

1 **Florida Orchestra Association Inc.**
2 **Executive Board Meeting**
3 **May 15, 2021 - 9:00 am – Orlando Hilton**
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6 The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am on the 15th of May by President Davis
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8 Mission Statement was read by Laurie Bitters
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11 Motion to adopt the agenda with flexibility

12 Motion Koskoski

13 Second Sanderson

14 Motion Passed

15 Guests and Board Members in attendance were:
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17 District 1 – Lauren Kirkland

District 2/3 – Megan Sahely

18 District 6 – Andrea Newhouse

District 7 – Cheri Sleeper

19 District 8 – Raine Allen

District 9 – Robin Benoit

20 District 10 – Sam Felber

District 11 – Will Whitehead

21 District 12 – Shelby Montgomery

District 13 – David Heroux - absent

22 District 14 – Josh Lennox

District 15- Ellen Ways

23 Distinct 16 – Besnik Hashani

District 17 – Rose Francis

24 District 18 – Lauren Pardee

District 19 – Mindy Crawford

25 7/8 Honors Chair – Will Sanderson

9/10 AS Chair – Steven Bossert

26 11/12 AS Chair - Andrea Szarowicz

7/8 AS Chair – Tosha Knibb

27 9-12 Honors Chair Jarrod Koskoski

Past President – Jason Jerald

28 President Elect – Carol Griffin

President – Matt Davis

29 Music Co-Chair – Laurie Bitters

Clinic Conf Chair – Valerie Terry

30 Executive Director - Donald Langland
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32 Special Guests that came in and out during the meeting were:

33 Shelby Chipman – incoming President-elect
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36 Motion to approve minutes from the January Board meeting with corrections to line 18, 31, 58, 59, 63,
37 and line 71

38 Motion – Allen

39 Second – Sleeper

40 Motion Passed

41 **Financial Reports** as of May 1, 2021 were given
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43 Motion to approve financial report and balance sheet

44 Motion – Newhouse

45 Second – Whitehead

46 Motion Passed

47 **Executive Director's report** with next year's calendar dates and recommendations
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50 **Presidents Report**

- 51 • Is attached at the end of the official minutes as an addendum
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President Elect Report

- There is a new Sexual Harassment policy that will be coming for our Board to adopt from FSMA
- Fall Conference schedule is out with Brenda Brenner and Soon Hee Newbold as clinicians

Past Presidents Report

- Handbook committee will meet this July, turn your items into Matt Davis

Consent agenda - Committee, District, and All-state Reports

- Are attached as an addendum under consent agenda

Motion to accept Campbell Second Felber Motion Passed

Unfinished Business

- Confirmation of email vote from January 21 about MPA fees
Vote confirmed by voice vote Motion approved

Meeting recessed for 15 minutes at 9:55 am

Meeting call back to order at 10:10 am

Lottery Drawing for District Concert MPA dates

FMEA – Dr. Chipman the new incoming FMEA President

- Thanked Josh Bula and the FMEA staff in Tallahassee for their hard work this year
- Conference planning committee is hard at work planning for our 2022 Conference
- Excited about the future of FMEA
- Conference theme is; “Unity in Music Education: Building Communities One Note at a Time”

New Business

Motions to the Board from Committees *(only need a 2nd to be voted upon)*

Executive/Finance Committee motions

1. Motion to adopt the FOA Calendar for the 2021 - 2022 school year

Motion Passed

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102 2. Motion to approve new District Chairs taking office July 1, 2021
103 District 1 Maeanna Naffe
104 District 2/3 Will Whitehead
105 District 6 Shawna Batchelor
106 District 9 Steven Harris
107 District 11 Daniel Shafer
108 District 15 Tosha Knibb
109 District 17 Mara Eichin

110 Motion Passed
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112 President Davis thanked everyone for filling out the Executive Directors review online
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114 **District Motions:**
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116 District 10

117 Motion to add a component board approved adjudicator process for Solo and Ensemble adjudicators. This
118 process would standardize the use of an FOA grading system to provide more consistent adjudication and
119 feedback for students.

120 Second Allen Motion referred to Adjudication Committee
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123 Motion to add a Solo and Ensemble adjudicator survey to MPA Online so that teachers may provide
124 feedback about the judges.

125 Second Sleeper Motion referred to Adjudication Committee
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128 **Motions from the floor**
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133 **Appointment of Officers**
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- 135 1. We have accepted Tosha Knibb's resignation as 7/8 Middle School All-State Orchestra
136 Coordinator so she can assume the duties of Chairperson of District 15, which has created an
137 open State office. So, the Executive Committee would like to recommend the Board approve the
138 temporary appointment of Roland Forti to fill the unexpired term for this position. This position is
139 up for election in January of 2022.

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141 No second the Board just votes - Passed

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143 2. Carol Griffin our incoming President has requested a leave of absence for 8 months for health
144 reasons. The Executive Committee recommends that the Board approve this temporary leave of
145 absence. Following our By-Laws President-elect Laurie Bitters will step in and perform her duties
146 until such time as Carol Griffin returns.

147 No second the Board just votes – Passed
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151 3. With Laurie Bitters assuming the duties of President this leave the office of President-Elect open.
152 The Executive Committee recommends that this position be temporarily filled by Valerie Terry
153 who is a full active member of FOA. She will sever until Laurie Bitters returns to her elected
154 position.

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156 No second the Board just votes - Passed

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158 4. With Valerie Terry assuming the duties of President-elect and as current President of the FSMA
159 Board. The Executive Committee recommends that Cheri Sleeper be temporarily appointed as
160 the FOA representative to the FSMA Board of Directors. Cheri is the longest serving District
161 Chair on this Board therefore the Executive Committee feels she would represent the interests of
162 FOA the best.

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164 No second the Board just votes - Passed

165 **President's remarks**

- 166 • Thanked all the Committee Chairs on the Board
- 167 • Thanked all the District and All-State Chairs
- 168 • Thanked the District Chairs that were leaving the Board
- 169 • Thanked members of the Executive Committee

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171 **Good of the Association**

- 172 • Val Anderson is doing well a personal text message from Val was read to the Board
- 173 • Carol Griffin is having a baby
- 174 • Matt Davis's birthday is today
- 175 • Volume 4 of Teaching music through performance is out and 2 Board members contributed
- 176 • Dale is sending out all of the Fall Conference information this coming week

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178 Meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

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181 Next Board Meeting will be at the Orlando Hilton on July 23rd at 7:00 pm

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184 Respectfully Submitted
185 Donald Langland, Executive Director