



**APPROVED Minutes
National Executive Board
May 18, 2026
6:17 p.m.- 8:32 p.m. ET
Virtual Meeting**

I Board Members Present

Cecil Adderley, NAFME President (2025-2028)
Scott Sheehan, NAFME Immediate Past President (2024-2026)
Judy Bush, NAFME President-Elect (2026-2028)
Wayne Mallette, President, Eastern Division (2025-2027)
Kim Bruguier, President, North Central Division (2024-2026)
Susan Smith, President, Southern Division (2024-2026)
Chris Baumgartner, President, Southwestern Division (2025-2027)
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)
Heather Cote, President-Elect, Eastern Division (2025-2027)
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)
Joseph Flores, President-Elect, Southwestern Division (2025-2027)
Anne Fennell, President-Elect, Western Division (2024-2026)
Angelica Brooks, National Executive Board Member (2024-2026)

II Staff Members Present

Christopher B.L. Woodside, NAFME Executive Director
Chaudlier M. Moore, NAFME Chief Financial and Administrative Officer
Kim Henry, NAFME Chief of Staff and Governance Relations

III Call to Order

President Cecil Adderley called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, May 18, 2026.

IV Review and Adoption of Agenda (Appendix A)

IT WAS MOVED BY FENNELL, SECONDED BY ROSE, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE AGENDA, INCLUDING THE CONSENT AND INTERIM AGENDAS, WITH FLEXIBILITY AS DIRECTED BY THE PRESIDENT:

- *APPROVAL OF APRIL 11, 2026 NEB MINUTES*
- *APPROVAL OF APRIL 21, 2026 NEB MINUTES*
- *APPROVAL OF EQUITY COMMITTEE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD APPOINTMENT*
 - *ALICE HAMMEL (VA)*
 - *ISAIAH MASON (NJ)*
- *APPROVAL OF EQUITY COMMITTEE PLPC APPOINTMENT*
 - *ALICE HAMMEL/ISAIAH MASON*
 - *KK FRIAR (OR)*
 - *TONIA KAUFFMAN (PA)*
- *APPROVAL OF EQUITY COMMITTEE MTPAC APPOINTMENT*
 - *ERIKA KNAPP (TX)*
- *APPROVAL OF SMTE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS*
 - *CHAIR-ELECT: CHRIS BAUMGARTNER (OK)*
 - *SOUTHERN REPRESENTATIVE: ELIZABETH S. SCHULTZ (FL)*
 - *SOUTHWESTERN REPRESENTATIVE: CRYSTAL GERRARD-RAMIREZ (TX)*
- *APPROVAL OF JRME EDITORIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS*
 - *JENNIFER BLACKWELL*
 - *JAMEY KELLY*
 - *AMANDA DRAPER*
 - *DAVID MILLER*
 - *MARA CULP*
 - *BRADLEY REGIER*
 - *DONNA GALLO*
 - *CHRISTINA SVEC*
 - *NICHOLAS ROSETH*
- *APPROVAL OF UPDATE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS*
 - *CRYSTAL GERRARD-RAMIREZ (TX)*
 - *MATTHEW SCHATT*
 - *KRISTINA WEIMER*
 - *ALEC SCHERE*
 - *RACHEL SORENSON*
 - *THOMAS SANDISH-RINN*
 - *TINA BEVERIDGE*
- *APPROVAL OF JMTE ASSOCIATE EDITOR*
 - *SEAN POWELL*
- *APPROVAL OF JMTE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS*
 - *ERIKA KNAPP (TX)*
 - *LISA MARTIN*
 - *RACHEL SORENSON*
 - *KEXIN XU*
- *APPROVAL OF MEJ EDITORIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS*
 - *HYESOO YOO*

- DANIEL ALBERT
- WARREN GRAMM
- JOHN HART
- CHRISTINA HERMAN
- STUART HILL
- CHRISTA KUEBEL
- ROY LEGETTE
- HAMIDREZA NIKNAMPOUR
- EMMETT O'LEARY
- DAVID POTTER
- APPROVAL OF MEJ ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
 - ANGELA AMMERMAN
 - CHRIS BULGREN
 - ALICIA CANTERBURY
 - JENNIFER GREENE
 - RACHEL HAYES SANUINETTI
 - NATALIE ROYSTON
 - JOHN SCHALLER
 - AMY SIERZEGA
 - EDWARD VARNER
- APPROVAL OF JGME EDITORIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
 - JASON JONES
 - RAYCHL SMITH
- APPROVAL OF PROXIES TO 2026 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
 - JAZZ COUNCIL CHAIR – LENORA HELM HAMMONDS
 - SMTE CHAIR – DANIEL HELLMAN
 - CMEA (CT) PRESIDENT – BRIAN COOK

V Reports/Ongoing Business

A Report of Chair, Executive Committee

President Adderley asked Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, Chaudlier Moore, to provide an overview of the NAFME finances. Mr. Moore reviewed the March 2026 month to date (MTD) and year to date (YTD) expenses, revenue, and investments. Total join/renew activity fiscal year to date is 1.28% ahead of last year.

VI Executive Session

WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:47 P.M.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 7:28 P.M.

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

VII Reports/Ongoing Business (continued)

B Elections Report

President Adderley reviewed the Eastern Division candidates for President-Elect, 2027-2029.

