

Good Morning,

We at Texas Black Music Educators hope this email finds you well and that your school year has been going great. 2023-24 was a great year for our TBME members. It was filled with many accomplishments such as ensembles receiving superior UIL ratings, director spotlight in the Macy's Day Parade, and so many more. This year at the 2024 TMEA convention, many of our members will also be clinicians and presenters.

As an organization, we have had many great successes, such as the Inaugural Hell Fighters Jazz Festival in partnership with the Buffalo Soldiers Museum spearheaded by Mr. C. Dickey. This event will continue this year with over 10 jazz ensembles ready to perform. We have also restructured and redesigned our website which was launched during this year's TMEA conference. Not only have we had a sitting TMEA president attend our annual meeting, but we have also forged relationships with many state and national organizations. Not to mention our social media presence has grown exponentially. Finally, as requested from our members, our board members have been working diligently to deliver a plan of action to restructure many of our leadership roles.

All of these accomplishments have only given more assurance that it's time to hit the ground running. The way we would like to do that for the year 2024 is by filling much-needed positions. We currently have Regional Committee Vacancies open for 2024 in Houston, Dallas, and San Antonio as we continue forward with our restructuring. We value your continued interest in this organization and we hope that you will join us in this big push forward.

Musically yours,

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