

1 **Florida Orchestra Association Inc.**  
2 **Summer Board Meeting**  
3 **July 26, 2024 - 7:00 pm – Orlando Hilton**  
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5 The meeting was called to order by President Cheri Sleeper at 7:01 pm

6 The Mission Statement was read by Sam Felber, 9/12 Honors Orchestra Coordinator

7 **Motion** to approve agenda with flexibility.

8 Motion Ballinger

2<sup>nd</sup> Jerald

Motion passed

9 **Board members and guests in attendance.**

10 Cheri Sleeper – President

Laurie Bitters – Past President

11 Andrea Szarowicz – President-elect

Katherine Ng – 9/10 Concert Coordinator

12 Marcey Sperr - 7/8 Middle School Coordinator

Sam Felber – 9/12 Honors Coordinator

13 Jennifer Erickson – 7/8 Honors Coordinator

Maeanna Callahan – District 1 Chair

14 Chris Miller – District 3 Chair

Victoria Senko – District 6 Chair

15 ab – District 7 Chair

Lisa Coyne – District 8 Chair

16 Abbey Duncan – District 9 Chair

Michelle Eggen – District 10 Chair

17 Norm Vagn – District 11 Chair

Andrew Beckner – District 12 Chair

18 Tosha Knibb – District 15 Chair

Richard Yaklich – District 16 Chair

19 Courtney Chrestensen – District 17 Chair

Joseph Bigler – District 18 Chair

20 Mindy Curtis – District 19 Chair

Raine Hollingsworth – Adjudication Chair

21 Valerie Terry – Clinic/Conference Chair

ab – ASTA/College Chair

22 Matthew Davis – Music Committee Co-chair

Nancy Beebe – Music Committee Co-chair

23 Kayla Lisa – Awards Chair

Brian Hellhake – All-State Auditions Chair

24 Jason Jerald – Outgoing Adjudication Chair

Tom Silliman – Financial Director

25 Jason Locker – FMEA President

Kathy Sanz – FMEA/FSMA Executive Director

26 Joshua Bula – FMEA/FSMA IT

ab – District 14 Chair

27 ab – Sightreading Chair

ab – 11/12 Symphonic Coordinator

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29 **Non-Board members present**

30 Jason Swaim – representing D7

AJ Wiggins – observer

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32 **Motion** to approve Jason Swaim as a stand-in for District 7 Chair

33 Motion Felber

2<sup>nd</sup> Knibb

Motion passed

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35 **Motion** to approve May 2024 Board minutes with corrections to line 31, 75

36 Motion Duncan 2<sup>nd</sup> Sperr Motion passed

37 Motion to accept Financial reports

38 Motion Swain 2<sup>nd</sup> Yaklich Motion passed

39 Executive Directors report was given – with no recommendations to the board.

40 Presidents Report

41 • Remind your district members to register for the Fall Professional Development Conference when they

42 pay their membership dues.

43 Past President – no report

44 President-elect – no report

45 FMEA President Locker

46 • FMEA Emerging Leaders Clinic

47 • Teach Music Florida Coalition

48 • Participated in Capitol Hill Day in DC

49 • The conference planning committee is hard at work

50 • Remember to vote in both the primary and general election

51 FSMA Executive Director Sanz

52 • Fine Arts Seal

53 • Teach Music Florida Coalition

54 • PEP students will follow the same procedure as Home School students for All-State auditions

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56 **Old Business** – none

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58 **New Business**

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60 **Motion** from the Finance Committee recommends no fee increases at the state level this coming year.

61 2<sup>nd</sup> Chrestensen Motion passed

62 **Motion** from the Finance Committee requested the Board adopt the 2024-2025 budget

63 2<sup>nd</sup> Senko Motion passed

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65 Committee reports and motions (*note committee motions do not need a 2<sup>nd</sup> – just a vote*)

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67 Music Committee

68 Motion to make corrections, deletions, and additions to the current music list

69 Motion passed

70 Handbook Committee

71 The following motions are changes to the Handbook

72 **Motion** – Section VII B 2 & 3

73 • Updated wording for Handbook

74 2. Schools entered in classes AS, BS, CS, DS, and ES must perform two (2) string orchestra compositions  
75 from the FOA Required Music List (available on the website). The third composition does not have to come  
76 from the FOA required music list. (Please reference VII B 4-6).

77 3. Schools entered in classes AF, BF, CF, and DF must perform two (2) full orchestra compositions from the  
78 FOA Required Music List. The third composition (full orchestra or string orchestra) does not have to come  
79 from the FOA required list. ( Please reference VII B 4-6).

80 Motion passed

81 **Motion** – Section VII B.1

82 1. Each orchestra must prepare three (3) compositions. It is highly recommended that the three (3)  
83 selections vary in key, style, period, tempo, and composer.

84 Motion passed

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86 **Motion** to put Section VII K in outline form

87 K. General Information

88 I. Scores for Adjudication

89 A. Number of envelopes:

90 1. District Concert MPA: Three (3) separate envelopes

91 2. State Concert MPA: Four (4) separate envelopes

92 B. Contents of each envelope:

93 1. One score for each selection to be performed on stage

94 2. Scores must be in booklet form, printed on both sides of the paper.

