

TMEA Region 22 Orchestra Division
Spring Meeting Agenda
May 11, 2026 @ UTEP

- I. Call to order
- II. Sign-In
- III. Approval of Fall Minutes
- IV. Approval of 2026-2027 Budget
 - a. **Important Dates:**
 - i. August 1
 - 1. All-State Orchestra Excerpts with Region cuts posted on the website
 - 2. Region cuts were sent out, please let me know if you didn't get them.
 - 3. All-State Orchestra Recording Cuts released online
 - ii. September 15 HS String Honor Orchestra Part A completed
 - iii. October 25 HS String Honor Orchestra Part B&C and recordings must be completed, printed and submitted
 - iv. October 20 Mariachi Auditions. Americas is okay to host but is also hoping to get a rotation going. Any Volunteers?
 - v. October 26-31-Orchestra All-State Recording Window @ UTEP
 - vi. November 14 & 15 Protected All State Judging Dates-NO OTHER ORCHESTRA EVENTS SHOULD TAKE PLACE THIS WEEKEND @ Hanks HS
 - 1. Pre-Area, Saturday November 14
 - 2. Area, Sunday, November 15
 - *** STATE DIRECTIVE: EVERY DIRECTOR THAT ENTERS A STUDENT INTO THE ALL-STATE PROCESS WILL BE REQUIRED TO JUDGE EITHER NOVEMBER 14 & 15, AS ASSIGNED BY THE SITE COORDINATORS. FAILURE TO JUDGE OR SEND A SUITABLE PROXY (AS APPROVED BY THE STATE ORCHESTRA CHAIR) WILL RISK DISQUALIFICATION OF THEIR STUDENTS.**
 - vii. February 10-13, 2027-TMEA Clinic/ Convention in San Antonio
 - viii. April 15- All-State Etude books posted in the TMEA website. *updated 08/2025
- V. New Business
 - a. VOTING!!!!
 - i. Region 22 Orchestra Chair
 - ii. Other Positions if need be.
 - b. Eliminating the Hospitality Position- 1 year trial. It has been a year, what do we think?
 - c. Eliminating Sectionals for MS All-Region.
 - d. Reminder- Selection committee for All-Region groups: 1 selection by organizer, 2 selections by clinician.
- VI. MAC Business

**Please note all dates are subject to change

- i. HS Mariachi
 - 1. Date: 10/20/2026
 - 2. Location: TBD
- ii. HS General
 - 1. Date: 09/26/2026
 - 2. Location: Hanks HS
- iii. HS Sinfonietta

1. Date: 11/10/2026
2. Location: Hanks HS
- iv. MS Audition
 1. Date: 11/7/2026
 2. Location: TBD
- b. Clinic Dates and Locations
 - i. HS Mariachi Clinic and Concert:
 1. Date: 12/08/2026, 12/11-12/2026
 2. Reading Sessions: 10/28 and 11/11
 3. Location: Eastlake HS
 - ii. MS Clinic and Concert:
 1. Date: 12/01/2026, 12/04-05/2026
 2. Location: Andress HS entered, waiting on final approval
 - iii. HS Clinic and Concert:
 1. Date: 01/12/2027, 01/15-16/2027
 2. Location: UTEP
- c. Orchestra Organizers/Clinicians
 - i. MS Prelude
 1. Organizer- Bethany Portillo
 2. Clinician-
 - ii. MS Concert
 1. Organizer- Francisco Mercado
 2. Clinician-
 - iii. MS Chamber:
 1. Organizer-Christian Rodriguez, Hanks MS
 2. Clinician-
 - iv. HS Sinfonietta:
 1. Organizer-Eddie Garcia, Pebble Hills HS
 2. Clinician-
 - v. HS String
 1. Organizer-Frank Juarez
 2. Clinician-
 - vi. HS Symphony
 1. Organizer- Dr. Ross Ipsen, Franklin HS
 2. Clinician-
- d. Audition Panel Chairs
 - i. MS Violin-Zaira Perez, Hambric MS
 - ii. MS Viola-Stephanie Shaurette, Del Valle HS, MS
 - iii. MS Cello-Denise Fernandez, Eastlake MS
 - iv. MS Bass-Erick Rios, Parkland MS
 - v. HS Violin-Cindy Cabada, Eastlake HS
 - vi. HS Viola-Christina Caraveo, Hanks HS
 - vii. HS Cello-Cindy Magana, Bel Air HS
 - viii. HS Bass-Jesus Apodaca, UTEP
 - ix. MS Registration-Kelly Weddington, Slider MS
 - x. MS Tabulation & Flowers-Mary Escarciga, Ysleta MS
 - xi. HS & MA Flowers-Leslee Way, Coronado HS

xii. HS General/Sinfonietta Registration-David Pena, Parkland HS

xiii. HS/MS/Mariachi Tabulation-Eric R., Miguel M., Linda R., Jose R., and Steve H.

