

1 **Florida Orchestra Association Inc.**  
2 **Executive Board Meeting**  
3 **May 19, 2023 – 7:45 am – Renaissance Sea World Resort**  
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6 The meeting was called to order at 7:54 am on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May by President Bitters  
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8 Mission Statement was read by Matthew Davis  
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10 Appointed Valerie Terry the committee rep to vote for committees.  
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12 Motion to adopt the agenda with flexibility

13 Motion Felber Second Szarowicz Motion Passed  
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16 Guests and Board Members in attendance were:  
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18 District 1 – ab	District 2/3 – Will Whitehead
19 District 6 – Shawna Batchelor	District 7 – Tian Sanchez
20 District 8 – Kayla Morris	District 9 – Steve Harris
21 District 10 – Sam Felber	District 11 – ab
22 District 12 – Joshua Cleveland	District 13 – Richard Ballinger
23 District 14 – Essi Nadal	District 15- Tosha Knibb
24 Distinct 16 – Matthew Sheary	District 17 – Mara Eichin
25 District 18 – Lauren Pardee	District 19 – Mindy Crawford
26 7/8 Honors Chair – ab	9/10 AS Chair – Katherine Ng
27 11/12 AS Chair - Andrea Szarowicz	7/8 AS Chair – Mary Lubaroff
28 9-12 Honors Chair Jarrod Koskoski	Past President – Matthew Davis
29 President Elect – Cheri Sleeper	President – Laurie Bitters
30 Mentoring Comm – Sarah Guarrine	Conference Chair – Valerie Terry
31 Executive Director - Donald Langland	

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33 Guests in attendance at the meeting were:

34 Chris Miller – District 3 Chair-elect  
35 Abbey Duncan -District 9 Chair-elect  
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37 Special Guests that came in and out during the meeting were:

38 Jason Locker – FMEA President-elect  
39 Steve Kelly – FMEA Past-President  
40 Shelby Chipman – FMEA President  
41 Kathy Sanz – FMEA Exec. Director  
42 Josh Bula – Director of IT  
43 Valeria Anderson – Director of Operations  
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45 Motion to approve minutes from the January Board meeting with corrections to line 21, 53, 58, 113, 114,  
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47 Motion – Ballinger Second – Whitehead Motion Passed  
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50 **Financial Reports** as of May 1, 2023, were given  
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52 Motion to approve Profit and Loss report

53 Motion – Batchelor Second – Sanchez Motion Passed

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**Executive Director’s report** with next year’s calendar dates and recommendations

**Presidents Report**

- New ticket policy for this year’s FMEA concerts
- FMEA Conference is January 10-13, 2024
- Music Education starts with “me”

**President Elect Report**

- Nothing to report from FSMA
- Fall Conference October 12-13, Rebecca MacLeod is our guest clinician

**Past Presidents Report**

- Handbook committee will meet this July

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

- Are attached as an addendum under consent agenda

Motion to accept Sanchez                      Second Pardee                      Motion Passed

**MPA Date selection took place**

**Unfinished Business**

- Roll-call vote for 1 absence from All-State in January  
Absence was excused

**FMEA – Dr. Chipman, Dr. Kelly, and Jason Locker, Dr. Sanz**

- Thanked the FOA Board for their hard work and dedication this year

The meeting recessed for 15 minutes at 8:40 am to allow folks to check-out.

Meeting was called back to order at 8:57 am

**Motion to suspend Roberts Rules**

Motion Pardee                      Second Koskoski                      Motion Passed

**Motion to reinstate Roberts Rules of Order**

Motion Ballinger                      Second Szarowicz                      Motion Passed

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## New Business

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

### Executive/Finance Committee motions

1. Motion to adopt the FOA Calendar for the 2023 - 2024 school year

Second – Batchelor    Motion Passed

2. Motion to start taking CC for District payments

Second – none    Motion failed

3. Motion to table the CC decision until the July Board meeting

Motion Sanchez    Second Cleveland    Motion Passed

### Adjudication Committee vote

Motion to approve 1 new adjudicator (Roll call vote - requires 2/3 majority to pass)

Motion - failed

Motion to resend the previous vote just taken (requires 2/3 majority vote to pass)

Motion Felber    Second Sheary    Motion passed

Motion to table the decision on the Adjudication recommendation until the July Board meeting

Motion Whitehead    Second Curtis    Motion passed

### District Motions:

#### District 1

- **Motion** that the Solo & Ensemble section of the Handbook has a grading matrix like the one for Concert MPA with criteria for each category rating.

Second none    Motion Failed

- **Motion** that the Concert MPA section of the Handbook add the following wording "*to have all parts covered if instrumentation is not complete*" (i.e., one or two cello students should cover the bass part if no bass player is in the ensemble).

Second none    Motion Filed

- Motion from floor to refer the above motion to the Handbook Committee for further study

Motion Pardee    Second Ballinger    Motion Passed

- **Motion** to have the Handbook committee clarify the wording in the Concert MPA section regarding "binding of e-print scores". Add clarification of the stapled format "*If using staples, the score must have staples running the length of the booklet*".

