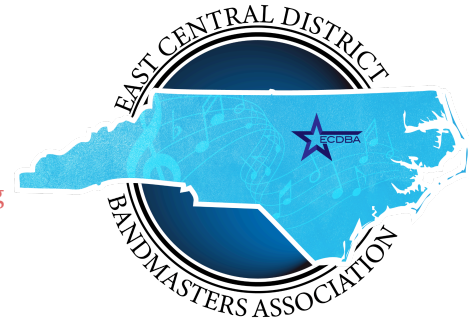


ECDBA Spring Meeting
Wednesday, May 6, 2026 - 6pm
Middle Creek High School, Media Center



Call to Order and approval of agenda (Kohring) **Approved**

Welcome and introductions (Kohring) - thanks Page Newsome and Middle Creek HS!

Thank you to Erich Haas and Music & Arts for offering dinner catering for tonight's meeting

Membership Info Updates - [Form](#) - [Past Responses](#)

Unofficial #GroupMe - [MS](#) , [HS](#)

Secretary's Report/Approval of Fall [Minutes](#) (Rekeibe) **Approved**

Treasurer's Report (Duryea) - [Report](#), [Budget](#) **Approved**

Financial report linked from 1/23/2026, since there was not a winter meeting in tandem with the All-District Clinics

MPA amounts are running significantly in the red in comparison to the year's previous,

Overall account still considered to be running in the black

Procedures (Kohring) - Punctuality, Policy, Future Budget

Chairs, please continue to be punctual with submitting your reports

Webmaster's Report (Jenner/Kohring)

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:

Event Reports (as needed)

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

More updates and reminders to come in the fall. Please reach out to Brian Meyers and Nathan Hartman if you have any questions or concerns regarding the auditions.

2. All District Clinic (Jarvis, Burrell)

Divide into MS/HS Brief (10min) Session - Clinic Committee Creation

MIDDLE SCHOOL CLINIC

Clinician Liaisons

Concert - **to be decided when clinicians are selected**

Symphonic - **to be decided when clinicians are selected**

Program Chair - **Silas Josephson**

Social Chair - **Ryan Wing**

Percussion Chair

Concert - **Paul Seigler**

Symphonic - **Cal Giambusso? Rachel Olesey? Eric Stauffer? (need to be communicated with)**

HIGH SCHOOL CLINIC

Clinician Liaisons

9/10 WE - **Avery Butler**

11/12 S - **Creighton Flowers**

11/12 WE - **Page Newsome**

Program Chair - **Georgia Kate Shelton**

Social Chair - **Kevin Still**

Percussion Chair

9/10 WE - **Mark Cashin**

11/12 S - **Tim McCoy**

11/12 WE - **Josh Cvijanovic**

Job Descriptions and Volunteers - [Link](#)

3. MPA - Holly Springs: Grades I-IV / MS+HS (Yosai) - [Report](#)

The grade I - IV site was successful. From the chair's perspective, the range allowed for selecting judges appropriate for the levels that will be attending. Please submit names to the ECDBA adjudicator list posted on the ECDBA website. Moving forward, the state may be moving to a state-approved only adjudication list.

4. MPA - Felton Grove: Grades IV-M / HS (Weiss) - Report

Thank you to Chris Foster for hosting! The new campus at Felton Grove HS was a great success and flowed well. The split functioned well on this campus. We need to discuss the options for splitting the two locations (I - IV and IV - Masterworks). Robert Parker created a spreadsheet of the percentage of programs choosing to attend at different grade levels. This year, the burden was alleviated on the judges, in not needing to judge 16 ensembles each day.

DISCUSSION - Flexibility is welcomed in situations. Keeping in mind that hard lines could make the difference between an ensemble being able to participate in MPA or not.

5. Solo and Ensemble MPA (Nivison, Parunak)

Hoping to send out SEMPA results May 7th. 80 entries and 12 schools. About 150 students participated. Need to discuss what would help having more students participating in the event. Please be sure that you have paid for your students. SEMPA chairs are still missing 3 payments. The recital will take place at Ravenscroft School on Saturday, May 16th. If you are interested in helping with SEMPA for 2026-2027, please reach out to Matthew Parunak.

News from State Committees

1. All State Honors Band Committee (Cvijanovic, Rekeibe) - [Report](#)

The host site location has changed to Davie County High School. Jim Kirkpatrick is working on creating a sightreading rubric/framework for all

2. Marching Band Committee (Foster) - [Updates](#)

- Rodney's Proposal for Marching Committee Diversity - Proposal for continued local discussion to vote in fall
 - Information in red on Rodney's proposal are in direct reference to the ECDBA, since the language was not inclusive of our
 - As committee representative, Chris Foster does not feel that this proposal works best for our district interests
 - Kohring proposed to limit expanding the committee, and simply encourage the district to have open conversations and representation of diverse program sizes
 - Now the way that it is worded, it may no longer be equitable
 - The finalized version of the proposal will be formally submitted to the NCBA President and Board no later than 30 days prior to the November 8th Board Meeting.
 - The proposal will be up for vote at the November NCMEA Fall Meeting.

3. MPA Committee (Biasi/Slade) - [Updates](#)

MPA results are now posted on the state website. Moving forward, the state may be moving to a state-approved only adjudication list. Be sure to take a look at the newly added and/or changed to the state list. November is when items are voted on for the state list. Biasi is interested in creating a subcommittee to comb through the currently approved list.

4. Jazz Section (Newsome)

[Central Region Jazz Meeting Agenda](#) - New website (TBA), [New Procedures](#) (revised 1/2026)

Thank you to Margie Harrison for her service as jazz liaison. Page Newsome will serve as a good point person for questions moving forward. If you have not participated in any Central Jazz, we encourage you to get you and your students involved! Great programs and events to expose your students to the genre. Becca Clemens is the current chair and Lucas Meade is president elect.