IT WAS MOVED BY BROWNELL, SECONDED BY ROSE, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, TO APPROVE THE CANDIDATES FOR EASTERN DIVISION PRESIDENT-ELECT, 2027-2029.

- *BRETT KEITH, PA*
- *MEGAN KIRWAN, CT*

VIII Appointments

A Approval of Equity Committee National Executive Board Appointments

Approved in the consent agenda. See page 2.

B Approval of Equity Committee PLPC Appointments

Approved in the consent agenda. See page 2.

C Approval of Equity Committee MTPAC Appointment

Approved in the consent agenda. See page 2.

D Approval of SMTE Executive Committee Appointments

Approved in the consent agenda. See page 2.

E Approval of JRME Editorial Committee Member Appointments

Approved in the consent agenda. See page 2.

F Approval of Update Editorial Committee Member Appointments

Approved in the consent agenda. See page 2.

G Approval of JMTE Associate Editor

Approved in the consent agenda. See page 2.

H Approval of JMTE Editorial Committee Member Appointments

Approved in the consent agenda. See page 2.

I Approval of MEJ Editorial Committee Member Appointments

Approved in the consent agenda. See page 2.

J Approval of MEJ Advisory Committee Member Appointments

Approved in the consent agenda. See page 2.

K Approval of JGME Editorial Committee Member Appointments

Approved in the consent agenda. See page 2.

L Approval of 2026 National Assembly Proxies

Approved in the consent agenda. See page 2.

IX Old Business

A Music Program Leaders Forum 2027 Proposal

President Adderley provided an update to the board on the proposal from the Chair of the Music Program Leaders for the 2027 Music Program Leaders Forum. The board discussed promotions and planning for the event.

B 2026 National Assembly Update

President Adderley provided an update to the board about the 2026 National Assembly. Announcements and reminders for registration and other logistics for the National Assembly, Collegiate Leadership Advocacy Summit, Hill Day, and the Advocacy Leadership Initiative continued through May. The board discussed National Assembly planning.

X Executive Session

WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:15 P.M.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:32 P.M.

IT WAS MOVED BY FENNELL, SECONDED BY BLACKMAN, AND CARRIED, TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ARMSTRONG MCGUIRE WHEN NEGOTIATIONS ARE FINALIZED FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH.

XI Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED BY BOLLINO, SECONDED BY FENNELL, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026 AT 8:37 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



**National Executive Board Agenda
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I	Review & Adoption of Agenda		
	Confirm Consent Agenda		
	• Approval of April 11, 2026 NEB Minutes	Consent	Pages 1-11
	• Approval of April 21, 2026 NEB Minutes	Consent	Pages 12-13
	• Approval of Equity Committee NEB Appointment	Consent	
	• Approval of Equity Committee PLPC Appointments	Consent	
	• Approval of Equity Committee MTPAC Appointments	Consent	
	• Approval of SMTE Executive Committee Appointments	Consent	
	• Approval of JRME Editorial Committee Appointments	Consent	
	• Approval of Update Editorial Committee Appointments	Consent	
	• Approval of JMTE Associate Editor Appointment	Consent	
	• Approval of JMTE Editorial Committee Appointments	Consent	
	• Approval of MEJ Editorial Committee Appointments	Consent	
	• Approval of MEJ Advisory Committee Appointments	Consent	
	• Approval of JGME Editorial Committee Appointments	Consent	
	• Approval of Proxies to 2026 National Assembly	Consent	
II	Ongoing Business		
	• Financial Report	Informational	Pages 14-26
	○ March 2026 High Notes	Informational	
	○ Q3 Quarterly Management Report	Informational	
	APPENDIX A		
	• State MEA Updates	Informational	

APPENDIX B1, B2

• Northwest Division Honor Groups Update	Action	Pages 27-28
• Elections Report	Informational	
○ Candidates for Eastern Division President-Elect	Action	Page 29
○ 2027 Timeline – Division	Informational	Pages 30-32
○ 2028 Timeline – National	Informational	Pages 33-35
• Advocacy & Public Policy Update	Informational	Pages 36-37
• Music Teacher Professional Advisory Committee	Discussion	Pages 38-42
• Professional Learning and Partnerships Committee Update (PLPC)	Discussion	Pages 43-45
• NEB Liaison Report	Discussion	Pages 46-47

III Appointments

• Approval of NAFME Equity Committee NEB Appointments	Consent	Pages 48-53
• Approval of NAFME Equity Committee PLPC Appointments	Consent	
• Approval of Equity Committee MTPAC Appointments	Consent	
• Approval of SMTE Executive Committee Appointments	Consent	Page 54
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• Approval of JMTE Associate Editor Appointment	Consent	Pages 57-58
• Approval of JMTE Editorial Committee Appointments	Consent	
• Approval of MEJ Editorial Committee Appointments	Consent	Pages 59-60
• Approval of MEJ Advisory Committee Appointments	Consent	
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IV Old Business

• Music Program Leaders Forum 2027	Action	Page 62-63
• National Assembly 2026 Update		
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○ 2026 National Assembly Survey Results	Informational	Pages 65-71
○ 2026 National Assembly Schedule Update	Informational	Pages 72-75
○ Approval of National Assembly		

Proxies

Consent

- V New Business
 - SMTE Symposium Procedures

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- VI Executive Session