



Minutes from the TMEA State Board Meeting
2021 TMEA Annual Clinic/Convention
February 10, 2021, 6:00 PM
Via Video Conferencing

President Brian Coatney called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the following in the TMEA Oath of Office:

Region 1: Christopher Reidlinger, Alisha Caldwell
Region 2: Gary Keller, Benjamin Bunte, Evan Fletcher
Region 3: Ryan Forkner, Margaret Wis, Heather Becker
Region 4: Arnie Lawson, Rebecca Hildreth
Region 5: Bryan Wright, Hunter Lewis
Region 6: Jeff Whitaker
Region 7: Michael Childs
Region 8: Darrell Umhoefer, Deborah Barrick
Region 9: Chris Allen
Region 10: Phillip Maldonado, Tammy Goss
Region 11: Richard Flores
Region 12: Edie Cooksey, Ed Gonzalez
Region 13: Julianne Amos, Neal Springer
Region 14: David Edge, San Juanita Rodriguez, John Lee Bonner
Region 15: Chad Dempsey, Omar Samaniego, Dorina Kingston
Region 16: Joshua Shaw, Lindsey Spitsberg
Region 17: Jennifer Gallagher, Kyle Norman, Amy Laney
Region 18: Garth Gundersen
Region 19: Gary Hebert, Mike Allen
Region 20: Jesse Cannon II, Rametria Smith, Lara Whitehouse
Region 21: Tommy Corley, Weston Fisher
Region 22: Timothy Andrade, Arturo Uribe
Region 23: Desiree Overree, Mark Palombo, Jeffrey Tipps
Region 24: David Smith, Katherine Lewis
Region 25: Todd Dixon, Matt Cross, Linda Orrantia
Region 26: Joshua Thompson

Region 27: Sharon Paul

Region 28: Michael Corcoran, Shane Shinsato, Melody Eriksen

Region 29: Anna Osterman, Hector Trevino, Thomas Kober

Region 30: Alyson Holley, Brad Allen, Carla Hardy

Region 31: Michael Dean

Region 32: Charles Aguillon, Bryan Christian

Region 33: Daniel Ponce, Jason Smith, Elisabeth Hale

Executive Board and Staff:

Brian Coatney, President

Joe Muñoz, Past-President

John Carroll, President-Elect

Dana Pradervand, Band Vice-President

Michael Stringer, Orchestra Vice-President

Jed Ragsdale, Vocal Vice-President

Abigail Hawes, Elementary Vice-President

Paul Sikes, College Vice-President

Brad Kent, Ex-officio Member

Robert Floyd, Executive Director

Frank Coachman, Deputy Director

Kay Vanlandingham, Administrative Director

President Coatney thanked the members present for their commitment and dedication to TMEA and music education during the pandemic. President Coatney stressed that the health and safety of teachers and students was at the forefront of every decision the Board made over the past year. He recounted examples of how TMEA had made modifications to existing programs and created new opportunities for students and teachers. In the light of the moratorium on face-to-face events the Board and staff developed virtual approaches to meetings, student auditions, professional development, and the annual Clinic/Convention. Throughout the year the Executive Board had to make difficult decisions, the most agonizing being the cancellation of All-State clinic/concerts.

Despite the hardships of the year the Board and staff delivered virtual professional development sessions under the Connections program. TMEA staff members Andrew Denman-Tideline and Frank Coachman teamed with MusicFirst to develop an online audition program which students used at every level of the audition process. The 2020-2021 All-State musicians will be featured in a pictorial gallery on the TMEA website. In response to major events in the nation and the Black Lives Matter movement, a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee was

created and has met multiple times, as well as held a Connections meeting open to the membership.

Dr. Bradley Kent, UIL Director of Music, outlined the Spring 2021 UIL Music Updates made in response to Covid-19 and safety protocols. The Covid-19 Music Information details may be found on the UIL website: <https://www.uiltexas.org/policy/covid-19/music>

President Coatney stated that the First General Session will feature award-winning song writers Pasek and Paul, as well as other Broadway stars. The Second General Session will spotlight the internationally acclaimed musician, Wynton Marsalis and the convention will conclude with a concert by the critically acclaimed British vocal ensemble, VOCES8.