VII. Fall Meeting- August 8, 2026 @ Hanks at 10 am

General Reminders:

- **Reproduction or Posting of Audition Material** – As a reminder, TMEA members may not copy and distribute or post etudes and/or audition material online without written permission from the publisher. **Please observe copyright laws.**
- **Mentoring Network** – Please encourage your members to join the Mentoring Network this spring so we will be ready for the influx of new teachers in the fall. They may join via the TMEA website, Programs Mentoring Network.
- **TMEA Volunteer Forms**-Use the QR code below to access the TMEA volunteer form. Conference volunteer opportunities available: All State Student Registration, State Auditions, Workshop Presider, Division Office, Registration, etc. Please see the link for information.



Spring Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to order.
- II. Sign-in.
- III. Approval of Fall minutes.
 - a. J. Crye – motion
 - b. M. Martinez – Second
 - c. Motion passed
- IV. Approval of the 2026-2027 budget
 - a.
- V. Important Dates
 - a. Area Listening
 - i. Nov. 14th and Nov. 15th
 - ii. Saturday and Sunday
 - iii. Both dates confirmed.
 - iv. M. Mendez will update directors on who will serve on panels as information is made available.
 - b. Date Overlap
 - i. Nov. 7th MS Orchestra Auditions will overlap with MS Band Auditions
- VI. Tmearegion22.com
 - a. Orchestra tab
- VII. Voting
 - a. Orchestra Chair
 - i. M. Martinez nominated
 1. J. Crye – motion
 2. S. Clark - second
 - ii. C. C. Rodriguez nominated
 1. Z. Perez – motion
 2. B. Portillo – second
 - iii. Voting Results
 1. 21 – M. Martinez
 2. 10 – C. Rodriguez
 - iv. M. Martinez – Orchestra Chair
 - b. MS Orchestra Coordinator
 - i. S. Clark
 1. M. Martinez – motion
 2. J. Crye – Second
 - ii. C. Rodriguez
 1. D. Pena – motion
 - iii. Voting Results
 1. 16 – C. Rodriguez
 2. 13 – S. Clark
 - iv. C. Rodriguez – MS Orchestra Coordinator
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Hospitality chair elimination
 - i. One-year trial ended.
 - ii. \$4178 in the black credited to the elimination of this position

- iii. Previous stipend was per event (\$150) – 4 auditions, 4 clinic/concerts
 - iv. Elimination of the hospitality chair will not affect feeding directors on audition days and on the final clinic date
 - v. Motion to eliminate hospitality chair.
 - 1. Motion passed.
 - b. Motion to eliminate sectionals for MS All-Region concerts/clinics
 - i. Motion passed.
 - c. Panel Chairs
 - i. MS Violin – Z. Perez
 - ii. MS Viola – S. Shaurette
 - iii. MS Cello – D. Fernandez
 - iv. MS Bass – E. Rios
 - v. HS Violin – C. Cabada
 - vi. HS Viola – TBD
 - vii. HS Cello – TBD
 - viii. HS Bass – J. Apodaca
 - ix. MS Registration – K. Weddington
 - x. MS Flowers – M. Escarciga
 - xi. HS Flowers – L. Way
 - xii. HS Registration – D. Pena
 - d. Clinician suggestions
 - i. MS Prelude
 - 1. L. Isaac
 - ii. MS Concert
 - 1. Dr. H. Mapp
 - iii. MS Chamber
 - 1. Raegan Whatley
 - 2. Katie O'Hare Labrie
 - iv. HS Sinfonietta
 - 1. Shannon Clark
 - v. HS String
 - 1. Margarita Mendez
 - 2. Rhett Nelson
 - vi. HS Symphony
 - 1. Ryan Ross
 - 2. Lanfranco Marcelluti – Texas Tech
 - 3. Allison Bailey
 - e. Group Organizers
 - i. MS Prelude
 - 1. B. Portillo
 - ii. MS Concert
 - 1. F. Mercado – TBD
 - iii. MS Chamber
 - 1. Z. Perez
 - iv. HS Sinfonietta
 - 1. E. Garcia
 - v. HS String

- 1. F. Juarez
 - vi. HS Symphony
 - 1. Dr. Ipsen-Sanchez
 - a. Collection of band fees.
- f. Important Dates
 - i. Mariachi Auditions
 - 1. Oct. 20th
 - ii. HS General Audition
 - 1. Sep. 26th
 - 2. Hanks HS
 - iii. HS Sinfonietta Audition
 - 1. Nov. 10th
 - 2. Hanks HS
 - iv. MS Auditions
 - 1. Nov. 7th
 - 2. Bel Air MS
 - v. HS Mariachi – Clinic and Concert
 - 1. Dec. 8th, 11th & 12th
 - 2. Eastlake HS
 - 3. Additional dates:
 - a. Reading Sessions
 - i. Oct. 27th
 - 1. Date falls within recording window
 - ii. Nov. 3rd
 - iii. Nov. 17th
 - vi. MS Clinic and Concert
 - 1. Dec. 1st, 4th & 5th
 - 2. FMX submitted for Andress HS
 - a. Mr. Saenz and Mr. Alarcon were contacted by E. Rangel
 - vii. HS Clinic and Concert
 - 1. Jan. 12th, 15th & 16th
 - 2. UTEP – Magoffin Auditorium
 - viii. Recording
 - 1. Awaiting UTEP response
 - a. Oct. 26th, 28th & 31st
 - or
 - b. Oct. 28th, 29th & 31st
 - ix. Mariachi Auditions
 - 1. Location volunteers
 - a. TBD
 - x. Mariachi Coordinator
 - 1. J. Rios – TABLED
 - 2. S. Hernandez – Awaiting response
- IX. Mariachi Proxy Policy
 - a. Discussion item: Adoption of proposed Orchestra proxy policy to be adopted for Mariachi division

