



**APPROVED Minutes
National Executive Board
January 24, 2026
11:00 a.m.- 3:18 p.m. ET
Virtual Meeting**

I Board Members Present

Cecil Adderley, NAFME President (2025-2028)
Scott Sheehan, NAFME Immediate Past President (2024-2026)
Wayne Mallette, President, Eastern Division (2025-2027)
Kim Bruguier, President, North Central Division (2024-2026)
Joe Dyvig, President, Northwest Division (2025-2027)
Susan Smith, President, Southern Division (2024-2026)
Chris Baumgartner, President, Southwestern Division (2025-2027)
Michael Stone, President, Western Division (2024-2026)
Michael Brownell, Immediate Past President, Eastern Division (2025-2027)
Rich Tengowski, Immediate Past President, North Central Division (2024-2026)
Dusty Molyneaux, Immediate Past President, Northwest Division (2023-2025)
James Daugherty, Immediate Past President, Southern Division (2024-2026)
Martha Gabel, Immediate Past President, Southwestern Division (2025-2027)
Scott Hedgecock, Immediate Past President, Western Division (2024-2026)
Clay Blackman, President-Elect, North Central Division (2025-2027)
Chad Rose, President-Elect, Northwest Division (2025-2027)
Annamarie Bollino, President-Elect, Southern Division (2024-2026)

II Staff Members Present

Christopher B.L. Woodside, NAFME Executive Director
Kim Henry, NAFME Chief of Staff and Governance Relations

III Guests

Dawn Murphy, NAFME Legal Special Counsel, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP

IV Call to Order

President Cecil Adderley called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. Eastern Time on Saturday, January 24, 2026.

V Review and Adoption of Agenda (Appendix A)

IT WAS MOVED BY TENGOWSKI, SECONDED BY BAUMGARTNER, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE AGENDA, INCLUDING THE CONSENT AGENDA, WITH FLEXIBILITY AS DIRECTED BY THE PRESIDENT:

- *APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2, 2025 NEB MINUTES*
- *APPROVAL OF NAFME COUNCIL APPOINTMENT BY DIVISION*
 - *MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY ADVISORY COUNCIL*
 - *SOUTHERN DIVISION* *KEVIN MCLELLAN*
- *APPROVAL OF NAFME COUNCIL APPOINTMENT – MEMBERS-AT-LARGE*
 - *INNOVATIONS COUNCIL*
 - *MICHAELA DAVIS*
- *APPROVAL OF TEACHING MUSIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT*
 - *MICHELE PAYNTER PAISE*

VI Reports/Ongoing Business

A Report of Chair, Executive Committee

President Adderley directed the board to review the November 2025 financials that were provided to the board. The November 2025 month to date (MTD) and year to date (YTD) expenses, revenue, and investments were included.

President Adderley led the board in a discussion about the NAFME dues. President Adderley reminded the board of the current dues amount of \$105.00.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUGUIER, SECONDED BY GABEL, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, TO MAINTAIN THE ANNUAL ACTIVE DUES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 AT \$105.00; ALL OTHER RATES WILL BE PROPORTIONAL TO THE ACTIVE ANNUAL DUES RATE.

President Adderley reviewed for the board the proposal for the Music Education Journal Special Focus Issue, "Health and Wellness in Music Education."

IT WAS MOVED BY BAUMGARTNER, SECONDED BY TENGOWSKI, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, TO APPROVE THE MUSIC EDUCATION JOURNAL SPECIAL FOCUS ISSUE, "HEALTH AND WELLNESS IN MUSIC EDUCATION" TO BE PUBLISHED IN MARCH 2027.

President Adderley led the board in a discussion about a 2027 Music Program Leaders Forum. The board discussed timing, location, budget, and promotions for this potential event.

IT WAS MOVED BY BROWNELL, SECONDED BY STONE, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, TO CHARGE THE CHAIR OF THE MUSIC PROGRAM LEADERS COUNCIL TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO THE BOARD. THE PROPOSAL WILL INCLUDE FURTHER INVESTIGATION INTO TARGET AUDIENCES, POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS, AND WILL ALSO BE REVIEWED BY THE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE.

VII Appointments

A Approval of NAFME Council Appointments by Division

Approved in the consent agenda. See page 2.

B Approval of NAFME Council Appointments – Members-at-Large

Approved in the consent agenda. See page 2.

C Approval of Music Teacher Profession Advisory Committee

Approved in the consent agenda. See page 2.

VIII Old Business

A 2026 National Assembly Update

President Adderley provided an update to the board about the 2026 National Assembly. The board discussed National Assembly planning.

XI Executive Session

WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:44 A.M.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 12:55 P.M.

IT WAS MOVED BY ROSE, SECONDED BY BAUMGARTNER, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, TO AUTHORIZE NAFME STAFF TO EXPLORE PROVIDING AN OFFER OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE TO WASHINGTON MEA AND THAT THE NORTHWEST DIVISION LEADERSHIP TEAM DRAFT A PROPOSAL FOR A 2027 NORTHWEST DIVISION HONOR EVENT TO PRESENTED AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

President Adderley recessed the NEB at 12:55 p.m. for lunch. Following the lunch recess, the meeting was called back to order at 1:40 p.m.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 1:40 P.M.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 2:56 P.M.

The Board returned from Executive Session and reported out that it had discussed financial, budget, personnel, and program development issues.

X Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED BY BLACKMAN, SECONDED BY TENGOWSKI, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026 AT 3:18 P.M. EASTERN TIME.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher B.L. Woodside, Executive Director

Summary and notes formally taken by Kim Henry, Chief of Staff and Governance Relations

Appendix A



National Executive Board Agenda
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