Second none    Motion Failed

151 District 2/3

- 152 • **Motion** that the handbook committee examine and consider revising the wording of Section VII,  
153 subsection H on p. 12 of the handbook to clarify whether “previous four (4) years” or previous  
154 three (3) years” is inclusive of the current academic year.

155 Second Curtis Motion Passed

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157 District 7

- 158 • **Motion** that the language in the FOA Handbook under District and State Solo and Ensemble  
159 Music Performance Assessment, Section VII. Music Requirements for District and State, Item M  
160 from “The maximum number of participants in an ensemble is eleven (11) members” to “The  
161 maximum number of participants in an ensemble is eleven (11) members. Ensembles that do not  
162 fit the standard orchestral configuration but are larger than eleven (11) members may obtain  
163 permission from the district chairperson to participate.”

164 Second none Motion Failed

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- 167 ▪ Motion from floor to refer the above motion to the Handbook Committee for further study

168 Motion Sanchez Second Nadal Motion Passed

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- 171 • **Motion** that when participating in a state or national conference in official capacity as FOA  
172 Executive Director, Past President, President, and President Elect, members shall submit record  
173 of the sessions and concerts attended at state and national conferences to be included in the  
174 following executive board minutes for transparency and historiographic record.

175 Second none Motion Failed

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- 178 • **Motion** that the FOA Handbook under District and State Concert Music Performance  
179 Assessment, section XI. Sight Reading Procedures for District, append the following language:  
180 The sight-reading room shall have a large timer displayed for the judge, director, and students.

181 Second none Motion Failed

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183 District 8

- 184 • **Motion** to add a second State MPA site in the northern region of the state for the 23/24 School  
185 Year.

186 Second none Motion Failed

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189 District 10

- 190 • **Motion:** Adding a Saturday option and/or later time blocks for State MPA.

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192 Second none Motion Failed

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- 194 • **Motion:** At both District and State Concert MPA, the official stage performance timing begins  
195 when the orchestra is seated, and all three (four) judges confirm that they are ready for the  
196 performance to begin.

197 Second none Motion Failed

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- 200 ▪ Motion from floor to refer the above motion to the Handbook Committee for further study

201 Motion Felber Second Eichin Motion Passed

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203 • **Motion:** At State Solo & Ensemble, if a student is in their solo and ensemble room at the

204 assigned time but the accompanist is late because of another room being behind, the student will

205 be allowed to perform their solo in a full time slot for a rating once the accompanist and Judge are

206 available.

207 Second none Motion Failed

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209 ▪ Motion from floor to refer the above motion to the Handbook Committee for further study

210 Motion Felber Second Eichin Motion Passed

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212 • **Motion:** Consider removing the clinic session at State Concert MPA and schedule the MPA by

213 “performance blocks” much like FVA and FBA.

214 Second none Motion Failed

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216 ▪ Motion from floor to refer the above motion to the MPA Committee for further study

217 Motion Felber Second Curtis Motion Passed

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219 • **Motion:** At State Concert MPA, performance recordings will be available to the directors on either

220 a usb “thumb” drive or a link to a cloud service (i.e. google, dropbox etc...).

221 Second none Motion Failed

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223 ▪ Motion from floor to refer the above motion to the Handbook Committee for further study

224 Motion Felber Second Morris Motion Passed

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226 • **Motion:** All handbook changes must be approved by one affirmative vote by the executive board

227 and one affirmative vote by the general membership. All Bylaws changes must be approved by 2

228 affirmative votes by the executive board and 1 affirmative vote by the general membership.

229 Second none Motion Failed

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231 • **Motion:** To open the state concert MPA registration in MPA online once the orchestra’s district

232 ratings are posted.

233 Second none Motion Failed

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235 • **Motion:** FOA contracts Barefoot Accounting to serve as the accounting firm for FOA districts

236 modeled after the arrangement used by FVA and FBA.

237 Second none Motion Failed

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239 • **Motion:** FOA State Concert MPA be rotated between a West Coast site and an East Coast site

240 each year.

241 Motion withdrawn

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243 District 19

244 ▪ **Motion** to increase mileage paid from FOA from \$0.50 to the current IRS rate of \$0.65/per mile

245 effective July 1, 2023, and then adjusted every year on July 1, as per current IRS mileage rate

246 that current year.

247 Second Knibb Motion Passed

248 **Motions from the floor:**

- 249     ▪ **Motion** that the finance committee make recommendations to adjust the meal stipend moving  
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251                                   Motion Ballinger           Second Koskoski           Motion Passed

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254 **Good of the Association**

- 255     • Remind your seniors that are attending FSU about the non-major orchestra  
256     • Bass and Cellobration days were a success this year  
257     • Michelle Eggen had a baby girl  
258     • Mara got married  
259     • UCF has a new Orchestral conductor

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261 **President's remarks**

- 262     • Thanked the Executive committee, District chairs, All-state coordinators, and Committee Chairs  
263         for making her term of office successful

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265 The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

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268 Next Board Meeting will be at the Orlando Hilton on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

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271 Respectfully Submitted

272 Donald Langland, Executive Director