



**The following is a summary of actions taken by the Texas FFA Board of Directors during the fourth quarter meeting, held on Monday, September 15, 2025, in Waco, Texas.**

**Full Board Meeting Minutes may be found on the Texas FFA website [here](#).**

- Approved Minutes from the Fourth Quarter Board Meeting on June 6th, 2025.
- Approved the recommendations from the Nominating Committee for Dr. Will Doss to serve as the Agriscience Fair co-chair and Michelle Damerau to serve as the Speaking Development Event co-chair for 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028, and both will serve as chairs 2028-2029, 2029-2030, and 2030-2031.
- Approved the recommendation from the Speaking Development Advisory Committee amending the online registration date to May 20th and late registration to May 21st-May 27th. No registrations will be accepted after May 27.
- Approved the Leadership Development Advisory Committee's recommendation to amend rule (d)(i) in the Senior FFA Quiz and rule (c)(i) in the Greenhand FFA Quiz. Beginning August 1, the official version of the FFA Manual for contest use will be the one posted on the LDE page of the Texas FFA website. Advisors should reference this link when preparing students, as National FFA may update the manual after publication. Sam Houston State University will also use this posted version for contest administration to ensure consistency.
- Approved the recommendations from the Agriscience Fair Advisory Committee to update Agriscience Fair rules 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 14.
  - Revisions to rules 4, 5, and 6, are clerical only
  - Moving rule 15 to rule 7
  - Number 7: Addition of a new judging rubric
  - Addition of rule 8 to require research papers to be written and submitted using the format outlined in the National FFA Agriscience Resources
  - Removal of Rule 9 National FFA no longer requires display boards for the interview portion
  - Rule 9 amended to reflect the posting of judging results and interview schedules
  - Rule 10 amended the size of the Agriscience Fair Display board



- Rule 11 amended to reflect the determination of final scores using the AET/JudgingCard Platform
  - Rule 12 amended tie breakers
  - Rule 14 regarding announcement of results
- Approved the staff recommendation of Policy 26.9 (f) regarding interviews for the John Justin scholarship.
- Approved the staff recommendation of Policy 26.12 (g) regarding the candidate ranking for the Ryan Mott scholarship.
- Approved the purchase of 5 sets of official officer dress for each vice president and 7 sets for the travel team. Policy update to follow at Q2.
- Approved the usage of the current GSA rate for travel reimbursements for staff, state officers, and contractors.
- The Board of Directors voted in favor of the State Officers' recommendation that the Texas FFA delegates will vote against full affiliation at the National FFA Convention. This is a result of the committee formed by the 2024-2025 state officer team during the 2025 State Leadership Conference.
- Approved the recommendations of the Career Development Advisory Committee requiring Areas to have a state qualifying event for the Cotton and Forages CDE
- Approved the amendment to Policy 19.3 (e) regarding the National Officer Election Process to reflect the Texas FFA Constitution, to include an interview in addition to a vote of the delegates
- Approved the requirement of a statement of originality for all national officer candidates.
- Approved the addition to Policy 26.4 (d) regarding clarification of requirements of an approved SAE while applying for a Lone Star Degree.
- Denied the area reassignment request from Poth FFA.
- Approved the re-charter request from Matagorda ISD and Worthing High School.