

UIL REGION 27 MEETING AGENDA

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1. Thank you to TMEA for allowing UIL business to be conducted at this meeting. A special thank you to the TMEA HS Division Chairs for helping with securing sites/hosts for the HS Solo & Ensemble Contests.
2. Thanks to everyone for your participation in UIL and for giving your students the opportunity to perform and compete in UIL events. We had an outstanding year due to your hard work and leadership. As I was reflecting on the year:
 - Participation is up
 - Many amazing performances
 - Many celebrations of the retirements of some of our long-time directors
 - We seem to have a better understanding of UIL rules & procedures

You are one of the best parts of the public school experience and I hope you pause to reflect on all the great things that have happened in your programs this year.

Thanks for a job well done!

3. Region 27 Data:
 - Welcome to Anderson-Shiro ISD who is moving from Region 8 to Region 27.
 - Solo & Ensemble, we had 5141 participants. That's up about 6.5%.
 - The number of groups going to contest this year was 447. That is up 45 groups (10.5 %) in the past 5 years since the end of COVID.
 - We are now the 5th largest region in the state.
3. Thanks to everyone who hosted a contest this year.
4. A special thanks to John Morrison, Joe Glass, Laura Bradshaw and Amanda Smith and the staff at the VPAC for hosting us for 28 days this spring. They

took a huge amount of responsibility off the shoulders of the individual hosts by making sure that the rooms were set up ahead of time, the signs were out, door monitors were hired and that a large portion of the tear down was handled by the staff at the center.

5. Thanks again to Ryan Mohny for once again managing the online system we use to gather announcements and set-up information for the VPAC band and orchestra contests, as well as creating the online Judge voting system.
6. One reminder from UIL-we have been using this same form for 20 years:
 - If you need to request a special time or day due to a student conflict, accompanist conflict or another school activity-the form is on the website at the [UIL website](#). It must be turned in by the contest deadline which is 30 days prior to the first day of the contest. [Request for Date or Time Change – UIL Music Region 27](#)
7. The REC approved the 2026-27 Region 27 UIL calendar on April 23. After the calendar was posted, SBISD flipped one date for Zone B Band and Orchestra. I believe Mr. Hayes sent that out to the SBISD directors. The updated calendar with deadlines, as well as all information concerning UIL can be found on the UIL website at www.uilmusicregion27.com.
 - Please make sure that your campus administration, UIL academic chairs, theatre teachers and athletic department are aware of your 26-27 UIL music dates now. This is especially important for our 3A, 4A, 5A schools.
 - If you have your contest on a STAAR testing day for your campus and your contest is a multi-day contest, you must submit a change of day request by the 30-day deadline. If you attend a ‘single day’ contest, please call me if you have a STAAR conflict. Do not assume that I know your conflicts. There are 10 school districts, 24 high schools and 35 middle schools and 284 registered directors in Region 27.
8. Thanks to directors that have already responded to the judge survey that I sent through email. The deadline is tomorrow and you can access it from the link in your email or from the QR code on the screen.
9. You are encouraged to attend a TMAA training for your division. This is a great training to ‘calibrate’ your ears. There is a satellite training session in Bastrop ISD on June 4 at 2 PM at their PAC. The summer training in San Antonio for all

divisions is on Thursday, July 16. Registration information can be found here:
[TMAA - Texas Music Adjudicators Association](#)

10. Finances: For the most part, we were able to stick to our approved budget. Last year we kept fees the same because there was a fund balance from the previous year. However, there has been a significant cost increase for medals/trophies, shipping, judge mileage, hotels and food-resulting in a much smaller fund balance to end this year. This will most likely result in a fee increase for the Region. A fee increase has been discussed by the Region Executive Committee and will be decided at the June executive committee meeting and posted on the website.
11. Please attend the Fall UIL/TMEA Region meeting on Saturday, August 8. This is very important because this is when UIL rules and Region 27 procedures are reviewed.
12. If you have any UIL concerns, please contact me directly.
13. Choir Directors, be sure to respond to the survey I sent through email about the Pilot Sightreading Procedures.
14. I do not have any business for the separate divisions unless someone has a question for me.

Have a great summer and thanks for another great year!