



**Tennessee Music Education Association**

**Council Minutes**

**August 14, 2021**

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. 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

WTVMEA President Sharon Morris

WTVMEA President-Elect Adrian Maclin

WTSBOA President Jennifer Cupples

WTSBOA President-Elect Benjamin Martin

WTSBOA Past-President Dr. Ollie Liddell

MTGMEA Representative Corynn York

MTVA President Gerald Patton

MTVA President Elect Lorna Pyka

MTSBOA President J. R. Baker

MTSBOA President-Elect Stacy Jernigan

ETGMEA President Bryant Adler

ETGMEA President Elect Hannah White

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 11:04a.m. Saturday August 14, 2021.

### **II.) Roll Call**

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

It was moved by Jennifer Proseus, seconded by Deb Gouge and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the TMEA Council meeting August 15, 2020.

### **IV.) Update on the State of the Arts Initiative**

TN Coordinator of Fine Arts, Todd Shipley presented an overview and goal of the initiative. Discussion included music grants and the implementation of these grants. Key Takeaways included equipment, instructional supplies, and student private lessons. Innovative programming was also reviewed. Mr. Shipley also reviewed the vision of the state of the arts including the visual and performing arts instructional resources, grants and targeted supports, arts education data, and the arts professional learning, outreach, and engagement initiatives. TN-AEDP was also discussed. More information can be found on the following link

[www.tnartseducationdatapoint.org](http://www.tnartseducationdatapoint.org)

## **V.) ArtsED Tennessee**

Stephen

Coleman, Director of Arts Ed TN, discussed the signing and possible revisions to upcoming education bills.

Takeaways included the following:

- Signed by the Governor in May was a series of amendments to TCA 49-6-1019. These amendments, by Sen. Brian Kelsey and Rep. John Ragan, list the concepts now prohibited to be taught in the state's K-12 public schools. This new law was designed to address the course content for history and social studies classes. However, as written this law could impact the content of the state's arts education classes as well. Visual and performing arts educators are encouraged by ArtsEd Tennessee to check with school administration if there is any question that works under study could be construed as in violation of this new law.
- The next session of the General Assembly will consider a bill by Sen. Janice Bowling and Rep. Terri Lynn Weaver addressing the use of supplemental teaching materials in the state's K-12 public schools. In this context supplemental materials are defined as any teaching materials not on the state approved textbook list. The purpose of this bill is to ensure all materials used in class align with the state standards. Any such materials must be approved by the local school board or system administration. Since most of the materials used in music and other arts classes would fall under the category of supplemental, in its current form this bill could require all of these to gain local approval before use in class.
- ArtsEd Tennessee is working through the TDOE to increase enforcement of TCA 49-6-1-25, the statute that requires all K-8 schools to offer music and visual art. Currently 20% of Tennessee's K-8 students do not have access to either music or visual art classes.

Realizing that the most effective arts education advocacy usually occurs at the local level, ArtsEd Tennessee has begun a program to assist individual school systems in the development of local arts advocacy groups. We are seeking names of individuals who feel strongly about the importance of local advocacy and might want to serve as a catalyst in the formation of such a group in their school system. Submit any names via email to [ArtsEdTN@gmail.com](mailto:ArtsEdTN@gmail.com)

## **VI.) New Business**

President Derryberry led the discussion regarding the request from our regional associations to continue to use Submittable including the possibility of using the program for chair placement in the all-state instrumental ensembles. President Derryberry requested the regional officers to speak with their membership, with a deadline of 8/30/2021 to request using the program through TMEA. TMEA Executive Director Michael Chester will send the regional officers information regarding the numbers needed for each associations' use of the program.

## **VII.) Conference Update**

President Derryberry led the discussion of moving from an traditional opening session of the conference to a banquet setting including the presentation of awards.

## **VIII.)**

All National Honors Ensembles Auditions were discussed. The virtual event will take place Jan 22-24, 2022. The all-state chairs have been working on the audition procedures so they are consistent year to year.

**IX.)**

TMEA Executive Director Michael Chester asked for regional leaders to submit a calendar of events from their regional association.

**X.) Adjournment**

It was moved by Miller, seconded by Campos, and carried unanimously to adjourn the TMEA Council meeting at 12:17pm.

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dian Eddleman*