

**TMEA Region 3
General Meeting Minutes
Saturday, May 18, 2024 - 10:00am**

Meeting called to order at 10:03am.

LOCAL BUSINESS:

- Approval of the last meeting's minutes
 - Motion was made to approve the minutes, seconded, and passed by acclamation.
- Set next meeting details
 - A conversation was started regarding the time and date of the fall region meeting, in an attempt to avoid Saturday rehearsals and required district events.
 - August 3rd and August 10th were proposed for the meeting.
 - August 3rd received 6 votes
 - August 10th received the majority of votes
 - August 3rd is the TODA leadership day, which would exclude virtually all HS orchestra directors.
 - A motion was made to approve the 1:00pm start time and approved by acclamation.
 - Sachse HS was nominated to host the meeting and approved by acclamation.
 - The next meeting will be held on August 10th, 2024 at 1:00pm.
 - The meeting location is Sachse High School
 - Refreshments will be organized by the Vocal Division.

Gratitude from the Region President

- Mr. Forkner thanked the Region members for creating opportunities for our students to explore and grow their musical talents. He thanked everyone for how auditions went, clinics/concerts, and to those who served as region officers/coordinators, hosts for all events, and to Margaret Wis for her years of service as the Region 3 Vice President.

Announcements from the TMEA State Office:

- TMEA Job Placement Services
 - Job vacancies are posted on the TMEA website and updated daily. If you are new to the region or are leaving the region, please update your TMEA account to help aid in receiving the correct information from the state and region office.
- TMEA Membership Dues
 - Active member dues will remain at \$60 when registration opens for the new school year. Avoid the rush and renew now!
- Liability Insurance
 - Will remain at \$30 for next year. Attorney fees are covered up to \$10,000. Liability per insured per occurrence will remain at \$1 million. Current insurance will expire on August 20th, 2024. Don't set foot in the classroom without it!
- TMEA Clinic/Convention February 12-15, 2025

- Follow the TMEA website and Southwestern Musician for updates.
- The President's Concert
 - Jason Max Ferdinance Singers - get your tickets now!
- Clinic Proposal Period: May 1-June 1, 2024
 - The TMEA executive board wants to host high quality clinics to help support our members. The board hopes to receive more proposals than ever from a diverse group of clinicians and a wide range of topics. A common theme is that members want to attend clinics from programs like theirs.
- Legislative and State Board of Education Updates from Robert Floyd
 - Throughout the 88th Legislative Session, followed by four 30-day special sessions, no bill was passed that released state funds to public education, due to Governor Abbott's insistence that such a bill include educational savings accounts, or vouchers. Unless the Governor calls another special session, there will be no opportunity for relief until the next session begins in January 2025. The runoff elections in May and regular elections in November will determine our fate from a funding perspective. Be alert to emails you may receive from the TAEC and respond as called for, especially in the upcoming primary runoffs.
 - The SBOE is in the process of determining the academic subject TEKS review and instructional materials development schedule for the next several years. Tentatively under consideration for 2026 are the subjects of mathematics, CTE, and Fine Arts.
 - TMEA has played an extensive role in the modification of rules for guiding the student teaching field experience recently developed by the SBEC and approved by the SBOE. TEA has assured TMEA they will continue to address concerns still unaddressed brought forward through the SBEC rulemaking process.
- CEDFA Summit 25
 - It's time to register online at www.cedfa.org. The theme for this year's summit is Fueling the Future Through the Arts.
- Region Officer Nominations and Elections
 - Region President
 - Ryan Forkner was nominated, seconded, and voted in by acclamation.
 - Region Vice-President
 - Liz Shine was nominated, seconded, and voted in by acclamation.
 - Region Secretary
 - Heather Becker was nominated, seconded, and voted in by acclamation.
- State Officer Nominations and Elections This Coming Fall
 - President-Elect
 - Elementary Division Vice-President
 - Orchestra Division Vice-President
 - Vocal Division Vice-President
 - Active TMEA members may run for office. People who receive official nominations from at least 4 regions and accept by October 1st will be eligible candidates.
- Calendar
- MAC Committee

- DISCUSSION ITEM (for vote): Submitted by the Region 10 and Region 6 General Membership.
 - PROPOSAL: UIL create protected dates for music events for all divisions.
 - RATIONALE: Organizations that share students/directors are often presented with conflicts as regions are selecting dates for the various UIL adjudicated contests. Separating events into exclusive dates will all but eliminate those potential conflicts. UIL Music Concert and Sightreading events have been reclassified to evaluations that are closely tied to the TEKS. Unlike contests, music evaluations do not lead to advancement or additional rounds of competition. However, under current UIL policy, events that do lead to advancement are provided scheduling priority over UIL Concert & Sightreading Evaluations. To address this discrepancy, UIL music evaluations should have the same scheduling privileges as UIL academic events, including statewide protected dates, which would allow dedicated time for UIL leaders, event hosts, and participants, to include securing venues and finding adjudicators.
 - Discussion item passed by acclamation by Region 3.
 - DISCUSSION ITEM (for vote): Submitted by the Region 10 General Membership.
 - PROPOSAL: UIL extend the window for region solo and ensemble contests to later in the spring.
 - RATIONALE: Many students are preparing Solo & Ensemble material while also preparing for Area round auditions in the All-State process. Extending this window would allow the strongest players in our ensembles to focus on each of these major competitions with minimal overlap in preparation.
 - A question was asked about whether this discussion item would affect already planned contests.
 - None in favor of the proposal, 5 opposed the proposal, majority did not vote in Region 3.
 - DISCUSSION ITEM (for vote): Submitted by the Region 10 General Membership.
 - PROPOSAL: UIL regions have calendars set by April 1st of the preceding academic year.
 - RATIONALE: The release of UIL dates in April will allow districts to better prepare their event calendars for the upcoming school year.
 - A question was asked about whether districts would even have the academic calendar voted on by their school boards by April 1st. Our region calendar is always set (as a draft) by April 1st, but it has changed after that date for the past few years.
 - None were in favor of the proposal, the majority voted to oppose the proposal in Region 3.
- Other Business

- A proposal was made to set the May 2025 region meeting date now, so we can schedule other events around the meeting.
- May 17th was proposed and voted on by acclamation. Sachse HS was nominated as a host location, seconded, and approved by acclamation. 10:00am was proposed as the start time and approved by acclamation.
- The 2025 Spring meeting will be held on May 17th, 2025 at Sachse HS and will begin at 10:00am.

Region Calendar Update UIL BUSINESS – Bonnie Bartlett, UIL Region 3 Executive Secretary

- Bonnie thanked all contest hosts for this year and for the upcoming year. She thanked the membership for all of their hard work.
- There were 400 concert groups, 70.2% made first divisions in concert and 72.2% made first divisions in sight reading.
- The latest revision to the 2024-2025 UIL calendar is posted on the region website. Updates to the website will be ongoing, so check it often.

Adjournment to Division Meetings

- A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed.
- Band Division – Cafeteria
- Choir Division – Auditorium
- Orchestra Division – Band Hall
- Elementary Division – Little Theatre
- A motion was made to adjourn, seconded, and approved by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 10:44am.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Becker

TMEA Region III Secretary

Hudson Middle School Band Director