

# **Region 22 Band Directors Meeting Summary**

## **Overview**

Meeting discussion for Region 22 band directors, covering updates on alignment, resources, audition procedures, financials, new teachers, tools, and upcoming events. The meeting addresses both administrative and instructional topics relevant to music educators in the region.

## **Topics:**

### **Alignment & Resources**

- Alignment information and resources are available online via TMEA.org and the region website.

Office locations, meeting schedules, and other regional resources can be accessed through these sites.

Next year, 2026-2027 there will be a vote on apportionment.

## **Administrative Updates**

- Change: High school advanced area now supports 5A percussion (previously 3A/2A).
- Teachers are encouraged to update their information online.
- New teacher introduced: Riley Kerwin (from Dallas area, Rock Hill).

## **Financials**

- Current and past spending reviewed; emphasis on maintaining standard fees and ensuring contracts for judges.
- Extra funds should benefit students.
- Voting required for certain expenditures.

## **Audition and Competition Changes**

- Single-purpose device required for auditions (no iPads or multipurpose devices).

- Clarification on metronome use and device policy to avoid disqualification.
- Contrabass clarinet audition process updated (certified for area through region tracks, then combined and judged).
- Lowest prescribed tempo now used for certain excerpts (60 seconds for most, 30 for freshmen).
- Keyboard percussion audition literature and timing clarified.

## **Honor Band**

- Honor Band recording: Entry opens February 1, cannot start before December 1; no late entries allowed.
- State-run programs: Orchestra and band video reflection tools available for free which opened up for band August 1st.

## **TBA Professional Development & Events**

Texas Bandmasters Association (TBA) Convention recap: Networking, professional growth, and recognition of outstanding individuals.

Next TBA convention: July 16–18; Steven Summit highlighted as a valuable event.

Encouragement for participation and sharing program ideas.

### **Region-Specific Information**

- Calendar and event dates available on the region website.
- Chairpersons for various instruments announced for the ninth-grade auditions.
- Volunteers and organizers needed for upcoming events.

### **Communication & Support**

- Contact information for further questions or clarification is available on the region homepage.
- Directors are encouraged to reach out for assistance or to get involved in organizing events.

## **Action Items & Reminders**

- Update personal and program information online.
- Review and adhere to new audition device policies.
- Check regional website for calendar updates and resources.
- Consider volunteering or organizing for regional events.
- Reach out to leadership for support or questions.

## **Closing**

The meeting concluded with an open invitation for questions, encouragement to access online resources, and reminders about upcoming deadlines and opportunities for involvement.