

ATSSB Region 8 Meeting Minutes  
Spring 2024 - May 4, 2024  
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TMEA Region 8 Meeting Agenda

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(this includes all minutes and reports, and a link to the Region 8 Google Calendar)

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<https://www.atssb.org/files/Region-8/2024-Spring-Meeting-Agenda.pdf>

Current ATSSB Region 8 Rules

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TMEA Region 8 Treasurer Deb Barick reported that the minutes from the previous region meeting and the current treasurer's report are both on the Region 8 Google drive that can be found above. After some issues in the last year or two, the region is now back in the black.

Garth Gunderson, TMEA Region 8 President:

TMEA dues will remain \$65 for the year. Please don't wait until the day before your audition deadline to take care of membership!

Take advantage of TMEA's liability insurance, which costs \$30/year.

Next year's TMEA convention will be February 12-15, 2025. Convention fees will increase to \$70. Convention housing will open sometime in October - the date has not been set yet.

The fall region meeting will be at Temple College on August 3.

UIL Executive Secretary report, Tony Clines:

Last year saw an increase in concert/sightreading participation from 510 to 523 groups. 226 of those groups earned sweepstakes.

There were 68 bands at UIL region marching contest and 46 of those bands earned 1st division ratings. Thirteen bands from Region 8 advanced to the UIL State Marching Contest, with five of the six classifications represented. Four of those bands made their respective finals contests. In UIL Solo & Ensemble, 2994 events were entered in our region totaling 4284 students. A total of 2236 1st division medals were awarded between twirling, band, choir, and orchestra. Solo & ensemble contest hosts were recognized.

Unfortunately entry fees will have to increase again this year. Recording fees will be going up, judges' fees will go up by \$50/day, and price of trophies will likely go up as well.

The calendar planning team was recognized.

UIL report, Darrell Umhoefer:

Please remember to read and understand the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules, and the UIL website. No one wants to have to deal with the consequences of not knowing the rules. Darrell and Tony are very willing to help answer any UIL questions you have!

If you have any input for UIL judges, reach out to your contest host and offer to help or make suggestions.

TMEA Region 8 report, Garth Gunderson:

Region 8 approved spending \$100 to create a TMEA Region 8 website.

The region needs to elect a new President and Vice President. Amy Triggs was nominated for Region 8 president and elected by acclamation with no other nominees; Pam Hyatt was nominated for Region 8 Vice President and also elected by acclamation with no other nominees.

UIL Band division meeting, Tony Clines:

Dates and sites for fall UIL contests are as follows:

UIL Twirling will be September 21 at Fairfield.

UIL Marching dates: 4A-6A UIL Marching will be Saturday Oct 19 at Midway HS. UIL Area contests will be October 26 for 3A/5A schools and November 2 for 4A/6A schools.

UIL Solo & Ensemble contests are as follows:

February 1 Groesbeck Zone

February 8 Temple HS, Ellison HS

February 22 A&M Consolidated HS and University HS

UIL Concert and Sightreading contests are as follows:

Central Zone MS March 3-4, Lake Belton HS (March 3 will be a ½ day contest)

West Zone MS March 5-6, Chaparral HS

North Zone MS March 26-27, Midway

South Zone MS/HS April 1-2, College Station HS (April 1 will be a ½ day contest)

Groesbeck Zone MS, April 3, Groesbeck HS

ATSSB meeting, Tony Clines:

The 1A/3A UIL Marching contest will be October 16 at Troy, with the 3A Area contest 10 days later (October 26).

The 2A UIL Marching contest will be October 23, with the Area contest 10 days later (November 2). Schools involved need to vote between La Vega and Riesel for the site. Nathaniel Tubbs (La Vega head director) stated that their district police department has very stringent rules that would require every participating student going through security and a metal detector. Crystal Senzig (Riesel head director) has offered Riesel as a contest site. Kristi Flusche spoke for Crystal Senzig in favor of Riesel - Riesel has no school the week of the contest date, and Riesel will also host a pre-UIL marching contest earlier on September 28. Tony recommends Riesel but is willing to put it to a vote. 2A directors voted unanimously to approve Riesel as the site of the 2A UIL marching contest.

High school concert and sightreading dates and sites:

1A-4A West Zone, Cameron Yoe HS, March 5-6. A director pointed out these are the same days as West Zone Middle School UIL at Chaparral HS; some schools would have to go to 2 separate contests on the same day.

1A-4A East Zone, Groesbeck HS, March 12-13. We don't know yet how many schools will have spring break conflicts. Marc Nichelson points out that the meeting agenda email has a form for directors to complete so that you can send him your school district's spring break dates. The vote to tentatively accept these dates passed with one opposing vote.

