TMEA Region 3
Spring General Meeting Minutes
Saturday, May 16, 2026
Sachse High School

LOCAL BUSINESS:

- Meeting was called to order at 10:05 am
- Approval of the last meeting's minutes
    - Motion made by Mike Major and seconded by Kevin Rainey
    - Minutes were approved by acclamation
- Thanks to Sachse HS and Epic Waters Music Festival for hosting and breakfast.
- Recognition of current state and region board members
- Region officer elections
    - President - Ryan Forkner - approved by acclamation
    - Vice President - Liz Shine - approved by acclamation
    - Secretary
        - Margaret Granado, Utley MS Band Director
        - Jennifer Borders, West Mesquite Band Director
        - Ashley Montes –winner, receiving 47 votes, West Mesquite Orchestra Director
        - Elizabeth Gott, Rowlett HS Assistant Band Director
- Suggestions made for fall meeting date, time, and location
    - Naaman Forest offered to host
    - Discussion about timing of next meeting (time/date that benefits all disciplines of our Region)
    - Next meeting will be held on _Saturday, August 8th, at _10 AM at _Naaman Forest HS.

GRATITUDE FROM THE REGION PRESIDENT

- Mr. Forkner would like to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to the craft this school year. Special thanks/recognition to Mike Major, who is retiring and vacating the Band division Secretary position. Special thanks/recognition to Heather Becker, who is joining Region 25 next year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TMEA STATE OFFICE

- TMEA Job Placement Service
    - Job vacancies are listed on the TMEA website (www.tmea.org). The website database is updated daily, as personal résumés and available jobs are posted online.
- TMEA Membership Dues
    - Active member dues will remain at $65 when membership opens in May for the 2026-2027 school year
- Liability Insurance
    - Liability insurance will remain at $30 for next year. It is recommended that you get this insurance coverage before you set foot in the classroom. With recent changes in law, make sure you have support and protection in place. Please visit the TMEA website for information on the specific coverage and how to enroll.
- TMEA Clinic/Convention February 10-13, 2027
    - Keep checking the website, follow the TMEA social media, and read Southwestern Musician for updated information.
- Clinic Proposal Period: May 1-June 1, 2026

    - The TMEA Executive Board seeks to deliver the highest quality program of clinics to support the professional development of our members. To achieve this goal, the Board asks you to consider proposing a clinic through the online system from May 1 through June 1. The Board hopes to receive more proposals than ever from educators who represent the diverse classroom environments and student experiences across our state.
    - A common theme in comments from our convention survey is that members want to attend clinics offered by clinicians in programs like theirs—especially in schools with limited funds, resources, and staff. If you, or someone you know has strategies to share 3 for working within the challenges inherent in a program that has limited resources we especially encourage you to apply. As a Region leader, please reach out to colleagues around your Region and encourage them to apply. Please review the topics that members have said are most important to them. You can find a list of those topics in the April magazine and at the end of the proposal page.
    - For more information, go to www.tmea.org/proposals.
- Ensemble Block Pilot Partnership
    - The Executive Board approved the continuation of the pilot partnership with Ensemble Block to offer All-State Track audition preparation resources to all students for band, jazz band, orchestra, and mariachi at no cost. In addition, one selection of the 1A-4A vocal audition material will be available to determine the benefits to vocal students. We hope you will encourage your band, orchestra, mariachi, and 1A-4A choir teachers to take full advantage of this opportunity. More information can be found on the TMEA website on each division's audition page.
- Legislative and State Board of Education Updates from Joe Munoz
    - The election cycle is in full swing, and most of the candidates for the Senate, House, and SBOE have been selected for the November general election, except for a few May run-offs.
    - Now is the critical time for you to engage in the elections in your respective legislative and SBOE districts. As we move toward the November election, you will hear more from us through the Texas Arts Education Campaign, and we will be sharing the General election candidates' Fine Arts Survey responses in September. Now is the time to sign up at www.txartsed.org!
    - We will also share the fine arts legislative plan for the 90th Legislative Session, developed with other fine arts stakeholders involved in the Texas Arts Education Campaign.
- TMEA Online Learning Update
    - The TMEA Online Learning platform provides members with asynchronous professional development opportunities. In the last year, over 500 Hours of CPE credits have been earned by active and retired members. New content is periodically added to the system.
    - Potential presenters can now select to have their 2027 Clinic/Convention clinic submission considered for the Online Learning platform through the clinic submission process.
    - You can find more information at www.tmea.org/online-learning.
- Region Officer Nominations and Elections
    - Region President
    - Region Vice-President
    - Region Secretary
- State Officer Nominations and Elections This Coming Fall
    - The nomination process for the office of President-Elect and Vice-Presidents for the Orchestra, Vocal, and Elementary Divisions will begin at the Fall Meeting. Active TMEA

members who are employed full-time in an administrative or teaching capacity in the field of music may run for office. Persons who receive official nominations from at least four Regions and agree to such candidacy by October 1 will be considered as official candidates.
    - President-Elect
    - Orchestra Division Vice-President
    - Vocal Division Vice-President
    - Elementary Division Vice-President
- UIL Music Advisory Committee Report
- Elementary & College Divisions adjourn

REGION CALENDAR UPDATE

- Please check the TMEA Statewide Calendar for religious holidays before TMEA events are scheduled.

UIL BUSINESS FROM Bonnie Bartlett, REGION 5 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

- Bonnie would like to thank all of Region 3's directors for their work this year, as well as anyone who hosted/organized, or helped with any of the many contests in the region.

OTHER BUSINESS

- MAC proposals/discussion items

ADJOURNMENT TO DIVISION MEETINGS

- _Mike Major_ made a motion to adjourn and _Kevin Rainey_ seconded.
- Meeting adjourned at _11:30 AM_

Respectfully submitted,

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