



## FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 68<sup>th</sup> year DISTRICT MEETING #1 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-03)

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 16</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: August 30, 2003</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 1</b>	<b>MEETING LOCATION: Hialeah Senior High School</b>

### Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen K. Rivero at 9:00 AM. Mr. Rivero welcomed everyone, and gave a hearty welcome to Mr. Brian Wuttke, past chairman, which was followed by a standing ovation by the membership.

Mr. Rivero then turned the meeting over to Cathi Leibinger, who held a mock All-State audition in order to familiarize the membership with the audition process.

### Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Evit Allen	Horace Mann Middle	Scott Issaacs	Dade Christian
Leo Altamiranda	Miami High School	Bobby Jackson	Lake Stevens Middle
Darryl L. Baner	J.F.K. Middle	Daniel Jimenez	Doral Middle School
Wilfred Barry	Miami Edison Sr.	Erron Johnson	Booker T. Washington High
Nate Bisco	Paul Bell Middle	Douglas Jordan	Palmer Trinity School
Timothy Blaha	Highland Oaks Middle	Hannah P. King	Allapattah Middle
Rodester Brandon	New World SOTA	David T. Ladd	Jose Marti Middle
Malena Calle	Southwood Middle	Susana Lalama	Barbara Goleman Sr.
Manual A. Camacho	Kenwood K-8 Center	Allen Lamp	Miami Southwest Senior High
Esther Carbsllosa	Dade Christian	Cathi Leibinger	Ransom Everglades Middle
Pablo Castaneda	South Miami Middle	Brian Lewis	Parkway Middle
Daryl Clark	Coral Reef Sr.	Berman Lopez	Hialeah Middle
Fernando Collar	Glades Middle	Ed Maina	Lawton Chiles Middle
Efraim Coutinlo	Howard A. Doolin Middle	Gus L. Mayorga	Jane S. Roberts Middle
Christopher Dorsey	Northwestern Sr.	Douglas McCall	Cutler Ridge Middle
John Dowler	G. Holmes Braddock Sr.	Ray Modia	Nautilus Middle
Ryan Ellis	Miami Southridge Sr.	Peter Muller	Miami Springs Sr.
Shannon Feloss	Miami Southridge	Melton Mustafa	North Miami Beach Sr.
Gretchen Fider	Arvida Middle	Rafael Napoles	Felix Varela Sr.
Ken Goff	Florida Christian	Tyrone O'Neal	Miami Sunset Sr.
Angela Goff	Miami Christian	John D. Pace III	Miami Norland Sr.
Claude Graham	Mays Middle	Ana Pena	Miami Lakes Middle
Jeff Gross	Centennial Middle	Jerome Ravenna	West Miami Middle
Jon Hamm	Ransom Everglades Upper	Erich S. Rivera	Miami Killian Sr.
Jason Hatfield	Westwood Christian	Stephen K. Rivero	Hialeah Sr
David Hines	North Miami Sr. High	Allyson Royster	Palmer Trinity School
Traveta Home	Carol City Middle	Jose Ruiz	Miami Springs Middle
Carolyn Hutchinson	Florida Christian Middle	Anthony E. Simons III	Miami Norland Sr.
Jon Hutchison	Ammons Middle	Paul Smith	Miami Palmetto Sr.

Robert L. Thomas Miami Jackson St.  
Lowell Thomas John A. Ferguson Sr.  
Eugene M. Timmons Homestead Middle

George Walters Robert Morgan Ed. Center  
Jennifer Williams-O'Neal Palmetto Middle  
Brian Wuttke Miami Killian Sr.  
James Yagues South Dade Sr.

### **Guests:**

Dennis Llinas, interning at Hialeah High School  
Christine Sanchez, interning at Southwood Middle  
Francisco R. Williams, interning at Hialeah-Miami Lakes High School  
Bill Pender All-County Music  
Fred Schiff All-County Music  
Janey Berry, Flamingo Educational Tours  
Mark Truitt, Flamingo Educational Tours

### **Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes**

Motion to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes. Mueller/O'Neil. **Unanimous.**

### **Item 4: Treasurer's Report**

Cathi Liebinger, District Treasurer, explained the budget process, and gave the membership our proposed budget, along with examples of previous years.

### **Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues**

Laura Aikens was identified as a person who would be a strong advocate for the arts from our district. Ms. Aikens will be asked to be our nominee as our Government Relations Chairperson to coordinate contacts with legislators and provide information about those contacts to the Tallahassee Office.

The following websites were suggested by the Chair for members to investigate concerning advocacy issues:

- [www.supportmusic.com](http://www.supportmusic.com)
- [www.amc-music.com](http://www.amc-music.com)
- <http://www.namm/pressroom/pressreleases/2003Apr21.html>

### **Item 6: Communications/Distribution of Packets**

Chairman Rivero went through the important points of the packet, and urged members to read all of the enclosed information. He further reminded members to read the handbook and State minutes in order to keep up with all that is going on statewide.

The Chairman, Cathi Liebinger, and Secretary George Walters reminded the members that we all teach and cannot stop to answer the phone. The chair gave out his e-mail address, and stated that this is his preferred means of communication. He also gave members the direct line to the band room.

The chair reminded members that in order to have a smooth-running district and to be equitable to all members, that he will enforce all fines as dictated in the handbook.

### **Item 7: Unfinished Business**

The chairman has all of the extra plaques and medals and asked members who are need same to stay after the meeting and collect them.

