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Dear 2026 State FFA Convention Delegates:

Congratulations on being chosen as a delegate for the 97th New Jersey State FFA Convention! The role of a delegate is essential to the success of convention. During your time as a delegate, you will be responsible for making decisions that will not only impact your chapter but all of New Jersey’s more than 3,300 members from 38 chapters statewide. Your role at convention is to not only contribute to the delegate process but also to showcase your leadership skills and enthusiasm for the FFA. As a delegate you serve as a role model for other members. Whether delegates are dancing in front of the stage at the beginning of sessions, pumping up members with excitement for sessions, or standing and cheering for awesome speakers or FFA members, state convention delegates serve as the heart and soul of the convention with some of the best seats in the house. Your enthusiasm and excitement are what will make this year’s convention a success! I ask that you help me show the members how fun and exciting the New Jersey FFA State Convention can truly be.

The materials that are included in this packet will aid in your understanding of the delegate process, so I ask you to review them and discuss them with your advisor. In doing so you will be more informed and better able to make sound decisions at convention. You should also review the rules of parliamentary procedure. This will be crucial to your understanding of what occurs during the business sessions at convention. A summary of the motions has been enclosed for your reference.

Please find the following items in your delegate packet. Bring this material to the delegate meeting on Wednesday, May 20 at 6:00 pm in Pollak Theatre. See you then!

2026 State Convention Delegate Checklist

- Introductory Delegate letter**
- Schedule for Delegates**
- Chapter Committee Assignments**
- Additional Proposals**
- Useful Information for Delegate Business Session**
- Summary of Motions**

Also Bring:

- Notebook**
- Pens and Pencils**
- FFA Manual**
- Calendar to mark important dates**

Please review the enclosed material carefully. We encourage you to bring discussion to the delegate business meeting during the convention. If you have any questions, contact Ms. Jenny J. Allen, State FFA Specialist, at 877-243-3332 or me at k.giovanelli140@gmail.com. The 2025-2026 New Jersey State FFA Officers look forward to your attendance and participation!

Sincerely,

Kathryn Giovanelli
2025-2026 New Jersey State FFA President

2026 DELEGATE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

- Nominating Committee:** 1:00 pm – Pollak Theatre Room 139
- Delegates arrive:** 1:00 pm – Registration
- Dinner:** 5:00 to 5:45 pm – Magill Commons
- Delegate Orientation:** 6:00 pm – Pollak Theatre, Auditorium
- First Session:** **(Delegates in seats at 7:15 pm)**
7:30 pm – Pollak Theatre, Auditorium
- Keynote Speaker: Jael Cruikshank
 - National FFA CEO: Scott Stump
 - Blue Jackets Bright Futures Presentation
 - FFA Scholarship Presentations

Thursday, May 21, 2026

- Second Session:** **(Delegates in seats at 8:15 am)**
8:30 am – Pollak Theatre, Auditorium

Committee Meetings: 10:00 am

- **Constitution, Bylaws, and POA**
Kayla Romero, State FFA Secretary
Location: TBA
- **Membership and Chapter Relations**
Abigale DiGiamberardino, State FFA Treasurer
Location: TBA
- **State Leadership Activities**
Ivanelisse Pena Rivera, State FFA Reporter
Location: TBA
- **State Applications**
Peter DelCollo, State FFA Sentinel
Location: TBA
- **Career & Leadership Development Evaluation and Review**
Aaron Foote, State FFA Parliamentarian
Location: TBA
- **Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review**
Kathryn Giovanelli, State FFA President
Location: TBA
- **State Convention Evaluation**
Breanna Rosmarin, State FFA Vice President
Location: TBA

- Delegate Business Session I** 1:00 pm – Pollak Theatre, Auditorium
including Committee Reports

Third Session: **2:30 pm** – Pollak Theatre, Auditorium
Convention Event Awards

**CDE Awards
Ceremony &
Talent Review** **4:30 pm** – Pollak Theatre, Auditorium
Career Development Event Awards

Fourth Session: **(Delegates in seats at 7:15 pm)**
7:30 pm – Pollak Theatre, Auditorium

- Keynote Address: Artha Jonassaint
- New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture: Ed Wengryn
- NJ FFA Association Annual Report
- Honorary Garden State FFA Degree Ceremony

***Delegate Business
Session II** This session will be conducted if needed following the Fourth
Convention Session

Friday, May 22, 2026

Fifth Session: **(Delegates in seats at 8:15 am)**
8:30 am – Pollak Theatre

- Chapter Evaluation Awards
- Distinguished Service Awards
- State Proficiency Award Presentations
- Garden State Degree Ceremony
- Nominating Committee Report
- Installation of 2026-2027 State FFA Officers

