



NORTH CAROLINA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

Saturday May 2, 2026 2:00PM
Room 223, UNCG Music Building

Board Members Present

Chris White - President

Jim Kirkpatrick - Past President

Andrew Jameson - President Elect

Rodney Workman - Honors Band

Fran Shelton - General Account

Rodney Workman - Honors Band Account

Michael Hough - Webmaster

Steven Kelly - Band Section Delegate

Secretary - Karen Williams-Lanning

District Presidents/Reps Present

- Eastern – Jake Wentzek
- Southeastern – Olivia Spell
- East Central – Tim Kohring
- Central – Michael Capps
- Northwest – Robert Johnston
- South Central – Ashleigh Cook
- Western – Tim Sale

Call to Order and Welcome by President Chris White at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda - all approved none opposed

Approval of Minutes - Chris White/Karen Williams Lanning

[Fall 2025 Board of Directors Minutes](#)

Recorded by Karen Williams Lanning, NCBA Secretary

Creighton Flowers instead Greg Flowers correction to the minutes.

Minutes - Motioned. All approved, none opposed.

Acknowledgements - Chris White

Thanks to our Honors Band Hosts:

- Jonathan Caldwell, Director of Bands - UNCG
- Brad McMillan - UNCG
- UNCG Auditorium Staff

Thanks to Auditions and Clinic Leadership:

- Jim Kirkpatrick, Honors Band Chair
- Eddie Deaton, Honors Band Coordinator
- Rodney Workman, Honors Band Treasurer
- Colin Tapp, MS Auditions Chair
- Mallory Hill, 9/10 Auditions Chair
- Helen Park, 11/12 Auditions Chair
- Justin Summers, Auditions Site Host
- Olivia Spell, MS Clinic Chair
- Chad Higdon, 9/10 Clinic Chair
- Tim Sale, 11/12 Clinic Chair

Thanks to District Chairs:

- Eastern – Jake Wentzek
- Southeastern – Olivia Spell
- East Central – Tim Kohring
- Central – Michael Capps
- Northwest – Robert Johnston
- South Central – Ashleigh Cook
- Western – Tim Sale

NCBA Treasurer's Report - Fran Shelton

[Finance Report](#)

NCBA General: \$18,783.13

CDBA: \$23,795.02

ECDBA: \$15,026.88

EDBA: \$30,537.50

NWDBA: \$54,106.88

SCDBA: \$31,471.34

SEDBA: \$24,086.57

WDBA: \$10,095.31

[Suggested updates to the Financial Guidelines of the NCBA Policies and Procedures document.](#)

No SEMPA committee reimbursements at this time.

The sightreading bill has currently not been paid.

Approval of Report - Motioned. All approved, none opposed.

Chris White expressed appreciation to Rodney Workman for developing the NCBA Financial Guidelines and Reimbursement Chart, which provides a clear and consistent understanding of eligible reimbursements and their purpose.

NCBA Honors Band Treasurer's Report - Rodney Workman

NCBA Honors: \$54,905.80

- This amount is before we pay for clinic expenses
- Music Buy Back available after the clinic
- Additional cost of audition site
- Cost of audition tabulation / coordination

Rodney Workman shared that more funds are fully deposited thanks to registrations via Cheddar. Also, if anyone is interested in purchasing music that they hear at the clinic this weekend, please let him know as this will support the All State account.

Approval of Report - Motioned. All approved, none opposed.

Webmaster Report - Michael Hough

Michael shared that if the membership views a mistake on the website, please let him know so that it can be corrected.

MPA Committee - Andrew Jameson

[Committee Agenda](#)

The committee discussed creating a statewide database for MPA judges and in and out of the state.

New MPA tool - piloted by the Eastern District (South site) (created by Robert Parker)

- Well received by judges and directors
- To be pursued by the Eastern District and one other district next year
- Hope to have in place for the entire state by 2028 MPA events - costs associated? Training? Devices for judges?
- MPA plaque process - Andrew asked for feedback from the membership about the plaque process and if
- 19 pieces were added to the MPA list and three level adjustments were made

All-State Honors Band - Jim Kirkpatrick

[Committee Agenda](#)

Jim thanked Justin Sumners for his work and allowing us to use Atkins High School for auditions. Due to financial constraints, next year auditions will take place at Davie County High School.

Jim shared appreciation to the staff of UNCG for a now formal partnership that secures long-term hosting.

Stage capacity limits additional instruments for future all state clinics such as extra oboes, bassoons, etc. The committee will also review the percussion audition procedures, including potential adjustments to blind audition format. They will also explore including a piano audition on a case by case basis if the all state music calls for it.

