

**General Membership Meeting
January 15, 2026 – 5:15PM
Tampa Convention Center-TCC 301**

Meeting was called to order at 5:22PM by President Andrea Szarowicz, with 110 members present.

FOA Mission statement was read by Paul Jackson

Motion to approve the agenda by Emory 2nd Johnson Motion Passed

President Szarowicz asked all executive board members present to introduce themselves and their new members.

FMEA President-Elect, Bernard (Bernie) Hendricks, Jr. was introduced and he spoke briefly to the members present.

Minutes were approved with no corrections by Senko 2nd Turner Motion Passed

Financial Report was presented by Finance Director, Tom Silliman. All accounts are doing well. Balances were shared.

President-elect report

- Stay involved in your districts.
- Attend your MPA's and district meetings.
- Future leaders should consider the FSMA Leadership Institute, July 12-15, 2026

Presidents Report

- Thank you to all coordinators, district chairs, etc.
- “Orchestra Power”

Past President's report

- Work on the handbook revisions are ongoing and in progress.

FOA Awards – Awards chair, Kayla Lisa

- This year had the most nominations than any other year.
- Student Composition Contest (there were 17 entries and panel of judges led by Jennifer Erickson reviewed the entries)

Middle School Division Winner

Mariah Harris for “*Roller Coaster*” (String Orchestra)

8th grade- Barrington Middle School

Director, Delaney Conter

High School Division Honorable Mention

Rishabh Mannazhath for “*The Falcon's Legacy*” (String Orchestra)

46 9th Grade- Alonso High School
47 Director, David Wagner
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49 **High School Division Honorable Mention**

50 **Victoria Queeley** for “*Carousel Of Madness*” (Full Orchestra)
51 12th Grade- Wiregrass Ranch High School
52 Director, Justin Ray Baggett
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54 **High School Division Winner**

55 **Guyfrancis Charleston** for “*Slow Movement*” (String Orchestra)
56 12th Grade- Melbourne High School
57 Director, Michelle Eggen
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59 Exiting executive board members were recognized
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61 **Hall of Fame 2025-2026 - Donald K. Langland**
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63 **Rising Star Inductees 2025-2026**

64 **Dr. Megan Sahely**- Raa Middle School & Leon High School
65 **Kayla Lisa**- Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts
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67 Unfinished Business – None
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69 New Business

70 *State Solo & Ensemble – March 28, 2026 – Florida Southern College – Lakeland, FL*

71 Professor Jesus Alfonzo – Stetson University
72 Professor David Bjella – University of Central Florida
73 Dr. Rachel Friedman – Private Instructor
74 Dr. Bob Hasty – University of Central Florida
75 Dr. Steven Thomas – University of Florida

76 *State Concert MPA – April 13-15, 2026 – Titusville HS*
77 Dr. Robert Gardner – Penn State University
78 Dr. Alex Jimenez – Florida State University
79 Dr. Kirk Moss – University of Northwestern St. Paul
80 Dr. David Saccardi – Louisiana State University
81 Bruce Walker – Columbia Basin College
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83 Announcement of Election results

- 84 • 7/8 All-State Orchestra Coordinator – Marcey Sperr
- 85 • 9/10 All-State Concert Orchestra Coordinator – Sarah Guarine
- 86 • 9-12 Honors Orchestra Coordinator – Samantha Felber

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88 The Good of the Association
89 • Don’t forget the University of Florida Symphony Orchestra at 6:30 PM
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92 Adjournment motion by Bigler 2nd by Johnson Motion Passed
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94 Meeting was adjourned by President Szarowicz at 6:10PM
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96 Respectfully Submitted,
97 Cheri A. Sleeper, Executive Director
98 Florida Orchestra Association, Inc.

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