



**Tennessee Music Education Association  
Virtual Meeting  
Board Minutes  
Sunday February 19, 2023**

In Attendance:

**TMEA Board**

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

**I. Call to Order** –President Fisher called the meeting to order at 1:05pm Sunday February 19, 2023.

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

**III. Approval of 1.29.2023 Minutes**– President Fisher  
The motion was made by Ollie Liddell, seconded by Christopher Dye and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2023 TMEA Virtual Board Meeting Minutes.

**IV. Executive Director Report-TMEA Executive Michael Chester**

TMEA Executive Director Michael Chester stated the January financial report is in google drive. TMEA has a current checking account balance of \$53,102.56 and \$32,780.06 in the TMEA savings account. The CMA contribution has been deposited in the bank. Upcoming conference expenses include three additional payments to Conference Direct as well as Gaylord Opryland expenses.

Regional association payments have been paid to TMEA apart from WTSBOA.

Regional lobbyist payments are coming in and additional revenue includes exhibitors and advertising fees. Collegiate refunds are being processed. The full TMEA financial report is in the TMEA Council google drive folder.

#### **V. Conference Update and Conference Caucus Review**

President Fisher updated the board regarding the importance of board member conference registration with early bird rate before March 4. The executive committee will meet Tuesday April 18 and the TMEA board meeting will begin at 10:30am on Wednesday, April 19. President Fisher shared the conference schedule and stated the importance of using WHOVA for conference updates. President Fisher also reported on the dates of the conference caucus meetings as well as the presider schedule. He asked the TMEA board members to make sure all sessions in their respective discipline are covered by presiders.

Presiders are expected to use the Whova app for any updates to the session they have been assigned. Board members are also expected to communicate with President Fisher regarding their attendance at the Wednesday morning board meeting and communicate their specific nights of stay at Opryland Hotel during the conference.

Executive Director Michael Chester stated the executive committee approved the contract with exhibits decorator, Complete Show Services from Las Vegas. The contract is estimated at \$10,000 to \$12,000. Mr. Chester also updated the board on exhibit space contracts and revenue, updates of the conference and all state registration, meal cards, banquet tickets as well as a report on the awards submissions.

#### **VI. Pre-Conference Caucus Review**

President Fisher reviewed the following pre-conference caucus dates:

TMEA Band Caucus Meeting: 2/21/2023 - 7:00 p.m. (CST)

NAfME Collegiate: 2/23/2023 - 5:30 p.m. (CST)

TMEA Jazz Caucus Meeting: 2/23/2023 - 7:00 p.m. (CST)

TMEA Higher Ed./Research: 2/26/2023 - 6:30 p.m. (CST)

TMEA Orchestra Caucus: 2/28/2023 - 7:00 p.m. (CST)

TMEA Choral Caucus: 3/04/2023 - 7:00 p.m. (CST)

TMEA Equity in Music Listening Session: 4/10/2023 - 7:00 p.m. (CST)

President Fisher also reviewed the caucus agendas and asked the board to include any additional information they deem necessary. President Elect Joel Denton asked if additional caucus meetings could be added prior to the conference. TMEA will support any meetings that need to be held prior to the conference.

#### **VII. Approval of Music Advocacy Task Force Membership**

President Fisher shared the list of potential music advocacy task force members. The Chair of this committee will be Dru Davison. A motion to approve this task force was made by Ollie Liddell, seconded by Joel Denton, and passed unanimously. President Fisher will send invites to the potential members.

#### **VIII. MIOSM Report**

MIOSM Chair Lisa Crunk updated the board on upcoming MIOSM events. The Governors' Proclamation has not gone through at this time. Government Relations Chair Dr.

Christopher Dye is working with Ms. Crunk to coordinate possibly having the proclamation happen at one of the MIOSM school events. President Fisher asked Ms. Crunk to send him the information so our lobbyist might help in sending the Proclamation through. Ms. Crunk also reported on several potential MIOSM events TMEA could support in the schools across our state. NAFME will provide graphics and daily posts to use in social platforms. A final meeting is scheduled for February 28 to finalize logistics of getting this information across the state.

## **IX. Adjournment**

It was moved by Ben Torres, seconded by Michael Chandler and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:56pm. *Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dian Eddleman*