The committee is going to create rubric new excerpts for sight reading. Materials will be reviewed in November. String Bass auditions are being reviewed due to the current level of difficulty.

The committee is working on the following policy and governance considerations

- Confidentiality and Data Security
- Disciplinary Framework
- Student contract and agreements
- Results Distribution
- Attendance Policy

The committee will bring this information to the membership in November.

Honors Band Auditions - Jim Kirkpatrick

Date: March 6, 2027

Snow Date: March 13, 2027

Location: Davie County High School (New Location)

Fee: \$20

2027 Audition Chairs:

- Middle School: Colin Tapp
- 9/10: Mallory Hill
- 11/12: Matt Howard
- Coordinator / Tabulator: Eddie Deaton

Honors Band Clinic - Jim Kirkpatrick

Clinic Nominations:

MS Clinicians Vote:

Jennifer Isenhour Gold Hill MS (SC) - 71

Tiffany Hitz - Robinson Sec. (VA) - 56

Robert Herrings - Vista Ridge (TX) -49

Gary Williams - Prosper ISD (TX) - 18

Erin Cole - Tapp MS (GA) - 18

9/10 Clinicians Vote:

Dr. William Talley - Ohio University - 76

Mike Williams Cape Fear HS (NC) 46

Dr. Mark Norman - UNCSCA / PWS - 37

Dr. Jack Eaddy - UGA 29 (GA)

Dr. Cole Hairston - Brevard College (NC) 13

Isaiah Odajima; Baylor (TX) 9

11/12 Clinician Vote:

Dr. Verena Mosenbichler-Bryant - Duke University - 68

Dr. T. Andre Feagan - Central Washington 62

Dr. Emily Threinen - University of Minnesota - 32
Dr. Jon Caldwell - UNC-Greensboro 28
Dr. Margi Underwood - WCU (NC) 17
Colonel Michael Colburn (NY) 8
Dr. Don McKinney - Indiana University 1

All State Clinic 2027

Date: April 30 - May 2, 2027

Location: UNC-Greensboro

Fee: \$60

2027 Clinicians:

- MS - [Chip De Stefano](#) (McCracken MS; Skokie, Illinois)
- 9/10 - [Dr. Courtney Snyder](#) (University of Michigan)
- 11/12 - [Col. Don Schofield](#) (USAF Band)

2027 Clinic Chairs:

- Middle School: Olivia Spell
- 9/10: Chad Higdon
- 11/12: Tim Sale

Marching Band Committee - Olivia Spell

[Committee Agenda](#)

NCBA Marching Band: \$4,264.37

Olivia thanked Ann Reese for her time and years of commitment to the marching band section of NCBA. The committee is currently searching for a new appointee.

Old Business included - judges training continues with David Kaiser and those will continue to be offered throughout the year, including at the Building Better Bands Clinic this Summer.

The committee reviewed feedback that was received from the state marching proposal and will present updates to the board this November.

The committee reviewed feedback from directors that have used competition suite and will continue to gather data.

New business included:

Double checking electronics policies from the fall meeting.

Clean Up Judging Spreadsheet

- Remove Duplicates
- Add new google form for tracking judges training
- Make it have a tab to same google sheet

The committee wants to start a database of all marching shows. District representatives will be asking for feedback during spring meetings.

Program of Distinction Program of Merit - Steven Kelly

Steven shared that the links will be active until June 15, 2026. Directors who have volunteered to assess will be assessing outside of their district.

Steven reviewed the requirements and how to access the criteria from the state website as well as tips for assisting with uploading required criteria.

Steven will send out emails once assessments are complete that will include a digital badge.

Chris shared his appreciation for Steven and the framework that he has developed to streamline this process.

[NC Bandmasters website](#)



[Presentation Slide Deck](#)



Old Business - Chris White

Consideration of Changes to Constitution and By-Laws

[Process for proposal submission](#)

This was shared for reading and review during the Fall meeting and up for vote today.

This passed unanimously.

Marching Band Committee Proposal

- [Marching Band Committee Proposal](#)

Proposed Change:

“**Article II. Section 4.** The NCBA Marching Band Committee **should** consist of three members from each district. Appointed or elected according to each district’s procedures, each district will select one member that represents a 1A-4A high school (as defined by NCHSAA), one member that represents a 5A-8A high school (as defined by NCHSAA), and **may** select an additional third member that will represent a high school with a traditional style or show band. **In the absence of a 1-4A or 5-8A school within a district, band size may be used to determine diverse representation.** The term for each member shall be a two-year rotation to coincide with the rotation of their District Presidents. The chair of this committee shall serve a two year term to coincide with the rotation of the NCBA President.”

