

# Delaware Music Educators Association - FULL Board Minutes

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

7pm

Donna Fesmire, John Sopkanich, Jeff Leager, Pam Letts, Jen McCutchan, Jasmine Lee, Von Morgan, Sara Gaines, Anna Ramon, Lauren Anderson, Jeff Molush, Anita Pisano, Arin Wilson, Brandon Mast, Caitlyn Derrick, Christopher Parks, Chrissy Lewis, Faith Predeoux, George Nicholson, Jessica Greene, Keith McCarthy, Maria Parks, Marian Sunnergren, Matthew Haddock, Nick Greeson

## 1. Executive Session

## 2. Call to order

- a. 7:02pm

## 3. Reading and approval of minutes

- a. No minutes to be read at this time

## 4. Reports of officers and committees

- a.  DMEA Committee Reports

### b. Membership

- i. [See Report](#)

### c. Hospitality

- i. Welcome Jasmine Lee as the new chair!
- ii. Looking forward to connecting with members in a social setting

### d. Professional Development

- i. State Arts Conference: [See Report](#)
  1. Is it possible to have more live performances?
    - a. Maybe have a call to action in January
    - b. Live Performance Chair??
  2. Was SCHED worth it and want to use it again in the future?
  3. John motions to approve a \$200 donation to William Penn's Tri-M

- a. Chrissy Lewis seconds
- b. All in favor-motion passes
- 4. Would like to suggest a Steel Pan Strand for next year
- 5. Could the call for presenters be sent to the entire membership in the future?
- 6. Was there a possible glitch with SCHED by removing sessions off of someone's schedule?
- ii. PD Coordinator is currently VACANT

**e. Collegiate & Mentoring**

- i. It would be great to collaborate with the new teachers and mentors at a round table for next year's state arts conference. Send in a proposal for next year!!
- ii. 12/6 from 11:30am-1:30pm UD NAFME students will be hosting an instrument repair workshop
- iii. UD would like to host a mini workshop (date TBD) from like 10am-2pm and offer for practicing teacher do a lesson share/swap with UD students
- iv. Nothing from DSU to report

**f. Business**

- i. [See Report](#)
- ii. Jeff will be handling Social Media and John will be handling the Website and Constant Contact.
- iii. Jasmine will complete the November Newsletter
  - 1. Thank you Jasmine for your service!

## **g. All-State**

- i. Looking for Modern Band Judges
  1. Drums and Guitar
- ii. All venues are set
- iii. Recording engineer is set
- iv. Music has been ordered for all with the exception of Modern Band
- v. Mechanical Rights are in the works
- vi. Choral Applications deadline has past and currently working on audition schedule
- vii. Shirts and Medals are in the works
- viii. Certificates of Insurance will be ready by each event
- ix. Working with Zewitz for music ordering this year
  1. We get folders and a discount!
  2. Should we get something in writing from Zwetiz that they will indeed get the music ordered and other things promised in a timely manner?

## **h. Student Opportunities**

- i. [See Report](#)
- i. **Access for All (DEIA)**
  - i. [See Report](#)
  - ii. Met with other MEA's to gather a starting point
    1. Get a survey addressing different access and where do teachers need additional support
    2. Forming an Access for All committee amongst members
    3. Hope to have monthly/quarterly meetings with surrounding MEA's
    4. Who has access to our All-State/Honor Ensembles
    5. Main goal for this year is data collection

## **j. Governance**

- i. [See Report](#)
- ii. Please send any interested names to John, Jeff or Jen regarding any Vacant positions
- iii. NAFME President stepped down-President Elect stepped up
- iv. Eastern Division President stepped down-President Elect stepped up
  1. There will be a call for Eastern Division President Elect candidates followed by a Special Election
- v. DSO will be donating gift certificates to anyone who wins our end of the year awards
- vi. DMEA Classroom Grants are still available-zero applications have been submitted

## **5. New Business**

- a. [Amendments](#) - First Reading
  - i. Second reading will happen at January Full Board Meeting

## **6. Announcements**

- a. Next Full Board is January 20, 2026 at 7pm
- b. Make sure to check your DMEA email periodically

## **7. Adjournment**

- a. 8:30pm