



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

In Attendance:

TMEA Board

- Executive Director Michael Chester
- President Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry
- President-Elect Dr. Ryan Fisher
- Orchestra Chair Anna Maria Miller
- Higher Education Chair Dr. Robert Bryant
- Choral Chair Jason Whitson
- General Music Chair Franklin Willis
- 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
- Secretary-Dian Eddleman

Absent: Immediate Past-President Lafe Cook, Band Chair Jacob Campos

- I. Call to Order** –President Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry called the meeting to order at 2:01pm Sunday March 20, 2022.

- II. Roll Call**
See above.

- III. Approval of Minutes** – President Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry
The motion was made by Dr. Ryan Fisher, seconded by Anna Maria Miller and carried unanimously to approve the revised minutes of February 20, 2022 TMEA Board Meeting Minutes.

- IV. Financial Report**-TMEA Executive Michael Chester
Mr. Chester presented the financial report stating we presently have a balance of \$61,662.00 with a QuickBooks balance of \$45,379.64.

V. Update on NAFME digital Membership Cards

Mr. Chester stated the problem we have with our digital cards was with the vendor NAFME is presently using. Correspondence concerning this issue has been sent to all TMEA board members. Data information is requested by NAFME and work will be continuing on this process.

VI. Update on Board accommodations during Conference

Mr. Chester requested the TMEA BOD complete the requested Jotform in order for conference hotel and conference expenses to be accommodated and financially reimbursed.

VII. Conference Report

- Site visit-Mr. Chester, President-Elect Dr. Ryan Fisher and several TMEA conference chairs and conference personnel visited Gaylord Opryland perusing the conference space as well as all state rehearsal space. Jason Whitson asked about luggage and storage space for the all state choral students.
- Room block-Mr. Chester updated the board concerning the room block for the TMEA Conference.
- Banquet -The banquet will be held in Delta C. TMEA board members will be recognized during the banquet. TMEA Past Presidents will assist in presenting awards. The banquet agenda will be finalized soon.
- The TMEA Board meeting/dinner is scheduled for 7:00pm Tuesday, April 26th, 2022
- A tentative reception will be held for All State Conductors/Accompanists in the TMEA Suite Wednesday, April 27th, 2022. This will be finalized with the TMEA executive committee.
- A dinner for Band/Orchestra Conductors is scheduled for Friday, April 29th, 2022. This is tentative and will be finalized with the All State Chairs during the conference planning portion of this meeting.
- A dinner for TN Treble Conductor/Choir Conductors is tentatively scheduled as well. This also will be part of the conference planning meeting.
- Session presiders-Dr. Ryan Fisher has assigned the state chairs with scheduling session presiders. The room assignments were posted in the February 20, 2022 minutes.
- Affinity Group Council/ Conference
Dr. Loneka Wilkinson-Battiste suggested TMEA provide space for affinity groups to meet during conference. She explained that Affinity groups are basically groups of people of color that feel marginalized. This would be an event opportunity for people to share. She also suggested an evening time would work if the space is available. This event will also be added to the conference app. Dr. Wilkinson-Battiste will serve as presider.
- Whova Conference app
Michael Chester reported the conference app will allow conference attendees to create schedules and network. The app will record data and analytics regarding attendance with badge scan capabilities.
- Additional discussion included dress suggestions for conference events.

- President Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry applauded the state chairs regarding the success of the Virtual Caucuses.

VIII. Adjournment

It was moved by Jason Whitson seconded by Dr. Robert Bryant, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 3:06p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dian Eddleman