There is a three-year rotation to the jazz solos. Be sure to reference the NCMEA Jazz state website for additional information regarding Central Region Jazz information.

5. Mentor (Cashin/Edwards/Kuni) - [NCMEA Minutes](#)

- Currently, the number of mentors outnumbered the number of mentees that applied; however, the mentor names will continue to roll over into the next school year.
- Big thank you to Matt Edwards for helping make this program viable and possible!
- From Kuni - Sign up is open and ongoing. If anyone didn't register this year, as either a mentor or mentee, they can sign up any time.
 - [Mentee Registration Link](#)
 - NCMEA will reimburse mentor-mentee pairs for expenses related to their in-person observations (mileage, sub coverage, etc.). Tell your pairings to submit expense

reimbursement requests to Susan Heiserman no later than May 15. I think it's best to get those in before the worst of the end-of-academic-year rush sets in.

- Link to reimbursement request form:
 - PDF -
<https://www.ncmea.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Form-201-NCMEA-Reimbursement-Request-Form-FY-25-26.pdf>
 - Word -
<https://www.ncmea.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Form-201-NCMEA-Reimbursement-Request-Form-FY-25-26.docx>

Other Information:

1. All-District/State solos (Kohring)
 - Discussions happening at the state level regarding adding a piano audition, as needed.
2. NCBA Spring Meeting (Kohring) - Agenda
 - Clarification of Honorariums
 - NCBA created a new proposal document for the state
 - All State Auditions - Location Change!
 - Program of Merit/Distinction - Due June 15th - Link
 - We need **2 representatives** to touch base with Steven Kelly band_delegate@ncmea.net
 - Preferably MS / HS - evaluate bands from OTHER districts only
 - MS - **Paul Seigler**
 - HS - **Lorena Schakel**
 - Gather your evidence in a desktop folder before starting form submission
 - NCMEA Conference Performance Applications Due May 8 - Link
 - Eastern District MPA System - judges tapes, comments and AI transcription and summary from tapes, score calculation (A's and B's), registration, pieces from list, not playing same piece multiple years, seating chart, promethean board stage setup video for student helpers
 - Sightreading Rubric - All State Auditions Committee
 - Incident Summary - signed rules by students? - Do we want to adopt in the District?

New Business:

Past-President Bylaws/Policies and Procedures Custodial Work (Newsome)

Anyone is able to nominate for the NCBA Hall of Fame, please refer to submission requirements on the NCBA website.

Meeting Dates (changed in 2020 but not updated in document)

Proposed change under meeting section of bylaws:

"There shall be four meetings of the General Membership. The fall meeting shall be held during the first two weeks of September and the spring meeting shall be held within the week or two after All State Clinic in May. The exact date of the meetings will be flexible given that the day/date is announced one (1) year in advance by the district chair. In addition, one regular meeting shall be held at each of the two All-District Clinics. The Board of Directors shall meet prior to the Fall and Spring meetings and at such other times as the Chairperson may deem necessary. All meetings will be operated in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order Parliamentary Procedure."

MPA Proposal by Page Newsome

Proposed change under the MPA section of bylaws:

"Each year the ECDBA will sponsor MPA events for middle and high school bands to meet the scheduling needs of the district."

Changed from:

"Each year the ECDBA shall sponsor two (2) separate Band Concert MPA events, one designated for Middle School Bands and the other for High School Bands."

Margie Harrison moves discuss proposal

Audrey Yosai seconds motion

Discussion

Codifying Honorariums - Discussion of NCBA vs ECDBA event/committee honorariums -

[Honorariums Proposal](#)

Discussion on offering an honorarium for district chairs/presidents. Will be taken to the board.

Process for Proposals from NCBA Policies - [Link](#)

Please be sure to reference the linked document, to be voted on at the November 2026 meeting

Final Commission Update (Kohring / Newsome)

Tim Kohring has a digital copy of the commissioned "Banner of the Brave" by Christina Huss if you would like a copy.

[Draft Calendar for 2026-2027](#)

Need a snow date location for 2027 All-District Auditions

Locations for 2027 (Kohring)

Nominations - [Link](#)

Voting for clinicians for 2027 (Kohring)

New procedure: voting for each band (same), top 3 considered for 2027 AND 2028 & only going down the list
past first 3 for 2027 (new)

[2026 Lists](#) / [Past Year's Lists and Info](#)

MPA Judge List. Vote for additions to list (Kohring)

All MPA nominations approved

Elections/Awards (Kohring):

Officer Elections

At Large (MS 2026-2028): **Ryan Wing**

At Large (HS 2026-2028): **Lorena Schakel**

Young Director Award of Excellence: **Nathan Hartman & Paul Seigler**

Band Director of the Year: **Chris Foster**

Award of Excellence: **Renee Todd**

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)

Building Better Bands - June 18/19 - [Registration](#)

+Rising 9th Grader Band - June 17-18

Celebrations!

NBA Outstanding Jazz Educator Award - Thomas Taylor (NC Central University)

NBA National Citation of Excellence for Concert Band

- Lufkin Road Middle School Symphonic Band (Raleigh; Ryan Wing, director)
- 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)

NBA 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)
- Fayetteville State University (Fayetteville; Austin Chalmers, director)
- North Carolina A&T University (Greensboro; Dr. Kenneth Ruff, director)

President's Cup National Concert Band Invitational

- Willow Spring High School Wind Ensemble (Fuquay-Varina; Kevin Still, director)

Any other news to share?

Adjournment (Kohring)

Next planned ECDBA meeting - Wednesday Sep 2, 2026 - River Bend MS

Please check the calendar for all future registration dates and events!