The Chair also reminded members to read the board meeting minutes so that members are aware of rule changes; for example timing issues on dance solos, or the new rules regarding the usage of the American Flag in marching shows. He also reminded members that the handbook is available online at [www.flmusiced.org/fba](http://www.flmusiced.org/fba) .

### Item 8: Committee Reports

The adjudication committee will meet on August 28 to identify adjudicators that the district wishes to contact.

### Item 9: New Business

- a. Membership Dues & Enrollment forms-**due September 15<sup>th</sup>**

Send to: FMEA or PAY DUES ON-LINE AT [www.flmusiced.org](http://www.flmusiced.org)

Active Membership includes MENC/FMEA (required)

(see enrollment form for other categories)

Send dues to: **207 Office Plaza Dr., Tallahassee, Fl. 32301**

FSMA school dues MUST be paid by September 15. All schools participating in FBA/FMEA events MUST be paid members.

- b. Classification Forms – **due October 15<sup>th</sup> to the Chairman; Principal and Director Signature Required**

Senior High - Report grades 9-12 as appropriate

Junior High - Report grades 7-9 unless you plan not to use any 7<sup>th</sup> graders in any phase of MPA. You may then report only 8 & 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

Middle School - Report grades 7 & 8 only.

**FINES: \$50.00 for submitting this form late (payable to FBA)**

**\$100.00 on the 8<sup>th</sup> calendar day after the deadline (payable to FBA)**

- c. All-State Auditions will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2003 at Southwest Miami High School.

Application Forms and Performance Contracts are due to the District Chair as noted on September 3.

Fees: \$15.00 per student

**FINES: \$50.00 for submitting form late**

**\$100.00 on the 8<sup>th</sup> calendar day after the deadline**

Small Schools and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade All-State Honor Band Nomination Fee is \$15.00 per school.

The Chair reminded directors that it is the policy that all directors having students audition for All-State must help with the audition process. The Chair passed a sign-up sheet to the membership.

- d. Both the University of Miami and Florida International University have asked to perform at our Marching MPA. After much discussion, **motion O'Neil/Thomas** to invite F. I. U to perform before the dinner break and U. M to perform before the closing ceremonies and for the invitations to be reversed in 2004. **PASSED.**

### Item 10: District MPA Dates and Sites

District Marching MPA – Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2003

Location: Miami Dade Community College North Campus, Traz Powell Stadium

Letters were received by the chair for Solo & Ensemble MPA, High School Concert MPA, and Middle School Concert MPA by various schools. Motion E. Rivero/Liebinger to accept the various locations. **PASSED.**

District High School Solo & Ensemble MPA – Friday Feb. 20 & Sat. February 21, 2004  
Location: Miami Killian Senior High

District Middle School Solo & Ensemble MPA – Friday Feb. 27 & Sat. February 28, 2004  
Location: Miami Killian Senior High

District High School Concert MPA – Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> through Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
Location: Coral Reef Senior High

District High School Concert MPA – Monday March 15<sup>th</sup> through Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
Location: Robert Morgan Educational Center

NOTE: There was some discussion about splitting the Middle School MPA into north and south sites. If a letter is received by the Chair in a timely fashion, then Robert Morgan will host the south site and the other school will host the north. Final determination will be made at the October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003 district meeting.

### **Item 11: District MPA Adjudicators**

A list of adjudicators for all MPA's will be distributed at the October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting

### **Item 12: Nominations for Adjudicators List**

The following band directors were nominated to begin the adjudication internship process in the categories for which they are eligible.

Erich Rivero	Jazz
Brian Wuttke	Concert/Jazz
Darryl Clark	Concert/Marching
Melton Mustafa, Jr.	All
Anthony Simons III	Concert/Marching/S&E

All of the above were approved by the membership via secret ballot.

### **Item 13: Suggestions to State Committees**

None

### **Item 14: Proposals to the Executive Board**

### **Item 15: Other**

The chair clarified the classification process.

Additionally, there was discussion about some principals who appear to want to control and/or disband band parent organizations. It was suggested that Mr. Hank Dewhurst, former band director and current Activities Director at Miami Killian Sr. High School be contacted and asked to host a

workshop concerning booster organizations, fund-raising and other pertinent concerns. Mr. Wuttke will make the contact.

There was also some concern about school counselors who are directing students away from music programs and music electives.

### **Item 16: For the Good of the Association**

There is presently an opening for Band Director at Shenandoah Middle School.

Erich Rivero commented that he recently attended a very worthwhile workshop on AP Music Theory. For more information, contact him at Killian Sr.

Lowell Thomas thanked all those who loaned instruments and equipment to the new Ferguson High School.

Mr. Stephen Rivero thanked the following for helping him begin his term as Chairman: Brian Wuttke, George Walters, Cathi Liebinger, Ralph Napoli, Peter Mueller, his intern Dennis Llinas, and his students.

### **Item 17: Next Meeting Date**

October 4, 2003                      Robert Morgan Educational Center  
18180 SW 122 Ave.                      8:30 AM

Turnpike North or South to Eureka Drive (SW 184 St)  
West to 122 Ave  
North 1 block to the school

### **Item 18: Adjournment**

**Unanimous.**

Note: Cathi Leibinger met with new directors after the meeting for a brief introductory session where they set a schedule for the New Director's workshop.

Respectfully Submitted

*George Walters*

George Walters, Secretary  
Florida Bandmasters Association District 16