

Texas FFA Board of Directors First Quarter Meeting September 14, 2026

The Texas FFA Board of Directors approved several policy and rule changes during its first-quarter meeting:

- **Long-Term Strategic Priorities:** The Board approved the long-term strategic priorities presented by the Long-Term Strategic Planning Committee. The priorities are expected to be further developed and finalized before the second-quarter meeting.
- **Fourth-Quarter Minutes:** The Board approved the June 5, 2026, meeting minutes as part of the consent agenda.
- **Policy 26.10: National Chapter Award:** The Board approved the proposed policy revisions.
- **CDE General Rules: CDE Sweepstakes Award:** The Board approved the staff-recommended changes to add a sweepstakes award to Career Development Events.
- **SDE Rules:** The Board approved recommendations submitted by the SDE Advisory Committee.
- **Policy 9.3: Grievance Policy:** The Board approved the staff-recommended revisions to clarify the purpose of the Grievance Policy vs. individual contest appeal processes.
- **Policy 35:** The motion was not specifically to appoint Melvin Pouncy by name. The approved revision designates the **ATAT Executive Director** as the Texas FFA Board Treasurer to provide consistency and continuity. Melvin currently serves in that position.
- **Policy 26.16: Texas FFA Living to Serve Chapter Award:** The Board adopted a new policy establishing a chapter award focused on student service and community impact. Before adoption, the Board amended Section F by removing the word “primary” and clarifying that the activities should not be fundraisers.
- **Policy 26: Selection Procedure for Degree Check:** The Board tabled the first recommendation pending additional information and approved the second. The third recommendation was amended to require applications to be ranked gold, silver or bronze at the area level, with only gold-rated applications advancing to state judging.
- **Agriscience Rules Handbook:** The Board approved restructuring the competition from six divisions to three grade-level groupings. It also approved updates to Rule 5 and the committee’s remaining recommendations.
- **CDE Advisory Committee Recommendations:** The Board denied the first recommendation and approved Recommendations 2 through 9. The meeting notes do not identify the official contest title associated with each recommendation; those titles should be added from the CDE Advisory Committee recommendation packet before publication.
- **Policy 62: SAE Compliance Visits:** The Board adopted a new policy authorizing Texas FFA to investigate reported SAE compliance concerns and conduct compliance visits when warranted.