



**Tennessee Music Education Association**  
**Council Minutes**  
**August 14, 2022**

In Attendance:

**TMEA Board of Directors**

- Executive Director: Michael Chester
- President: Dr. Ryan Fisher
- President-Elect: Joel Denton
- Immediate Past-President: Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry
- Advocacy and Government Relations Chair: Dr. Christopher Dye
- Band Chair: Ollie Liddell
- Choral Chair: Demetrius Robinson
- CNAfME Chair: Dr. Michael Chandler
- Higher Education Chair: Lauren Ramey
- Orchestra Chair: Cynthia Wright
- General Music Chair: Ben Torres
- SMTE/Research Chair: Dr. Loneka Wilkinson Battiste
- Communications Manager & Editor, *Tennessee Musician*: Anna Laura Williams
- Secretary: Dian Eddleman

**TMEA Project Chairs**

- Webmaster: Mr. John Womack
- TRI-M: Pam Wilensky
- Music In Our Schools Month: Lisa Crunk
- Guitar Education (Modern Band): Michael Parson
- Retired Teachers: Deb Gouge
- Jazz Education Policy: Frank Zimmerman
- Music Merchants Industry: Scott Lane

**TMEA Conference and All-State Management Team**

- TN All-State Choral Chair: Dr. Brian Russell
- TN All-State Instrumental Chair: Carter Noblin
- TN Treble Honor Choir Chair: Tiffany Barton
- TN All-State Jazz Band Chair: Cord Martin
- TMEA Conference Performance Chairs: Susan Kelly & John Mears

**TMEA Council (Regional Leaders)**

WTGMEA President Jennifer Proseus  
WTGMEA President-Elect Allen Moody

WTVMEA President Adrian Maclin  
WTVMEA President-Elect Reachel Hudgins

WTSBOA President Jennifer Cupples  
WTSBOA President-Elect Benjamin Martin

MTGMEA Representative Corynn York  
MTGMEA President-Elect Abbi Miller

MTVA President Lorna Pyka  
MTVA President Elect TJ McLaughlin

MTSBOA President J. R. Baker  
MTSBOA President-Elect Stacy Jernigan

ETVA President Kristen Wiram  
ETVA President Elect William Brimer

ETSBOA President Jim Burton  
ETSBOA President-Elect Megan Christian

#### **I. Call to Order**

President Dr. Ryan Fisher called the meeting to order at 1:02pm. Saturday August 14, 2022.

#### **II. Roll Call and Introductions**

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

It was moved by Ollie Liddell, seconded by Reachel Hudgins and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the TMEA Council meeting August 14, 2021.

#### **IV. Executive Director Report/Financial Statement**

TMEA Executive Director Michael Chester reported TMEA has a current balance of \$84,308.81. Conference payments to Gaylord Opryland are still pending. Conference expenses payable to Opryland were approximately \$142,472.38. TMEA has a current working budget through QuickBooks for easier access and online profit management.

#### **V. Communications Manager Report**

Communications Manager Anna Laura Williams shared a copy of the *Tennessee Musician* directory regarding contact information updates of the TMEA Council members. Ms. Williams requested the TMEA Council members share the TMEA social media Facebook page on regional association's Facebook page as well as other social media sites. The *Tennessee Musician* will feature an "Across the State" article highlighting regional association activities and initiatives.

## **VI. 2022 TMEA Conference Reflection/2023 TMEA Conference Updates/Announcements**

Immediate Past President Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry reported TMEA employed Conference Direct Jennifer Rothschild as the TMEA conference planner. She also discussed the WHOVA APP and the success of onsite conference registration, TMEA awards banquet as well as the positive feedback of the performance space. Areas that will be addressed in planning the 2023 conference include parking, complimentary wifi, meal cards and a registration area for retired attendees.

President Fisher discussed additional planning concerns of the 2023 conference including space, timelines regarding performance applications and the finalization of interest sessions.

## **VII. Affiliate Association Reports (3-2-1)**

Regional Association officers reported on activities and events from their respective regional associations. This information was shared in the TMEA Council google drive folder.

## **VIII. Membership Rate change and TMEA deadline**

President Fisher reported the TMEA Board of Directors voted to increase the TMEA state membership rate. Rates are listed on the TMEA website. Executive Director Michael Chester shared the link to the JotForm for regional associations to utilize the online joining process. Deadline is October 31 without penalty. Dr. Ollie Liddell asked about a link to an invoice to process membership dues.

## **IX. New TMEA Initiatives**

President Fisher discussed the following proposed initiatives:

- Equity in Music committee-NAfME had a constitutional change to have a standing committee such as this. President Fisher is forming a state Equity in Music committee and asked the TMEA Council to share recommendations of future interested members.
- Future TMEA Conference Exploratory Task Force-President Fisher is forming a committee to assist in planning for future TMEA conference planning post the Gaylord Opryland contract. He asked the Council members to consider being a part of this committee. He would like to have this task force formed prior to winter break.
- Proactive Advocacy Task Force-The TMEA Executive Committee is hoping to compose a statewide advocacy task force to work on statewide initiatives in supporting our music education programs across Tennessee. School Administrators, fine arts leaders, strong K-12 music educator advocates and educators are encouraged to serve on this committee.

## **X. SWOT Analysis**

President Fisher commended Immediate Past President Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry with the writing of our initial SWOT analysis beginning in 2020.

Immediate Past President Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry and the TMEA Board collaborated to create a new SWOT analysis during the July 2022 TMEA Board meeting. Mrs. Derryberry asked the TMEA Council to assist with the continued construction of the SWOT analysis during the meeting. President Fisher asked the Council to continue to build and add to this analysis as we prepare for the future of TMEA.

## **XI. Announcements**

- Future Fall Meeting Schedule (CST)(tentative):
  - 8/22/22 7-9 p.m. Board Division Chairs (Interest Session Review Discussion)
  - 9/18/22 1-3 p.m. Board
  - 9/22/22 4-5 p.m. Project Chairs (not conference) only
  - 10/23/22 1-2 p.m. Council 2-3 p.m. Board and Conference Chairs
  - 11/20/22 1-3 p.m. Conference Planning Committee

## **XII. Adjournment**

It was moved by Ollie Liddell, seconded by Reachel Hudgins and carried unanimously to adjourn the TMEA Council meeting at 2:53pm.

*Minutes Respectfully submitted by Dian Eddleman*