95 a) Spiral-bound

96 b) Comb bound

97 c) Stapled in booklet form

98 d) Secured in a 3-ring or prong binder/folder

99 3. All measures in the scores must be numbered

100 C. Envelope identification:

101 1. Each envelope must be labeled on the outside with:

102 a) School name

103 b) Ensemble name

104 c) Director(s) name(s)

105 d) Classification entered

106 2. No additional markings should be made to envelopes or scores, including:

107 a) personal notes

108 b) other school information

109 D. Acceptable binding formats for scores:

110 1. Spiral bound

111 2. Comb bound

112 3. Stapled in booklet form

113 4. Secured in a 3-ring or prong binder/folder

114 E. Penalty for non-compliance:

115 1. Failure to provide scores in one of the specified formats is considered a rules infraction

116 2. This infraction will result in lowering the orchestra's overall rating by one level

117 II. Equipment

118 A. Equipment provided on stage:

- 119 1. Stands  
120 2. Podium  
121 3. Bass drum  
122 4. Set of four (4) timpani  
123 B. All other percussion equipment must be provided or arranged by the performing school.

124 Motion passed

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## 126 **Bylaw changes that need to be voted on by the board**

### 127 **Motion – Article VI, Section 1- Nominations**

#### **ARTICLE VI – NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS**

##### **Section 1 Nominations**

- A. The President shall appoint a Nominating Comm of finding and presenting a slate of qualified candid or vacated terms of State officers. The slate of candid at the January meeting of the Association.
- B. Nominations may also be made from the floor by a member of the Association.

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129 - B. Delete this section since we now vote online.

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Motion passed

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### 132 **Motion – Article VI, Section 4 -Temporary Appointments in current by-laws**

133 The Executive Committee shall have the authority to make temporary appointments to fill any vacancies among  
134 the elected officers with the approval of the Executive Board, until the time that such vacancies can be filled by  
135 election of the membership at the next business meeting of the Association.

#### 136 **Updated Version**

- 137 • The Executive Committee shall have the authority to make temporary appointments to fill any vacancies  
138 among the elected officers with the approval of the Executive Board, until the time that such vacancies can be  
139 filled by election of the membership. If the Executive Committee is unavailable, a panel will be formed of three  
140 Past Presidents who are currently teaching and hold active FOA membership status in the association.

#### 141 **Bullet Point example of same update (Article VI, Section 4 Temporary Appointments)**

- 142 1. **Authority of the Executive Committee:** The Executive Committee has the power to appoint temporary  
143 replacements for any vacant elected officer positions.
- 144 2. **Approval Requirement:** These temporary appointments must be approved by the Executive Board.
- 145 3. **Duration of Appointments:** The temporary appointments last until next regularly scheduled membership  
146 meeting when the membership can elect new officers to fill the vacancies.
- 147 4. **Contingency for Executive Committee Unavailability:** If the Executive Committee is unable to make  
148 these appointments, the FMEA Executive Committee would have the power to appoint a temporary  
149 replacement for any vacant elected officer positions.

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- 152 MPA Committee
- 153 **Motion** to consider removing the clinic session at State Concert MPA and schedule the MPA by “performance  
154 blocks” much like FVA and FBA.
- 155 \* The MPA Committee met and decided at this time regarding possible financial restraints (e.g., busing,  
156 location, hotel, food, etc.). We have decided to leave things as currently proposed until more research can  
157 be conducted.
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- 159 Sight-Reading Committee – no report
- 160 Conference Committee – no report
- 161 Adjudication Committee
- 162 • FSMA new adjudication process  
163 • No meaningful changes to the adjudication sheet until they hear from more classroom teachers  
164 • Recommend that mileage be paid to trainees to travel to their second evaluation site  
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- 166 All-State Committee – no report
- 167 Ethics Committee
- 168 • Suggested update ED review format  
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- 170 Awards Committee
- 171 • Need nominations for the Hall of Fame Award  
172 • Working on other awards like a longevity award, roll of distinction  
173 • Remember, Districts nominate rising star teachers  
174 • Looking to start a new composer award  
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- 176 Benevolence Committee – no report
- 177 Mentoring Committee
- 178 • Is working towards a more interactive role  
179 • Started a FB mentoring page  
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- 181 FLASTA Committee – no report
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- 183 Motion from the floor – none
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- 185 Good of the Association
- 186 • Guitar is trying to start their own Association in the State

- 187 • The FSMA misconduct form was explained to the board
- 188 • Remember to take care of the QR code for Laurie
- 189 • Thanked the outgoing Executive Director
- 190 • Check out Music Room Unicorn
- 191 • Remember to turn in your picture or get a new one taken before you leave
- 192 • Congratulations to all committees on their outstanding work

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194 The Next Board meeting will be January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 5:30 pm at TCC

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196 The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm by President Sleeper.

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198 Respectfully submitted,

199 Donald K Langland, Executive Director