



**Tennessee Music Education Association  
Virtual Meeting  
Board Minutes  
Sunday, February 20, 2022**

In Attendance:

**TMEA Board**

- Executive Director Michael Chester
- President Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry
- President-Elect Dr. Ryan Fisher
- Immediate Past-President Lafe Cook
- Orchestra Chair Anna Maria Miller
- Higher Education Chair Dr. Robert Bryant
- Band Chair Jacob Campos
- SMTE/Research Chair Dr. Loneka Wilkinson-Battiste
- NAFME Collegiate Chair Dr. Jody Blake
- Advocacy and Government Relations Chair: Dr. Christopher Dye
- TMEA Editor Anna Laura Williams

Absent: Choral Chair-Jason Whitson, General Music Chair-Franklin Willis,  
Secretary-Dian Eddleman

- I. Call to Order** –President Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry called the meeting to order at 2:05p.m. Sunday February 20, 2022.
  
- II. Roll Call**  
See above.
  
- III. Approval of Minutes** – President Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry  
Motion was made by Anna Maria Miller, seconded by Dr. Christopher Dye, and carried unanimously to approve the revised minutes of January 16, 2022 TMEA Board Meeting Minutes.
  
- IV. Financial Report**-TMEA Executive Michael Chester  
Mr. Chester presented the financial report, including the profit and loss statement, from the end of January through March including a full ledger of all transactions. Our current balance is \$84,718.56. Collections of regional dues and lobbying support are continuing. Exhibitor transactions should be completed by March. The motion was made by Dr. Ryan Fisher, seconded by Lafe Cook, and carried unanimously to approve the current financial report.

**V. 2022 TMEA Professional Development Conference Update**

President Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry discussed the update on the TMEA Whova conference app. Thanks to Michael Chester for working through set up of this app. President Derryberry also reminded the TMEA Board to register for the conference.

**VI. Procedure for TMEA Board Travel Expenses and TMEA Board of Directors Conference Registration/Hotel Room Registration**

Michael Chester updated the BOD on board registration. An online link will be sent regarding hotel room preference. Mr. Chester reminded the board of the April 26, Tuesday night, board dinner and meeting. A government daily rate per diem will be provided regarding meals and travel. An additional link will also be sent with a form for direct deposit and W9 form for compensation to be instantly deposited.

**VII. TMEA Board of Director Conference Responsibilities and Expectations**

President Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry discussed the problem of the late dates of the conference regarding using our collegiate members for presiding over sessions. She asked the Board to be ready to serve as presiders for this year's conference. Session clinician certificates will not be presented but will be mailed. Dr. Blake shared the importance of the collegiate member's concern over the late date of conference and their inability to attend. Dr. Battiste shared the importance of guiding our collegiate members in their role during conference as well as the research track. Dr. Fisher discussed the presider assignments for the purpose of streamlining these assignments:

Jacob Campos-all sessions in Bellemeade AB plus any band performances.

Anna Maria Miller-all sessions in Bellemeade CD

Jason Whitson-Cheekwood F sessions plus all choral performances

Franklin Willis- All sessions in Hermitage E

Dr. Robert Bryant and other collegiate colleagues-Magnolia Boardroom

Dr. Loneka Wilkinson-Battiste -Research presentations in Davidson A

Board members may have regional leaders involved and organize those presiders to assist.

Dr. Fisher asked that we include these presider/moderator names on the schedule spreadsheet or send the information to him so he may include this information on the spreadsheet.

**VIII. Government and Lobbying Update**

Dr. Christopher Dye updated the Board on many education specific bills that have been filed. There are some bills that are very relevant. One bill includes the oversight of instruction materials and copyright issues. Other bills include the establishment of boards to look for obscenity in different materials and licensure status issues. Additional bills include the expansion of voucher eligibility and funding for charter schools including BEP restructuring. Additional bills include teacher pronoun use, conceal and carry reclassifying the handgun/firearm wording. Some positive bills include annual proclamation of the Arts Education Week and a promising bill that would reimburse teachers for licensure assessments.

## **IX. State Chair Virtual Caucus Discussion and Schedule**

- State Band Caucus  
March 8th, 2022  
7:00 PM CST
- State Choral Caucus  
March 13th, 2022  
3:00 PM EST\*
- Higher Ed/SMTE Research Caucus  
March 18th, 2022  
5:00 PM CST
- State General Music Caucus  
March 23rd, 2022  
7:00 PM CST
- State Orchestra Caucus  
April 5th, 2022  
6:00 PM CST

## **X. TMEA E-Newsletter**

Dr. Fisher asked if Anna Laura Williams needs to post all the caucus times or if each state chair wants to include the information. Friday, February 25 is the deadline.

Jacob Campos asked if it would be helpful to include a request for members to suggest agenda items or if the chair should just set the agenda. It was concluded that State Chairs can decide how to proceed with each caucus. Links will be sent out to all members across the state with the caucus schedule.

## **XI. TBA Honor's Recital**

Executive Director Michael Chester recapped the history of this event as it pertained to the TMEA State Conference. It was decided there was no room in the schedule for this event in 2022 and directors across the state do not need to worry with this event due to the pandemic. TBA President Susan Waters discussed the option of regional associations holding this event in each region. The TBA Honor's Recital will be reconsidered for the 2023 conference.

## **XII. Additional Discussion and Questions**

Anna Maria Miller asked about the procedures for the virtual all state instrumental auditions regarding who is picking the excerpts and how will the judging work. Executive Director Michael Chester stated there is a committee of people from the East, Middle and West parts of the state to pick excerpts and collegiate faculty from those same areas of the state will serve as judges. President Derryberry acknowledged Dr. Robert Bryant selection to Yamaha's 40 under 40 as well as Jacob Campos being selected for this award last year.

## **XIII. Adjournment**

It was moved by Anna Maria Miller, seconded by Dr. Christopher Dye, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:02p.m.

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dian Eddleman*