

TMEA REGION XV VOCAL DIVISION

Meeting Agenda

April 27, 2025

1. Call to order

By Elizabeth Resczenski at 2:41 PM

2. Minutes – Fall minutes are posted on the website: www.region15choir.com

Approval Motioned by Carlos Alfaro, Second Claudio Esquivel

3. Financial reports

a. High school - Priscilla Valencia

\$12,006.10

b. Middle school - Lauren Albright

\$17,448.61

4. Mentoring Network

5. Region/Area Realignment and Eligibility Rule Changes

a. https://align.tmea.org/align_2426/index.php

b. <https://www.tmea.org/all-state/eligibility/>

Article 2, new verbiage, *students must be certified as an actively participating in rehearsals and performance activities during the entire semester in which the TMEA activity is held*

Erika Lopez - What happens if students join middle of the semester?

- Depends on the situation, are they moving from a different school, or changing courses?

6. Reproduction and posting of Audition Material

Reminder we may not copy or distribute or post material online without permission from publisher based on copyright laws

7. TMEA Audition Policies: Updates

Updates - electronic devices may not be used to communicate, photographing, or streaming record any student or yourself, will result in disqualification

Cannot use headphones, earphones, unless hearing loss purposes

Update - Erratum should be considered by judges at all levels of competition

TMEA organization personnel should not distribute any region performance materials at any point under any conditions

8. MAC Report - Naida Ramsey

Proposal: Sub Non-varsity choirs sightread 3 lvs lower of varsity conference

Recommend a level down since currently Non-Varsity and Sub Non-Varsity read at the same level with only practice time difference

- Composers would need to write 3 more pieces, will probably not be able to make it work
- Not many schools taking Sub Non groups
- 3 levels down would essentially mean back to 8th grade Varsity and reading the same level two years in a row

In Favor: 0

Against: **Unanimous**

Proposal: Choirs performing a majority of unison music can have a unison sight reading option, if they perform two or more unison pieces in concert portion

- Same problem as before having to compose new pieces, perhaps use a two part (SA/TB) sight reading piece and they only read the melody, similar to procedure taken in COVID-19

In Favor - **17**

Against - 3

9. Middle School: Adriana Arango Torrez

Thank you from Adriana

10. UIL Report

11. New Business: Speakers (30 min)

Proposal to purchase 8 new speakers and split the cost between high school and middle school division

Newest speakers 3-4 years old, Sony about 10 years

- Replace all? Do we have enough money?
- Longer Chords?

Depending on budget split to both divisions, how much at the chairs' discretion

- Get people who know about speakers
- Layer of complication because of Bluetooth and AUX, ensure new speakers have the AUX option

Motion to vote for purchase 8-16 speakers

In Favor - **Unanimous**

Against - None

Carlos - TMF

Webmaster

Motion by Elizabeth Resczenski

Elected currently teaching - **Mr. Watkins unanimously approved to continue**

12. Division meetings: HS/MS

13. 25-26 All-State Updates

May 21st - 8 am

14. ERC Official Vendor, partnership with Steinway

Conductor notes not online, they will be distributed only to those selected to participate in All State

15. New Business: District Treble

District Treble May selections

Honor Choir Format?

Discussion by J. Whitney: 3 years experience at Region 28, mixed honor choir (chairs 23 to however many we elect), new music for that choir

Financially, if they make it to the choir, one time campus fee
Process, *what if they get moved up to Region?*
They still get to go to the clinic and concert
Concerns on long days and number statistics
Recordings made to help students prepare

Motion: O. Samaniego
Disband District Treble, form the Honor Choir, Have a committee for it
Second by J. Cervatez
In Favor - **Unanimous**
Against - None

16. New Business: Region/Pre-Area

O. Samaniego: Proposal for district round to one week earlier, then give 4 weeks to do Region, and lastly 3 weeks for Pre-Area

Dates Established

September 20th - District - Rowe HS
October 18th - Region - Edinburg HS
Discussion for Pre-Area - Rowe High School
Clinic and Concert at McHi
November 15, evening or saturday?
Concern: Expense for another competition
8 panels of judges for two rounds

- Campus fee
- Afterschool Auditions, snacks and not meal

Trial to see how it works

Motion by Whitney
Second by Rivens

Unanimous Vote

Edinburg High School - Host Region?

Pre Area? K. Rivens: Perhaps move pre-area further, should be finished by Dec 10th

First week of December

Financial:

PSJA HS would like to move to a different financial system, doesn't want to give cash money

Idea presented by Rowe HS, ticketed system checks can be made out to hosting schools

Perhaps give a quote

Handbook Clarification

Students who made district mixed round but to not audition for region round, *are they allowed to perform at the concert?*

- Allowed to sing but do not receive a patch?
- Unknown reasons for why these circumstances arrive, would not like to take opportunities away from students
- Alternate is called, give patch to alternate, but kids gets to perform
- Anyone who signs up understands they need to perform at all rounds
- TMEA benefits the students, allow them to participate in the concert

If it is due to extenuating reasons, this shall be presented to committee, and shall be taken cared for in a case by case basis

School related, chair makes the decision

J. Whitney and A. Astudillo will find verbiage for presented concerns

Guideline for District will be made by:

J. Whitney, G. Eason, K. Rivens, A. Pena, P. Valencia

Structure and rep will also be discussed for honor choir

17. 25-26 Calendar

18. Clinicians

Names for people.

Meeting Adjourned by E. Rezscenski

Second: K. Rivens

3:46 PM

TENTATIVE DATES & LOCATIONS

2025-2026 Calendar of Events		
HIGH SCHOOL		
<u>DATE</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
	District Treble Selection Meeting	Pioneer HS, Sharyland
September <u>27</u> 20th	TMEA District Auditions	Rowe HS, McAllen
October 18	TMEA <u>District Treble Audition</u> (Region)	Edinburg HS
November 15	TMEA Region/Pre-Area Auditions	Rowe HS, McAllen
November 21-22	TMEA Clinic & Concert	McAllen HS
January 10, 2026	TMEA Area Audition	Steele HS, Cibolo
Jan 24, 2026	UIL Solo & Ensemble	La Joya HS
February 11-14, 2026	TMEA Convention	Henry B. Gonzalez, SA
March 31 - April 2, 2026	UIL Concert & SR Contest	Pioneer HS
MIDDLE SCHOOL		
August 1, 2025	Region Selection Meeting	
March 3-5, 2026	UIL Concert & SR Contest	PSJA Southwest HS, Pharr
April 18, 2026	Region Choir Auditions	
May 2, 2026	Region Choir Clinic & Concert	McAllen HS

NOTES:

UIL Concert and Sightreading:

MS: March 3-5

HS: March 25-27