



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

Sunday November 19, 2023

In Attendance:

TMEA Board

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

- I. Call to Order** –President Fisher called the meeting to order at 2:05pm Sunday November 19, 2023.

- II. Roll Call and Welcome**
See above.

- III. Approval of 9/17/2023 Minutes**– President Fisher
The motion was made by Dr. Ollie Liddell, seconded by Dr. Christopher Dye and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2023 TMEA Board Meeting Minutes.

- IV. Financial Update-TMEA Executive Michael Chester**
Mr. Chester reported the current balance of the TMEA checking account is \$168,316.56 and the current savings account balance is \$40,032.35. Total Assets are currently \$208,348.91. The high amount of the checking account is due to regional dues.

V. Membership Update

Executive Director Michael Chester discussed a breakdown of the membership data by region. Discussion also included membership challenges in each region.

Membership is as follows:

Higher Ed: 20

Collegiate: 159

ETGMEA: 26

MTGMEA: 16

WTGMEA: 34

WTVMEA: 85

MTVA: 164

ETVA: 127

WTSBOA: 191

MTSBOA: 344

ETSBOA: 269

Membership Grand Total (Preliminary): 1,435

VI. Communications Report

Communications Director Anna Laura Williams reported the 75th issue of the state journal is in preparation. The November newsletter is ready for final distribution.

President Fisher asked board members to send in information for the newsletter through the jot form link.

VII. Call for TMEA Award Nominations/President-Elect Nominations

President Fisher reminded the board of the new award categories and asked that board members assist in getting additional nominations. He stated TMEA hopes to have multiple nominees in every category. Secretary Dian Eddleman will be assisting in follow through of each nomination application.

Immediate Past President Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry sent out a list of nominees and President Fisher asked for board members to submit nominees as well.

The link to the President Elect nomination form is as follows:

<https://forms.gle/anoT248cbhBCMre46>

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:48pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dian Eddleman