ECDBA Fall Meeting
Wednesday, September 2, 2026 - 6pm
River Bend MS, Auditorium

Call to Order and approval of agenda (Kohring) Approved
Welcome and introductions (Kohring) - thanks Paul Seigler and River Bend MS!
Membership Info Updates - Form - Past Responses
Unofficial #GroupMe - MS , HS
Secretary's Report/Approval of Spring Minutes (Rekeibe) Approved
Treasurer's Report (Duryea) - Report, Budget Approved
Webmaster's Report (Jenner) Please be sure that your communications regarding events and emails should not be with Jenner, he is simply the messenger. If you have any questions or concerns regarding website information, please contact Jenner.

Old Business:

Calendar of Events (Kohring)

We will be returning to MS & HS MPA sites. The effort of creating grade level specific sites (I -V & IV - Masterworks) created more problems than were solved in an effort to help capacity levels. MS MPA will operate at three days (March 9, 10, 11)

Building Better Bands Clinic hosted at UNCSA in June. We encourage the membership to attend the 2027 clinic.

We currently still need a snow date location for ECDBA All-District Auditions. Interested members should contact Margie Harrison (mharrison3@wcpss.net) regarding questions for location and room commitments

Event Reports (as needed)

1. All District Auditions (Myers, Hartman) - Revised Rubric

Auditions will be at Broughton High School again. Brian Meyers will send out the draft registration list of students. Please be sure to proofread the sent list. Please adhere to all deadlines to ensure your students are registered and are able to participate in the audition.

2. All District Clinic (Jarvis, Burrell)
Job Descriptions and Volunteers - Link

Middle School Concert Band Clinician will be Steve Kuni and Symphonic is to be determined.

High School clinicians are Joe Busuito and Hunter Kopczynski.

If you have percussion students that are placed into the ensembles, please be sure that you communicate with the other directors to ensure that percussion equipment is available for the rehearsals and performances, as well as not having duplicate equipment.

3. Middle School MPA: (Yosai) - Updates ***Information form link for planning

If you have contact information for approved adjudicators, please message Audrey Yosai (ayosai@wcpss.net), so the spreadsheet is able to be updated for most current information.

Fran Shelton, confirmed MS adjudicators

4. High School MPA: (Weiss)

HS MPA dates are March 16, 17, 18. Andy Weiss will work to ensure that high quality percussion equipment is available and on stage for performances. Perry Ditch, Austin Chalmers, Neil Underwood, and Bill Witcher all confirmed as adjudicators for the HS MPA site.

Score share spreadsheet will be sent out.

High school days are quite full and will be treated as a "first come, first serve", so be sure to submit your registration early and on time to ensure that your ensemble will be able to perform within the district. If you register, you need to be sure that you attend, because you will be taking a spot from another ensemble to be able to participate.

The board had a discussion about increasing the registration fee from $175; however, the district continues to remain in the "black" each year, so there is not a current need for increasing the registration amount. Additionally, we are looking into providing professional audio recording at both sites.

5. Solo and Ensemble MPA (Parunak, Nivison)

Thursday, April 29 - Virtual Solo/Ensemble MPA (Videos due)
Saturday, May 15 - Solo & Ensemble Showcase

If you have any questions, please reach out to Andrew Parunak (matthew.parunak@ravenscroft.org) and Wendy Kuppler (wendy_kuppler@caryacademy.org)

Please encourage your students to participate in submission, and attend the performance showcase!

News from State Committees

1. All State Honors Band Committee (Cvijanovic, Rekeibe) - Agenda from Spring 2026

Auditions are no longer at Atkins High School. Now, at Davie County High School (180 War Eagle Dr, Mocksville, NC 27028). The committee is working on building a rubric for sight reading criteria to help with preparations for auditions.

2. Marching Band Committee (Foster) - 5/1/26 Meeting Notes

There was a great response to judges training occurring at the Building Better Bands clinic over the summer. Show hosts that used "Competition Suite" provided very positive feedback, and it will continue to be used.

