

TMEA Region 21 Vocal Division
Spring Meeting
May 4, 2024
Tyler High School

General Announcements

1. Mike Bullock- Region 21 UIL Secretary
2. Update your information in the TMEA Directory online through TMEA Website.
3. Sign Up for TMEA Mentoring Network
4. Update your information in our Vocal Directory by emailing Erin Blankenship erin.blankenshi@jisd.org- Very important if you have changed positions, or are at a new school! Please do this by May 15, 2024 so that we have an updated contact list for summer communication.



5. All Clinicians that reside in the state of Texas must be a member of TMEA.
6. TMEA will only issue CPE Credit to Current, Active TMEA members.
7. Religious Holidays- The executive Board requests that you not schedule any event on any religious holiday that could negatively impact student participation in our Region
8. TMEA members may not copy and distribute or post etudes and/or audition material online without written permission from the publisher. Please make sure you are observing copyright laws. When you receive your All-State rehearsal tracks from EERC, read the information that is sent. It lets you know what is allowed and what is not.
9. TMEA SSC and LSC audition repertoire is found on the TMEA Website. Please check it for errata and updates throughout the summer.

Business Agenda Details:

1. Approve Fall Meeting Minutes – accepted as printed (motion, second, approved unanimously)
2. Financial Report- David Lawson - see email for a detailed report.
3. Please sent in all-region audition entry checks as soon as possible. Accepted as printed (motion, second, approved unanimously)
4. Audition Packet Announcement
5. Old Business

6. New Business

a. Policy Updates

- i. Check online for Area Alignment LSC has changed for Area. LSC – Area D (newly aligned – mostly East Texas)
- ii. Private schools will now follow their UIL Classification based on enrollment. Charter schools still follow LSC or SSC distinction based on Public school enrollment. Ex – all Charter in Tyler ISD will compete in LSC. You can apply for a variance to compete in SSC.
- iii. All-Region Entry Fees increase
- iv. Discussion of raising entry fees to \$15 per student plus a once a year campus fee of \$50 for the first round of auditions. There was also discussion to clarify that LSC and SSC directors would pay the \$50 campus fee for All-Region auditions and pay again for Honor Choir auditions. Many other regions already do this. There were also concerns about middle schools being able to afford to enter students.

A motion was made a seconded: Raise the entry fee for high school to \$15 per student plus a \$50 campus fee per track. Also, raise the entry fee for middle school to \$14 per student with no campus fee. This was seconded and passed unanimously.

b. Honor Choir Proposal and discussion

Amy McMichael brought forth a proposal that we separate Honor Choir auditions from the LSC/SSC all-region auditions. The rationale is that All-Region entries for the current year only increased by 76 entries. Compared to last school year, total entries for All-Region and Honor Choir were 119 fewer. This is not serving our students. Most of our beginning high school choir students are not ready to learn the advanced music of the LSC/SSC All-Region track yet. Honor Choir music serves them better. Also, some of our vocal division money loss was due to no entries for an Honor Choir audition.

A motion was made a seconded: Separate LSC/SSC All-Region auditions from Honor Choir auditions. Go back to the way it was prior to this school year. This was seconded.

Discussion: Many directors are in agreement that most non-varsity high school students are not ready for the advanced audition. Some directors shared that some of their students were “disgusted” that they only made the Honor Choir when in

years past they were excited when they made it into the Honor Choir at its own audition.

Vote: for-11 opposed-3

c. Possible combination of Region Clinic and Concert with Region 4 (LSC Only) This was not discussed.

d. Conflict with November 9 for HS Clinic and Concert discussion.

This is a protected date for strings and mariachi. We can apply for a variance. Discussion of possibly Monday, October 28th for the high school Clinic & Concert. Start at around 10 or 11am and have the concert in the evening.

Motion was made to combine the middle school and high school Clinic & Concert. Seconded

Discussion: It's a long day for middle school. It's good for middle school to see the high school choirs.

Vote: for-4 opposed-11

e. Dates and Sites-Please see calendar handout for proposed dates.

Comparable Dates for 2024-2025 School Year

HS (LSC/SSC) Region:

September 28th: 14 Whitehouse HS
October 5th: 0

MS Region:

October 19th: 3
October 26th: 13 Whitehouse JH

Honor Choir:

Saturday, October 5th: only date proposed Hallsville HS

MS Clinic and Concert:

November 2, 2024 TJC

HS Clinic and Concert:

Monday, October 28th : 9 Carthage HS
Saturday, November 9th: 2
Monday, October 21st: 3

HS Pre-Area:

Tuesday, November 19th: unanimous
Jacksonville Middle School

HS Area:

January 11, 2024

HS Solo and Ensemble:

February 4, 2025 Whitehouse HS

MS Concert and Sight-Reading:

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| March 5 and March 6, 2025 | Whitehouse HS |
| HS Concert and Sight-Reading: | |
| April 1 and April 2, 2025 | Whitehouse HS |
| UIL State Solo and Ensemble: | |
| May 24- May 26, 2025 | |

A Motion was made after the original HS Clinic & Concert vote:
To move Honor Choir to a school day and move the High School Clinic and Concert to Saturday, November 9th. This was seconded.

Discussion: Honor Choir would be almost 4 hours of auditions. It's about the same as Pre-Area.

Vote: for-2 against-11

f. Election of New Officers

i. Region Chair

Luke Dean – the only one nominated

ii. MS Coordinator

Kim Turner – the only one nominated

iii.SSC Coordinator

Jennifer Furr – 9

Jon Starling – 4

iii.T-MAC Representative

Branson Blanton – the only on nominated

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Passed unanimously