TO: Region Representatives to the TMEA/UIL Music Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: MAC Agenda Items and 2022 Region Representative Voting Process

Below you will find proposals that have been submitted to the Music Advisory Committee for deliberation and vote at your spring region meeting. To do so effectively it is important that each proposal be reviewed and considered so that you will know how to vote on behalf of your region. **NOTE:** Held in conjunction with the summer music conferences, region representatives (one from each region in the band, vocal, and orchestra division) will cast their region's vote at the MAC meeting. Each of the three representatives will vote on general membership items. For proposals specific to a division, only the division representative from the region will vote.

Also, during your region meeting please feel free to open the floor for discussion of any topic that might seem of importance to your colleagues. You may then forward to the state office at music@uiltexas.org any new proposals that emerge and we will include them on the agenda for discussion at next year's spring region meetings. Note that three years must elapse before any prior agenda item may receive new consideration.

- **Discussion Items** have been submitted since the prior year's spring meetings. A Discussion Item will be considered for vote at the summer meeting only after that item is presented and voted upon at the spring region meetings. A Discussion Item that receives a favorable vote at the summer meeting will become an Action Item the following year and receive a vote at the spring region meetings and the summer MAC meeting.
- Action Items originated as Discussion Items and received a favorable vote by the MAC for further consideration. Action Items that receive a favorable vote at the summer MAC meeting will go before the UIL Standing Committee on Music and Technical Advisory Committee to receive further consideration.

NOTE: Any proposal from last year's MAC agenda that does not appear below is due to one of the following reasons: 1) The item received a favorable vote from the MAC process and was advanced to UIL for consideration. (Any proposal that was advanced to UIL for consideration either went into rule or was not adopted by UIL); or 2) The item did not receive a favorable vote from the MAC at the summer meeting.

ALL DIVISIONS

No Proposals

VOCAL DIVISION

ORCHESTRA DIVISION

No Proposals

BAND DIVISION

<u>DISCUSSION ITEM</u> (for vote by marching band directors only): <u>Submitted by the Region 30 Band Division</u>.

UIL Rule Change Proposal Regarding Marching Band Contest Starting Locations.

Section 1105, H.2 in the C&CR currently reads:

(2) Movement to Field Position. The contest chair will determine the ready position each band will assume prior to entering the field of competition. The position shall provide efficient and prompt access to the football field without interfering with other bands as they perform. This location will be clearly described in the marching contest packet.

Proposal: Amend the rule to read:

(2) Movement to Field Position. The contest chair will determine the staging position each band will assume prior to their performance. The position shall provide efficient and prompt access to the end zone without interfering with other bands as they perform. This location will be clearly described in the marching contest packet. During the two minute exit period for the previous performing band, the next band will move to the goal line. Keyboard percussion and front ensemble equipment may move to the 20 yard line if the field logistics allow for it. This will be determined in advance by the contest chair and clearly described in the marching contest information packet.

RATIONALE: UIL events are hosted in a wide variety of stadiums across the state. In an advancement year, a band could have three different entrance scenarios within the same circuit (UIL). These are as diverse as the number of unique stadiums used in UIL competition. This is one of the only rules in the entire UIL C&CR that is NOT standardized. The above proposal seeks to rectify this. Since every football field used in the UIL system uses the same measurements, this would create a uniform system across the state and thus allow bands to have the same entrance setup throughout the UIL process regardless of the size of the stadium they are performing in. It also preserves the ability of the contest host to navigate their unique environmental situation and determine staging and access to the endzone.

MARCHING BAND RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT: Marching band directors are encouraged to see the latest report from the MB RAC on the <u>UIL website</u> and share any input with members of that committee.