

-TENNESSEE MUSIC EDUCATION ASSOCIATION



Tennessee Music Education Association

Project Chairs Meeting

August 14, 2021

Conference/All State Chair Meeting

In Attendance:

TMEA Board

- Executive Director: Michael Chester
- President: Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry
- President-Elect: Dr. Ryan Fisher
- Immediate Past-President: Lafe Cook
- 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
- Minutes: Dian Eddleman

TMEA Project Chairs

- Jazz Band: Dr. Ollie Liddell
- Webmaster: John Womack
- Music In Our Schools Month/TN Treble: Tiffany Barton
- Guitar Education (Modern Band): Mr. Ryan Payne
- Music Merchants Industry: Mr. Nick Averwater, *Amro Music*

All-State General Chairs

- Brian Russell, All-State General Choral Chair
- Carter Noblin, All-State General Instrumental Chair
- Cord Martin, All State Jazz Band Chair
- Publications: Anna Laura Williams

TMEA Conference Chairs

- Conference Chair: Mr. Brad Turner
- Conference Exhibits Chair: Ms. Jo Ann Hood
- Conference Auditions Chair: Mr. John Mears
- Conference Registration Chair: Daphne Gare

I.) Call to Order

President Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry called the meeting to order at 1:00pm on Saturday August 14, 2021.

II.) Roll Call

III.) Brainstorm session with Chairs

- TMEA Executive Director Michael Chester discussed the possibility of pursuing the conference registration program Cvent. This is an all-in-one integrated system. Badges are made and can be scanned to track data. Map Dynamics is used in the system for the exhibits portion of the conference. Discussion will continue over possibly utilizing this program for 2022 conference.
- All State Chair Update
The All-State handbook updates have been completed. The all-state chairs are presently working with regional all state chairs concerning procedures for the All-National Honors Ensemble auditions.
- Cord Martin led the discussion concerning the All-State Jazz Band. Conductor Todd Hill has been confirmed as the All-State Jazz Band conductor. Ryan Payne led an update on the modern band initiative.
- TMEA President DerryBerry discussed conference planning regarding the moving of the conference dates and logistics of conference space. Executive Director Michael Chester covered the topics of the exhibit space as well as all state performing groups space. Additional topics included the discussion of the Music Teacher Appreciation Dinner which would take place Thursday night of the conference.
- Discussion continued regarding using submittable for the audition chair placement in instrumental ensembles. Discussion also continued regarding adjusting the rehearsal schedule for the choral ensembles and the jazz band so those students may be included.
- Brad Turner, Conference Chair, discussed the concerns of space for sessions regarding capacity. Joann Hood suggested TMEA try to utilize the Catholic Diocese Center (formally Three Rivers Baptist Church) for additional space.
- President Derryberry asked TMEA Music Merchants Chair Nick Averwater to discuss the evolution of this position. Michael Chester asked if we could get some support with industry sponsorships.

The meeting was adjourned 2:35pm.