Reports from Executive Director Robert Floyd:

- As of noon, February 9, TMEA Active membership stood at 11,707; Retired membership at 772 College student membership 1,071, with a combined convention registration of 9,353.
- The Exhibit Hall included 171 companies.
- Convention sponsorships are Snap! Raise, GIA Publications, MusicFirst, and QuaverMusic.
- The President's Concert, featuring VOCES8, will air on Friday night at 8:00 PM.
- Sixty-seven colleges/universities will participate in College Fair.
- Region Presidents, Chairs, and Coordinators are required to file a biannual Region Financial Report. Divisions failing to file financial reports may be flagged for audit.
- TMEA investments as of February 10, 2021, are valued at \$9,148,000 in reserves in short- and long-term investments. The TMEA scholarship fund is currently valued at \$1,511,000. TMEA investments were up 11.89% at the end of 2020.
- Despite the challenges of the pandemic TMEA allocated \$190,000 in scholarships from the earnings from the scholarship endowment.
- Texas Arts Education Campaign (TAEC) was created by TMEA, in collaboration with Texas Music Administrators Conference, to encourage public and state policymakers to protect and elevate the role of all fine arts programs in Texas public schools. TAEC will be closely monitoring two bills currently in House Public Education Committee.
- The next DEI Committee Connections will be in April or May.
- The next meeting of the State Board will be scheduled after the Executive Board Meeting in March. Region Presidents will be asked to present their Region Report at that time.

On behalf of The Foundation of Music Education, State Band Chair Dana Pradervand recognized

Executive Director Floyd as a recipient of the Keynote Award, and presented him a with a commemorative plaque honoring his significant contributions to music education.

President Coatney adjourned the meeting at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kay Vanlandingham".

Kay Vanlandingham



Minutes from the First General Session
2021 TMEA Annual Clinic/Convention
February 11, 2021, 6:00 PM
Via Video Conferencing

President Brian Coatney called the First General Session of the 2021 TMEA Clinic/Convention to order at 6:02 PM and introduced the members of the Executive Board and staff.

The outgoing members of the Executive Board, Joe Muñoz, Michael Stringer, Jed Ragsdale, and Abigail Hawes were recognized and thanked for their devoted service to music education and the members of TMEA.

Jed Ragsdale and Michael Stringer were recognized as the official candidates for the office of President-Elect. There being no additional nominations from the floor, nominations were closed.

Nomination speeches were given on behalf of the candidates. Life, Active, and Retired members may vote online after the conclusion of the First General Session until 6:00 PM, February 12. Election results will be announced during the Second General Session that begins at 8:00 PM on February 12.

President Coatney, on behalf of the Agenda Committee, reported that no new business items had been received for consideration.

Four high school students were introduced as the 2021-2022 TMEA multi-year scholarship winners:

- Wesley Wynn, a student from McNeil HS, was presented the Bill Cormack Scholarship.
- Raul Romero, from Pebble Hills HS, was recognized as the Past-Presidents Scholarship winner.
- The Past-Presidents Memorial Scholarship was presented to Emily Kondrat a student from Plano Senior High.
- Tarryn Goldner from Clear Falls HS was recognized as the Executive Board Scholarship winner.

Despite the financial challenges brought on by the pandemic, TMEA will award \$190,000 this next year in scholarships to current and future music educators.

President Coatney thanked the Region officers for their valiant efforts to provide virtual audition opportunities this year.

Award-winning songwriters Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, along with a host of their friends, teamed with iTheatrics to present a tribute to the music teachers in Texas. The presentation closed with a virtual choir performance of *Children Will Listen* performed by TMEA Region officers from across the state.

There being no further business, President Coatney declared the meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kay Vanlandingham".

Kay Vanlandingham



Minutes from the Second General Session
2021 TMEA Annual Clinic/Convention
February 12, 2021, 8:00 PM
Via Video Conferencing

President Brian Coatney called the Second General Session of the 2021 TMEA Clinic/Convention to order at 8:00 PM.

President Coatney reported that the minutes from the First General Session had been emailed to all Active, Retired and Life members and had been approved as presented.

President Coatney announced that the new President-Elect is Michael Stringer.

Elections for Orchestra, Vocal, and Elementary Divisions State Chairs will be held during divisional business meetings at 4:00 PM on Saturday, February 13, and the results of those elections will be made available Saturday evening on the convention platform.

President Coatney recognized the work and legacies of TMEA Past-Presidents and commended Past-President Joe Muñoz for his five years of service to TMEA. He also thanked the clinicians, moderators, ensemble directors, and musicians who have worked so hard to provide clinic content for this year's virtual convention. A special thanks went to convention sponsors: Snap! Raise, GIA Publications, MusicFirst, and QuaverMusic.

President Coatney announced the All-State students' SAT averages compared with the national and state averages.

- The national average is 1,081.
- The Texas average is 1,034.
- The average score of Texas All-State members is 1,325.

Executive Director Robert Floyd offered an update on the 87th legislative session and suggested ways members can advocate for music education in the next three months.

Featured during the meeting was a conversation between Executive Director Floyd and musical legend, Wynton Marsalis. Marsalis encouraged members to teach from a positive frame of reference and insist on excellence. He stated that not all musical experiences end with a concert and that the journey is the reward.

There being no further business, President Coatney declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kay Vanlandingham".

Kay Vanlandingham