



**WTSBOA Membership Meeting #3
Liberty Tech High School
Saturday, May 11, 2024**

Call to Order

President Benjamin Martin called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Minutes: Megan Woodring, Secretary

Motion made (& 2nd) to waive the reading of the minutes.

Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Darrell Evans, Treasurer

Debits: \$195,678.91

Credits: \$214,328.62

Current Balance: \$18,649.71

The Treasurer's Report will be posted on the website.

Motion made (& 2nd) to approve the report as listed on the website.

Motion Passed.

President's Report: Benjamin Martin

I. Introduction of Parliamentarian

A. Cari Burgess has volunteered to serve.

II. Overlook

A. It's been a great year. We are looking to make improvements on many of the changes that were implemented this year.

Band Report: Kathryn Moore & Justin Brown

I. Nothing to report

TBA Report: Jennifer Cupples

I. Thanks to the students that participated in TBA Solo & Ensemble

A. Results:

1st Place: Madison Dang, Briarcrest

2nd Place: Justin Bowers, Christian Brothers HS

Ensemble Winners: Alan Zhoe, Joel Lim, Eshaan Patcaik, MUS

- II. The Summer Symposium will be held June 14: see website for details

Orchestra Report: Pam Wilensky

- I. American String Teachers Association held a Solo & Ensemble Contest this year, and winners performed at TNMEA

Jazz Report: Ollie Liddell

- I. Cameron Ross has stepped down from this position.
- II. Nothing to report.

All-West Report: Brad Turner (read by Benjamin Martin)

- I. The clinic went well. Clinicians were happy, and concerts seemed to be better this year. The whole event ran smoothly.

All-State Report: Jason Deem

- I. All-State ran seamlessly, and it was a great conference. Thanks to all that presented sessions.
- II. Send Jason an email if you have any problems
- III. If you're interested in presenting or submitting a recording, the deadline is May 31st. All info is on tnmea.org.

Old Business

I. Chris Piecuch: (In regards to All-State)

- A. Students did not know seating results until a week before the conference; therefore, wind players did not know what parts to prepare
- B. **Jason Deem:** Will reach out to resolve this issue in the future.

II. Michael Neal: String players in middle and east TN received their All-State music before our region.

- A. **Chelsea Subick:** This may be because middle and east have their conferences first, so they receive the music sooner.
- B. **Jason Deem:** Music should be released at the same time. Will reach out to fix this issue.

III. Darrell Evans: We have a NEW PO Box to mail membership registrations to:

- A. Address is: PO Box 161 West University Parkway 11595 Jackson, TN 38305-9998
- B. This address will be posted on the website
- C. Event money still will be sent to event chairs. Please pay attention when registering for events.

New Business

- I. Robyn Greene:** Motion made (& 2nd) to add a second Middle School Orchestra to the All-West Clinic. This change should align with the Middle School Bands.
- A. Rationale: The majority of the string caucus would like to see the opportunity of participation in an “honors” style ensemble expanded to more interested students. Only 29% of auditioning violin students, 39% of viola students, 31% of cello students, and 53% of bass students earn placement. While the numbers for viola, cello, and bass are better, it is our feeling that a greater number of students will attempt the audition if the odds of success are more in their favor.
 - B. Discussion: (Benjamin Martin): This addition would cost roughly \$5,000. Brad Turner says this is doable. We cannot implement this next year due to the bookings we’ve already secured at the Sheraton and Cannon Center. We could start in 2026.
 - C. Discussion: (Chris Picuch): Orchestra should have the same opportunities as band
 - D. Discussion: (Robyn Green): The orchestra teachers have discussed applying for grants or receiving funding from outside WTSBOA.
 - a. (Benjamin Martin): We have nothing like that in place now, but we can look into it.
 - E. Discussion: (Benjamin Martin): The sizes of the ensembles would have to be the same. This is in the constitution.
 - F. Discussion: (Sam Schirmer): More students would be making All-West, so these registration fees may cover new expenses.

Motion Passed.

II. Benjamin Martin: Proposed Calendar

- A. See attachment.

III. Benjamin Martin: Hall of Fame Nominations are due today. You can find the application on the website.

Announcements

Job Openings:

1. There are 3 string positions open in Memphis Shelby County Schools.
2. Lexington HS will be looking for a new assistant director for grades 6-8 plus high school band. The position is not posted , and it’s possible that more positions may be opening in the county.
3. Scotts Hill has a K-8 general music and assistant band director position

4. West Carroll HS and McKenzie Middle/High School has an opening.

Pam Wilensky: Summer at the Scheidt Music Camp at University of Memphis is June 17-22. More high school students are needed for band and orchestra. Please take cards and distribute.

Devin Burgess: Tournament of Champions at Collierville HS is on September 28. Please see the website for more info.

Chris Picuch: Memphis Youth Symphony Camps for middle and high school students are June 24-29 and July 8-13. Audition only. See website.

Sheryl Lane: GPAC Youth Symphony Auditions are coming up. Please see the website.

Benjamin Martin: Jackson Youth Symphony Auditions are this summer. Please see the website.

Mike Tucker: Please consider using the same panel of judges for both the Memphis and UT Martin Concert Festival sites.

Motion made (and second) to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Submitted By:



Megan Woodring
WTSBOA Executive Committee

2024-2025 WTSBOA Calendar (Unofficial)

WTSBOA Meetings					
Meeting #1	Date	Location	Contact	Postmark Deadline	Details
	August 17, 2024	Liberty Tech High School Jackson, TN	Benjamin Martin		9:30
	February 13, 2025	Convention Center Room 108	Benjamin Martin		
Meeting #3	Date	Location	Contact	Postmark Deadline	Details
	May 3, 2025	Jackson Site	Benjamin Martin		9:30
Event	Date	Location	Contact	Postmark Deadline	Details
Marching Festival	September 28, 2024	Union City High School	Jason Deem		
All-West					
Event	Date	Location	Contact	Postmark Deadline	Details
All-West Orchestra Auditions	November 23, 2024	Collierville High School			
All-West Jazz and Band Auditions	January 18, 2025	South Gibson Middle and High School	Stephen Price		
All-West Clinic and Convention	February 13-15, 2025				
Concert Performance Assessment					
Event	Date	Location	Contact	Postmark Deadline	Details
Orchestra CPA	March 4-6(7)				
Memphis Band CPA	March 4-7		Megan Woodring		
UTM CPA	March 13-14				
Jazz Festival	April 29, 2025				
Solo and Ensemble					
Event	Date	Location	Contact	Postmark Deadline	Details
Orchestra Solo and Ensemble					
UTM Solo and Ensemble	April 3, 2025	UTM	Jason Deem		
Memphis Solo and Ensemble	April 5, 2025				
All-State					
All-State Conference	April 10-13, 2025	Gaylord Opry Center	Jason Deem		