

**Des Moines Community Orchestra
Board of Directors Meeting
May 12, 2026
Meeting Minutes**

Board Members Present:

Kevin Allemagne (president), Larry Brennan (vice-president), Shaunda Murphy (treasurer), Amy Magra, Krista Baskerville, Nick Brown

- I. Meeting was called to order by Kevin at 9:37 p.m.

- II. Board officers were elected with unanimous approval.
 - a. Kevin Allemagne – President
 - b. Larry Brennan – Vice-President
 - c. Shaunda Murphy – Treasurer
 - d. Amy Magra – Secretary

- III. Election of the DMCO conductor
 - a. The board reviewed all ballots cast and tallied the votes.
 - i. Jonathan Strum was elected to be the new DMCO Conductor and Music Director.
 - b. Immediately after the votes were counted, the board called Jonathan to offer the position which he accepted.
 - i. Kevin asked Jonathan about attending a press conference to announce his new position. The time and date will be determined.
 - ii. Kevin will email Jonathan tentative dates for the upcoming concert season along with information about the available venues.
 - c. Kevin will contact the other two candidates, Kara Mather and Josh Barlage, tomorrow to inform them of the results.
 - d. The orchestra is to be informed of the results by email after the elected candidate accepts the offer and the other two candidates are notified of the decision. The new conductor will also to be announced on the DMCO website.

- IV. Two DMCO board meetings were scheduled. Jonathan will be invited to attend both.
 - a. Friday, May 22 at 11:30 a.m.
 - b. Friday, June 19 at 11:30 a.m.

- V. Meeting was adjourned by Kevin at 10:49 p.m.

Minutes were respectfully submitted by Amy Magra.