The ATSSB region meeting was called to order at 11:12 AM.

The minutes from the previous January meeting were approved with a motion from Mark Dorsey and a second from Rebecca Kroll.

Website report, Rachel Berg - Rachel says, if you have information for a festival or invitational contest, send her your event information to be put on the Region 8 website.

Treasurer report, Stephanie Schmidt - Stephanie was unable to attend the meeting but her report is linked in the emailed agenda. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion from Mark Dorsey and a second from Rebecca Kroll.

Vice Coordinator report, Jon Schriver - Jon encourages everyone to participate in all region jazz if you haven't done so before. His report is in the emailed agenda.

Groesbeck Zone Middle School report, Kristi Flusche - The Year A music will be on the website next week. If you have suggestions on how to lower ranges on some instruments, let Kristi know.

Robinson Zone MS Middle School report, Mark Dorsey - we will be on Year A next year; let Mark know if you have any questions.

Region Coordinator report, Marc Nichelson:

High school All Region etudes will be Year D.

Groesbeck's administration will now be charging a usage fee to cover custodial costs for hosting region auditions. There are a few ways to help offset this cost. One way is to move region jazz auditions to China Spring and record ATSSB Jazz Area auditions the same night as region jazz auditions, and not have a separate date for the Area recording. Collin Anderson (Groesbeck head director) reported that his admin is requesting to be paid \$1200 to cover custodial overtime - \$600 to host high school ATSSB auditions and \$600 to host Groesbeck Zone middle school auditions. Jose Sanchez offered Gatesville's renovated facility to host jazz auditions if that would help. Mark pointed out that directors can vote on moving sites later if necessary, but dates for next year's auditions are locked in. Marc mentioned that Midway and Killeen may be interested as sites for the clinic and concert if we want to have a 1.5 day clinic and concert in the future, after the 2024-2025 school year.

There is a change in region rules for band organizers. Marc is looking for one or two band organizers and a percussion organizer for the 2025 clinic and concert. Contact Marc if you're interested.

If you know someone who's new to the region, please have them send Marc his contact information for the directory.

If you have any suggestions to make auditions run smoother, or complaints about how auditions were run, send suggestions to Marc via the after-action report link in the agenda.

Collin Anderson, State Outstanding Performance Series organizer, reminded everyone that the entry deadline is May 18 and to please make sure your files are sent in the right format.

Officer nominations:

Stephanie is stepping down as Treasurer after 8 years serving the region in her position. Chris Moix stated that he has spent time assisting Stephanie with her position. Matt Nelson nominated Chris Moix to be the new treasurer, with a second from Rustin Honeycutt; the motion was approved by acclamation.

The Middle School audition coordinator officer terms are up this year. Rebecca Kroll nominated Mark Dorsey to continue as the Robinson Zone middle school coordinator, With no other nominations, Mark Dorsey was reelected by acclamation. Collin Anderson nominated Kristi Flusche to continue as the Groesbeck Zone middle school coordinator, and Rachel Berg seconded the nomination. With no other nominations, Kristi Flusche was reelected by acclamation.

The Vice Coordinator officer term is also up this year. Rachel Berg nominated Jon Schriver to continue in this position and Rebecca Kroll seconded the nomination. With no other nominations, Jon Schriver was reelected by acclamation.

ATSSB State officer nominations will be in the fall for these offices: President Elect, 1A Representative, 3A Representative,, and 1C Representative.

New business:

Rustin Honeycutt would like to limit each middle school campus in Region 8 to commit to only one zone or the other for auditions, and not send students to both. He will send a rule proposal to Marc Nicholson for consideration.

Announcements of events:

There will be a middle school band camp from June 3-7 at Temple College.

The FCA All Star Band will be May 31-June 1.

Teague will host a pre-UIL marching contest on October 5 with an Area format and prelims/finals.

Cameron Yoe HS will host a leadership camp with Jeff Jones on July 10. \$40 per student and the times are 12:30-3:00.

Academy HS will be hosting a pre-UIL marching contest on October 12 that is small school oriented.

Troy HS will host their pre-UIL marching festival on October 2. Bands will receive a rating and a clinic with one of the judges.

Troy HS will host a jazz festival on December 14 - bands will receive a rating and a short clinic with one of the judges.

Groesbeck HS will host a leadership clinic with Steven Moss on May 29-30.

Riesel HS will host CENTEX Honor Band auditions on January 22 for high school and January 24 for middle school. Riesel HS will also host a pre-UIL marching contest on September 28; the entry fee is \$300. Email Crystal Senzig at [csenzig@rieselisd.org](mailto:csenzig@rieselisd.org) for an entry form.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 with a motion from Mark Dorsey and a second from Rebecca Kroll.