state. If the 2021 conference is canceled, Gaylord Opryland agreed to waive all penalties concerning the 2021 conference if this event is moved to the end of the contract cycle. This will result in the conference cycle 2022-2026 at Gaylord Opryland. TMEA will construct a conference planning taskforce and arrange a conference retreat at Gaylord Opryland to plan for 2022. ETSBOA President Donald Benton suggested a unified statement be written of the canceled 2021 conference and disseminated to the membership immediately.

**XII.)** Caucus groups were dismissed into breakout rooms from 2:30-2:45 to discuss the *Submittable* program, conference/all state, and professional development .  
Band/Orchestra Caucus led by Lafe Cook and State Band Chair Jacob Campos  
Choir Caucus led by Dian Eddleman and State Choir Chair Jason Whitson  
General Music Caucus led by State General Music Chair Franklin Willis  
Higher Ed Caucus led by Ryan Fisher and Loneka Battiste  
Conference Planning Caucus led by Alexis Derryberry and Michael Chester

**XIII.)** The TMEA Council reconvened to discuss information from these caucus breakouts.

**IX.) Adjournment**

It was moved by Liddell, seconded by Campos, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 3:07p.m.

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dian Eddleman*