Chris shared that the board did a second reading yesterday and voted to bring it to the membership.

The floor was opened for discussion.

- What is the average size of every committee in the state? And the question is why does this committee need more members compared to every other committee?
- Will this create a financial burden for the marching section or NCBA?
 - The board discussed this yesterday and how to financially cover costs.

Chris asked that the membership take this proposal as well as additional questions back to their districts and have discussions to make an informed decision in November.

Old Business

Policies and Procedures Update

[Policies and Procedures update / maintenance proposal](#)

Chris is proposing:

The immediate Past-President shall further be charged with the responsibility of maintaining, reviewing, and, as necessary, updating the Association’s Constitution, By-Laws, and Policy and Procedure documents, and shall ensure that the official, current versions of such governing documents are properly preserved and made available to the membership through duly authorized Association publications or electronic platforms.

Professional Development Opportunities -Chris White

2026 NCMEA Conference - “The Future Sounds Like

This”; Winston-Salem; Nov. 7-10

- [Performance application deadline](#) - Due Friday, May 8
 - Conference Performance Application
 - Community Band slot on Saturday PM
- Dr. Shelley Jagow
- Piedmont Wind Symphony
- NC Brass Band
- Clinic Bands / Hands-On Teaching Sessions
- Saturday Sessions
- New Music Reading Session

Building Better Bands PD Conference

- Free for directors thanks to funding by NCMEA Grant, NCBA, ASBDA, AMEN, Bank OZK, and the Piedmont Wind Symphony
- June 18-19; UNCSA, Wilson-Salem

Rodney Workman expressed thanks to NCMEA for their support and funding as well as NCBA, ASBDA for their support of this event.

Building Better Bands

2026 CONFERENCE DATES
JUNE 18-19th

UNCSA
WINSTON SALEM, NC

FEATURED CLINICIANS

 Dr. Mark Norman	 Tiffany Hitz	 Lisa Healy	 Jeff Warner
 Leslie Phillips	 Quincy Lundy	 Phillip Riggs	 Roosevelt Pratt
 Rodney Workman	 Tom Jenner	 WC Lanning	 Melody Chaplin

— BONUS SESSIONS —

JUNE 17-18
RISING 9
HONOR BAND

JUNE 17
NCBA MARCHING
JUDGES TRAINING

2026 Sponsors:



Celebrations - Chris White & Members

Chris asked that directors share information and be recognized from the list below:

- Teachers of the Year
- Retirees

- Summer Music Camps
- Other Celebrations

NBA Awards / Citations

- **Outstanding Jazz Educator Award:**
 - Thomas Taylor (NC Central University)
- **National Citation of Excellence for Concert Band**
 - Lufkin Road Middle School Symphonic Band (Raleigh; Ryan Wing, director)
 - Morehead City Middle School Honors Band (Morehead City; Jason Robison, director)
 - Hickory Ridge Wind Symphony (Harrisburg; Chris White and David Rivero, directors)
 - Holly Springs High School (Holly Springs; Michael Biasi, director)
 - Appalachian State University (Boone; Dr. John Stanly Ross, director)
 - Western Carolina University (Cullowhee; Dr. Margaret Underwood, director)
- **Certificate of Merit for Marching Excellence**
 - Green Hope High School (Cary; Creighton Flowers, director)
 - Green Level High School (Cary; Brian Myers, director)
 - Panther Creek High School (Cary; Andrew Weiss, director)
 - Cleveland High School (Clayton; Jason Heard, director)
 - Fayetteville State University (Fayetteville; Austin Chalmers, director)
 - North Carolina A&T University (Greensboro; Dr. Kenneth Ruff, director)

President's Cup National Concert Band Invitational

- Union Academy Wind Ensemble (Monroe; Doug Rowe and Taylor Price, directors)
- Hoke County High School Wind Ensemble (Raeford; Jeremy Ross, director)
- Willow Spring High School Wind Ensemble (Fuquay-Varina; Kevin Still, director)

Carnegie Hall Performances:

- Cuthbertson Middle School Honor Band (Waxhaw; Katie Ebert, director)
- Ronald Reagan High School Band and Orchestra (Pfafftown; Robert Johnston and Kenny Tysor, directors)
- Atkins High School Wind Ensemble (Winston-Salem; Justin Sumners, director)

Percussion Arts Society - Justin Johnson

Spoke to the membership about offering support and resources for band percussion programs.

Clinic Logistic Reminders - Jim Kirkpatrick

- There will be a QR code for programs for patrons and each student will receive a program as a keepsake.
- Reminder of new entrances and exits for the auditorium this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Williams-Lanning