



**Tennessee Music Education Association  
Virtual Meeting  
Board Minutes**

**Sunday August 13, 2023**

In Attendance:

**TMEA Board**

- President Dr. Ryan Fisher
- President-Elect Joel Denton
- Executive Director Michael Chester
- Orchestra Chair Cynthia Wright
- General Music Chair Ben Torres
- Choral Chair Elicia Garcia Curry
- NAFME Collegiate Chair Dr. Michael Chandler
- Government Relations Chair Dr. Christopher Dye
- Band Chair Dr. Ollie Liddell
- Higher Education Chair Lauren Ramey
- TMEA Publications Managing Editor and Communications Anna Laura Williams
- TMEA Secretary Dian Eddleman
- Absent: Immediate Past President Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry, SMTE/Research Chair Dr. Loneka Wilkinson-Battiste

- I. Call to Order** –President Fisher called the meeting to order at 2:03pm Sunday August 13, 2023.
- II. Roll Call and Welcome**  
See above.
- III. Approval of 7/9/2023 Minutes**– President Fisher  
The motion was made by Cynthis Wright, seconded by Lauren Ramey and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2023 TMEA Board Meeting Minutes.
- IV. Executive Director Report-TMEA Executive Michael Chester  
Financial Update and FY 24 Budget Proposal**  
Executive Director Michael Chester presented the financial report as listed in the TMEA Board google drive. He reported the current balance of the TMEA checking account is \$38,918.51 and the current savings account balance is \$32,833.17. TMEA is in a healthy position financially. Mr. Chester also reported TMEA has the goal to accrue \$50,000 in a

high yield investment account by the end of his contracted service. The board granted Mr. Chester permission to move \$7000 into a savings account to achieve this goal. Executive Director Chester discussed the FY 24 budget proposal as presented in the google drive. Michael Chandler asked, concerning the collegiate workshop, as to where it is listed in the draft proposal.

It was moved by Ben Torres, seconded by Michael Chandler and passed unanimously to accept the proposed FY2024 Operating Budget.

**V. Caucus Reports**

General Music Chair Ben Torres reported from the general music caucus meeting and NAFME Collegiate Chair Michael Chandler reported from the NAFME Collegiate Caucus. Both caucus meetings were held during the 2023 TMEA Professional Development Conference.

**VI. Communications Manager Report**

TMEA Publications Managing Editor and Communications Anna Laura Williams shared the board page information from the TMEA website.

She also stated the TMEA Membership Drive will be promoted on social media beginning this week.

**VII. Division Chair Support for Membership Drive**

President Fisher asked the TMEA board to promote the membership drive in their respective areas.

**VIII. Division Goals**

President Fisher asked the TMEA board members to present and discuss goals for the upcoming fiscal year. Communications Director Anna Laura Williams suggested the Board assist with a justification toolkit for membership. President Fisher asked that a google doc be started for this. Executive Director Chester asked the board to complete the conflict of interest statement.

**IX. Adjournment**

It was moved by Ben Torres seconded by Ollie Liddell and carried unanimously to adjourn the TMEA Board meeting at 2:54pm.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Dian Eddleman*