There is now a change to a 6-minute minimum requirement. This is a change from 7 minute requirement in previous years

The electronics policy will now align with WGI standard policies, "one touch, one sound". Electronics are not permitted to provide pulse information. Clarification will be added to the handbook for the electronics policy.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Chris Foster (crfoster@wcpss.net)

3. MPA Committee (Biasi/Slade) - Info from Spring

New music submission are due Nov. 1st, please fill out the form!

4. Jazz Section (Newsome) - email from Clemens forwarded 9/1/26

- Region jazz audition materials have been updated and are available to directors. They can be accessed here: https://sites.google.com/ncmea.net/ncmeajazz/audition-materials-for-region-and-state?authuser=0

- The Durham Jazz Workshop will be offering a free clinic for students at the Sharp 9 in Durham on Saturday, November 14th. This is an opportunity to work on the audition material/process for both high school and middle school students. A registration form will be sent out at a later date, but the draft schedule can be seen below.
  12:30-1:30pm Middle School Audition Prep Clinic.
  1:45-3:00pm High School Audition Prep Clinic.
  3:15-4:15pm Clinician Jazz Concert and Student Jam Session.
  4:30pm Clinic ends.
  7:00pm optional concert at Sharp 9.

- The Durham Jazz Workshop would like to offer a PD clinic on improv for directors at the Central Region Jazz Clinic. If this interests you, please fill out this Google Form. https://forms.gle/kDj4wQHPfHBvQpZW9

Please reach out to Luke Meade (lmeade@wcpss.net) with any questions

5. Mentor (Cashin/Edwards/Kuni) - Updates

Thank you Matt Edward, co-chair of the NCMEA Mentor program. Additionally, feel free to reach out to Mark Cashin (MarkCashin@cghsnc.org) and Steve Kuni (%20stevenkuni@gmail.com) with any questions regarding updates or the mentorship program.

Other Information:

1. All-District/State solos (Kohring)
2. Reminders from NCBA (Kohring) - Agenda
   - All State Auditions - Location Change!
   - Congrats to Programs of Merit/Distinction
     - Thank you Bryan Meyers for all of the work in creating and coordinating this program
3. Past-President Bylaws/Policies and Procedures Custodial Work (Newsome)
   - No new changes

New Business:

Discussion –

At the NCMEA Conference in November, there will be a proposal put to a vote to expand the Marching Band Committee to more representatives, expanding the entire committee to 21 members, largest out of any committee in the state organization. It is important that we have representation from our ECDBA district present to ensure our voice is heard. A vote will be made at the general meeting at NCMEA. Tim Kohring will reach out to Chris White and the state board to receive clarity.

News to Share/Celebrate/Announcements (Kohring)

Midwest Presentations or Performances

Wes Parker and Becca Clemens Presentation

Local Fall Marching Band Shows

Panther Creek 9/26 (Weiss); Middle Creek 10/3 (Newsome); Rolesville 10/10 (Harshman);
Fuquay Varina 10/17 (Butler); Sanderson 10/24 (Townley); Cary 10/31 (Martel)

NCMEA Performances

Justin Dickson: The ForScore App for Beginners, Saturday, Nov 7, @2pm
Renee Todd and Ryan Wing: Tongue, Air and Time: The Art of Articulation, Sunday, Nov 8, @2pm;
Diverse Composers session
Triangle Youth Jazz Orchestra
Leesville Road High School: Symphonic Band Concert, Monday, Nov 9, @2pm;

Music for All Performances

Green Level High School
Enloe High School
Leesville Road Middle School
Cardinal Gibbons High School Percussion

NC Youth Wind Ensemble -

Middle School Audition Materials
High School Audition Materials

Adjournment (Kohring)

Next planned ECDBA meeting - Jan 29 and 30 at All District Clinics
Please check the calendar for all future registration dates and events!