

UIL Music Region 8

Minutes of the December 4, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting held via Zoom.

Members present were Shane Downing, Michael Hope, Joe Kucera and JR Proctor. Also present were Executive Secretary Tony Clines and Associate Executive Secretary Darrell Umhoefer.

The first agenda item was a summary of the Fall Participation Report that Tony Clines had previously emailed to members of the committee. The full report is as follows:

Twirling Contest was held at Fairfield High School on September 21.

22 students entered twirling solos with 10 earning first division medals.

7 received a division 2 rating and 4 received a division 3 rating.

1 student did not perform.

4 ensembles were entered with 2 (eight students) earning division 1 ratings. The other 2 ensembles received division 2 ratings.

All solos and ensembles who received division 1 ratings performed class 1 events and will advance to the state solo and ensemble contest in May.

3A Marching Contest was held at Troy High School on October 16.

19 bands competed with 14 earning division 1 ratings.

4A-5A-6A Marching Contest was held at Midway High School on October 19.

27 bands competed with 23 earning division 1 ratings.

1A-2A Marching Contest was held at Riesel High School on October 23.

1 1A band competed and received a division 5 rating.

24 2A bands competed with 10 earning division 1 ratings.

In class 3A, the Fairfield band received a division 1 rating and advanced to the State Military Band Contest held at McLane Stadium on October 30.

All other bands in all classifications earning division 1 ratings advanced to area competitions.

The 3A Area D Marching Contest was held at Robinson High School on October 26. Of the 13 Region 8 bands that competed, three were selected to advance to the State Marching Contest – C. H. Yoe High School from Cameron, Clifton High School and Troy High School. At the state contest, Clifton finished in 6th place and Yoe finished in 7th place. Troy did not advance to the finals of the contest.

The 5A Area D Marching Contest was held at the Pfield in Pflugerville on October 26. Region 8 had five bands competing with Lake Belton High School advancing to the state contest. They did not make the finals at state.

The 5A Area E Marching Contest was held in Channelview on October 26. Region 8 had three bands competing there with College Station High School and A&M Consolidated High School advancing to the state contest. Neither band advanced to the finals at state.

The 2A Area D Marching Contest was held at Groesbeck High School on November 2. Region 8 had 10 bands competing at this contest with three advancing to the state contest – Bosqueville, Rosebud-Lott and Valley Mills. Bosqueville advanced to the finals and finished in 5th place.

The 4A Area A Marching Contest was held in Denton on November 2, with 4 Region 8 bands competing. China Spring High School, Gatesville High School and Robinson High School all advanced to the state contest. China Spring finished in 5th place and Gatesville finished in 8th place at state.

The 4A Area D Marching Contest was held at the Pfield in Pflugerville on November 2. Region 8 had three bands competing, but none advanced to state.

Finally, the Area D Marching Contest was held at Heroes Stadium in San Antonio on November 2. Region 8 had seven bands competing in the contest, but none of the six advanced to the state contest.

Next on the agenda was a request for the committee to approve three changes to the 2024-2025 Region 8 Event Calendar. The change requests were:

Change the dates for the West Zone Middle School Band Evaluations from March 6-7 to March 5-6.

Change the dates for the North Zone 5A-6A Band Evaluations from April 9 to April 8.

Approval for the North Zone High School Orchestra Evaluations to be Held at Midway High School

Joe Kucera made the motion to approve the changes with a second from Shane Downing. The motion passed unanimously.

Darrell Umhoefer then presented a financial report to the committee. The report stated that the account balance as of 10-31-2024 was \$32,284.30. A marching contest financial update was provided stating that 64 bands were entered in our three region contests. Entry fees have been paid by all bands except Chilton HS, Kerens HS and Shoemaker HS. The combined income of our three contests was \$23,670, and the combined expenses were \$13,461.84. Umhoefer said that the \$10,000+ balance helps offset the costs of spring events and also helps with unexpected expenses.

Joe Kucera moved that the report be accepted, and JR Proctor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The final agenda item was the discussion of committee membership. Clines reported that Karen Marshall is retiring at the end of December and that we would need to replace her on the committee. In discussion it was agreed that having a Fine Arts Director is beneficial for our committee since they are directly involved with their schools' music programs. Also, they provide representation on the committee for our large school districts. Clines presented a name for consideration and the committee tasked him to see if the person would consider serving.

Prior to the adjournment of the meeting, there was a brief discussion of how it is determined how many marching bands are selected at area marching contests to advance to the state marching contests. After this discussion Michael Hope moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Joe Kucera seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

