

**VCDA District II February Meeting  
AGENDA**

**Saturday, February 9, 2024**

**I. Call to Order**

Time: 9:34am

**II. Confirmation of Agenda**      Motion: Kayla Centaure  
Second: Corbin Pinto

**III. Roll Call by Sign In-**<https://forms.gle/P9yWYYv2N3QLBeEp8>

**IV. Old Business**

A. District Chorus Auditions 2023 Report

i. Erin Dubose and Ashley Landon

430 HS

300 MS

Very Successful. Success with digital judging forms.

\$600 leftover sent to District Event

Thank you to Plaza MS for hosting!

B. District Chorus Event 2024 Report

i. Chairs-Kayla Centaure, Amy Kaus

485 Students among all three groups

Fantastic event

Thank you for helping out!

Thank you to Jen Girvan and Green Run HS for hosting.

C. All-Virginia Chorus Auditions 2024 Report

i. Sign off form for student participation and receiving music folder

Confirm your ALL-VA students on the sign-in sheet.

155 auditions

Jen Girvan is an amazing host and is helping with a plan for next year's plan. Possibly starting auditions earlier with schools that are closer.

- D. Nominations for Awards-<https://forms.gle/sDKBBt2AfZUYzees9>
1. Please nominate Teacher of the Year, Admin of the Year, and Lifetime Award.
  2. Voting closed after lunch.

## V. New Business

- a. District Choral Assessment 2024
  - i. When: March 15-16, 2024
  - ii. Host-Sarah Tilghman-Norview HS, 6501 Chesapeake Blvd. Norfolk, VA 23513
  - iii. Chair: Ajee Church
  - iv. Registration Form coming out tomorrow (Monday, Feb. 12) and due **February 19, 2024 via google form**
    1. Working with coordinators for buses and transportation.
    2. 6 sections of 3-step risers.
    3. Please add any considerations and troubleshooting for your groups on the form. (Special Instructions section)
      - a. This includes if you have instrumentalists or microphones, etc.
  - v. [NEW RUBRIC](#) -few differences, but redesigned to provide greater clarity. Rubric is in effect as of starting with the upcoming Choral Assessments.
    1. Check out the new rubric from the state.
    2. Adjusted for points of clarity.
    3. Will be sent out digitally with the registration form.
    4. Q: Pronunciation of Language?
      - a. Suggestion: Might be helpful to write in the diction notes in the judges' scores and make sure students all agree on the diction during performance.
- b. VMEA All-Virginia Chorus 2024
  - i. April 18-20, 2024
  - ii. Conductors:

1. SATB- Jason Max Ferdinand, University of Maryland, College Park.
    - a. Commission by: Jason Max Ferdinand
    - b. Q: Professional Development points available?
      - i. There is Professional Development available at the All-VA Event, so schools might be inclined to give points.
    - c. Corbin: Jot forms will be sent directly to directors for information on insurance, t-shirt sizes, etc. Please complete those forms in a timely manner.
  2. SSAA- Dr. Pearl Shangkuan
    - a. Commission by: Tracy Wong
  - iii. New Audition Piece added to rotation as of 24-25 school year.  
[Nature's Song by B.E. Boykin](#)
    1. Q: Has it been revised since we heard it last year?
      - a. Yes, based on the feedback given.
    2. Q: Housing for All-VA is still up to the director?
      - a. Yes.
- c. Honors Choir Auditions
    - i. Date: Saturday, October 5th, 2024
      1. Still on OPUS.
  - d. District Chorus Auditions 2024
    - i. When: Saturday, November 2, 2024
    - ii. Who: Ashley Landon and Erin Dubose
    - iii. Where:
    - iv. We picked the last weekend of October this year because of the 5-day weekend of November. Could we possibly do October 26th?
      1. This is the same weekend as the District Orchestra, or Marching Band.
      2. Students can come late if needed as long as directors are there for their students. Directors are usually flexible in letting students warm-up with their school.

3. Still need to look at Plaza MS' schedule to see if Plaza is available.

e. VMEA In-Service Conference 2024

i. When: November 21-23 in Norfolk

1. At Norfolk for the next two years.
2. If you can go to the In-Service VCDA Meeting, please go or join the online meeting to represent our District.
3. There are small group performances available, so bring a group and perform and represent District 2!

f. District Chorus Event 2025

i. When: February 6-8, 2025

ii. Who: Amy Kaus and Kayla Centaure

iii. Where: Salem

- 2026-Kellam
- 2027-Tallwood
- 2028-Booker T. Washington/Ocean Lakes
- 2029-Green Run
- 2030-
  - Cox HS?

Conductor Suggestions for 2025:

- Festival:
- HS Treble Choir:
- HS Mixed Choir:
  - Michael John Trotta
  - Harlan Zackery (NSU)
  - Odell Ziegler
  - Chip Broadbent (Festival?)
  - Jami Rhodes (SSA?)
  - Don Krudop
  - Joan Pi (Potential Hosting Opportunity)

g. All-Virginia Chorus Auditions 2025

i. When: February 6, 2024

ii. Where: Salem HS (tentative)

- iii. Chair: Ajee Church
  
- h. District Assessments 2025
  - i. When: March 21-22, 2025
  - ii. Who: Ajee Church
  - iii. Host: Sarah Tilghman, Norview High School
  
- i. All-Virginia Chorus Event 2025
  - i. April 24-26, 2025
  
- j. Voting
  - i. Use posted QR code to vote for
    - 1. Choral Director of the year
    - 2. Administrator of the year
    - 3. Lifetime Achievement Award
  
- k. Announcements
  - i. Instrumentalists for Al Tambor - Percussions 10:55-11:15am in library.
  - ii. HS SSAA and HS MIXED transition schedule adjustment
  - iii. Food for students at District:
    - 1. Possibility for Food Trucks?
    - 2. Can we pre-order food and have that added fee pre-paid?
    - 3.

## **VI. Motions**

### **A. Corbin: few things in the works:**

- 1. Huge overhaul of the VCDA Operations Manual.**
  - a) Released at the November meeting.**
  - b) Please review before the April meeting at ALL-VA**
- 2. Parameter change for assessment levels**
  - a) Please attend the VCDA Meeting at ALL-VA**
  - b) Voice your opinions (especially for MS Directors)**
  - c) Meetings are online! Join!**
- 3. VCDA is trying to bring forth various committees.**

a) Please consider joining some and represent our district.

**VII. Adjournment**

Time: 10:16am

Motion: Corbin Pinto

Second: Bill Boardman