- i. *****This item was originally tabled at the Fall 2025 meeting. Directors had tabled implementing a policy of \$150 fee charged for directors who fail to procure their own proxy in the event a proxy is needed. That is, the Orchestra Chair would have to find a proxy for a director who was unable to find their own proxy. If a director finds their own proxy, there is no fee assessed against the director.**
 - ii. Proxy policy was included in the Orchestra Division bylaws.
 - b. Motion for Mariachi Division to adopt the proxy policy above.
 - i. M. Martinez – Motion
 - ii. C. Cabada – second
 - 1. Nay – D. Pena
 - iii. Motion passed
 - c. Member D. Pena discussed post-conclusion of the meeting that the outlined proxy policy had been a tabled item at the Fall Meeting. This item was not re-discussed by the Orchestra Division at the Spring 2026 meeting.
 - d. E. Rangel will reach out to J. Martin for further clarification on this item
- X. Current Honorariums
 - a. Orchestra Chair - \$1,000 reimbursement
 - b. MS Orchestra Coordinator - \$600 reimbursement
 - c. MA Coordinator – No honorarium
 - d. IT - \$1,050 total
 - e. Clinicians
 - i. HS Symphony - \$700
 - ii. HS String - \$650
 - iii. HS Sinfonietta - \$650
 - iv. MS Chamber - \$650
 - v. MS Concert - \$650
 - vi. MS Prelude - \$650
 - vii. MA Group 1 - \$650
 - viii. MA Group 2 - \$650
 - f. Proposed Clinician Increase
 - i. All TMEA Region XXII Orchestra Clinicians
 - 1. Proposed: \$900 flat pay
 - 2. Total Increase: \$1,450 (Orchestra) + \$500 (Mariachi)
 - a. \$1950**
 - 3. Would be taken from the \$4178 that the division is in the black for, based on the proposed budget.
 - g. Rehearsal Conductors
 - i. Current: \$50
 - ii. Proposed: \$125
 - iii. Total Increase: **\$75**
 - h. Organizers
 - i. MS Chamber, Concert, Prelude, HS Sinfonietta, String & Symphony, HS Symphony Wind and Percussion Coordinator, MA Organizer
 - ii. Current: \$125/\$150 (HS Symphony Wind and Perc. Coordinator)
 - iii. Proposed: \$200 flat pay
 - iv. Total Increase: **\$575**
 - i. Mariachi Coordinator

- i. Currently receives no stipend or reimbursement.
 - ii. Proposed: \$600 reimbursement for TMEA/TODA associated fees, travel, meals, etc., to mirror MS Orchestra Coordinator compensation
 - iii. Total Increase: **up to \$600**
- XI. Vendors
 - a. Pepwear – traditionally used
 - i. Willing to match the offer made by TMF
 - b. TMF – second option
 - i. Local representatives
 - ii. Used by the Band division
- XII. Motion to increase the Region Orchestra and Mariachi Organizers stipend to \$200
 - a. Passed.
- XIII. Motion to increase rehearsal conductor stipend to \$125
 - a. Passed.
- XIV. Motion to increase all levels of Orchestra and Mariachi Organizer stipends to \$200
 - a. Passed.
- XV. Motion to increase all Orchestra and Mariachi Clinician stipends to \$900
 - a. Passed.
- XVI. Motion to adopt up to \$600 reimbursement allocated for the Mariachi Coordinator for TODA/TMEA-related expenses, etc.
- XVII. Motion to accept amended budget changes.
 - a. Passed.
- XVIII. Discussion item: HS Sectionals. Sectionals had been moved to the second clinic day. Discussion to open sectionals for all HS region groups, and if so, have sectionals in the second half of the first clinic date. Students being sent directly to sectionals were often sightreading. Rationale that students need to have read all pieces before going to sectionals.
 - a. M. Martinez – Current policy stipulates that all HS sectionals were abolished, but are available at conductor request.
- XIX. Discussion Item: Changes to bowings/region parts should all be communicated from one avenue.
 - a. M. Martinez – Suggestion: using Slack
 - b. Dr. Ipsen – Email and tmearegion22.com website for communicating updates
- XX. Discussion Item: Standardized method of communicating the panel chair region cuts
 - a. C. Cabada – volunteered to create template
- XXI. Discussion Item: Standardizing the numbering of all measures for All-State etudes
- XXII. Discussion item: Etude books changing for violin and viola
- XXIII. Motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - a. Passed.
- XXIV. Meeting adjourned.