Committee Assignments

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Delegate #1</u>	<u>Delegate #2</u>
Allentown	Central	C	E
Bankbridge Regional	Southern	B	F
BCIT- West Vet	Central	A	E
Belvidere	Northern	A	G
Bergen County Academies	Northern	A	D
Bergen Tech Paramus	Northern	B	G
Buena Regional	Southern	D	G
Camden Penn Tech	Southern	A	G
Camden Tech East	Southern	B	G
Cape May County Tech	Southern	D	E
Cumberland Regional	Southern	C	F
Delsea Regional	Southern	A	G
Essex County VTS Agriscience	Northern	B	D
Freehold	Central	A	E
High Tech	Northern	A	E
Hunterdon County ESEA	Northern	C	D
Hunterdon County Polytech	Northern	B	C
MCTS Sypek Center	Central	F	G
Middlesex East Brunswick	Central	D	E
Middlesex Piscataway	Central	B	C
Monmouth County	Central	F	G
Montague Township Middle	Northern	A	G
Newton	Northern	E	F
North Warren	Northern	C	D
Northern Burlington	Central	C	F
Northern Burlington Middle	Central	B	G
Pemberton Township	Central	A	B
Penns Grove	Southern	C	D
Phillipsburg	Northern	E	F
Salem Tech	Southern	C	F
Somerset	Northern	E	F
South Hunterdon	Northern	A	G
South Hunterdon Middle	Northern	B	D
Sussex County	Northern	B	F
Union County	Northern	D	E
Vineland	Southern	A	E
Warren Hills	Northern	C	F
Woodstown	Southern	B	E

KEY TO COMMITTEES:

- A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities
- B. Membership and Chapter Relations
- C. State Leadership Activities
- D. State Applications
- E. Career and Leadership Development Event Review & Evaluation
- F. Horticultural Exposition Review & Evaluation
- G. State Convention Evaluation

Proposals

1. No Program Affiliation Fee Increase – New Jersey FFA Association

There are no changes to the fee structure for the 2026-2027 year.

STATE FFA EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the delegates vote in favor of this proposal.

2. Career Development Event & Leadership Development Event Fee Increase – New Jersey FFA Association

Proposal: The State FFA Executive Board recommends increasing the Career Development Event & Leadership Development Event fee to \$14.00.

Rational: Costs associated with the Career Development Events and Leadership Developments have increased over time. Career Development Event & Leadership Development Event fee have not been increased since the 2017-2018 school year. This includes JudgingCard Registration set-up fees, scantrons, room rental fees, CDE supplies, and insurance.

STATE FFA EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the delegates vote in favor of this proposal.



Useful Information for the Delegate Business Session

The Meaning of “Motion”

The primary purpose of the delegate business session is for the delegates to make decisions. To begin the process of making any decision, a member offers a proposal by “making a motion.” A **motion** is a formal proposal by a member, in a meeting, that the group take a certain action.

How a motion gets before a group

How to make a main motion

1. Raise your delegate card.
2. Be recognized by the chair.
3. State your name and chapter.
4. State **“I move that . . .”** or **“I move to . . .”** and then clearly describe the proposal. It is important to say precisely what the words of the motion are to be. The group votes on exact language, not a vague idea.

How to second a motion

Once a member makes a main motion, it must be seconded to be considered by the group. This shows that at least two members want the motion considered. If there is no second, the motion dies and is not put before the group for discussion.

1. Raise your delegate card.
2. Be recognized by the chair.
3. State your name and chapter.
4. State **“I second the motion”** or **“Second”**

Some other motions you may hear in the delegate business session

Amendments

Amendments are used to modify the wording, and within limits, the meaning of the motion on the floor. Amendments should say exactly where the change is to be made and precisely what words to use. To make this motion, you would state **“I move to amend the main motion by . . .”** and then you would identify what you want to do. This action can include adding words, striking out words or adding and striking out words. An amendment may not change the original intent of the motion. The vote on the amendment *does not* decide whether the motion will be adopted, only whether the wording in the motion will be changed. After an amendment is adopted, the motion as amended can be further debated. If an amendment is adopted, a vote will be taken on the main motion as amended. Only if the motion as amended passes will the group decide to do what was proposed.

Previous Question

The adoption of previous question immediately closes debate and also prevents the making of any amendments. It may be made at any time while a debatable amendment is on the floor. Since it limits a member's rights, the motion for previous question requires a two-thirds vote. It is not debatable. The proper wording to close debate and immediately vote on the motion on the floor is to say, "**I move the previous question.**" If previous question passes, the main motion will get voted on immediately. If previous question fails, discussion may continue on the main motion before voting on it.

Division of the House

When you, as a delegate, reasonably doubt the result of a voice vote, you have the right to demand that the vote be re-taken as a counted vote, by calling division of the house. Immediately following the vote and prior to the next action of the chair, you would call out "**Division of the house.**" No second is needed and once called the chair proceeds to give directions for a counted vote.

Voting

Majority

A **majority vote** is normally required to adopt a motion or to elect office. It is defined as "one more than half of the votes cast by persons legally entitled to vote." The result of a majority vote is decided through a voice vote.

Two-thirds

A two-thirds vote is required in particular circumstances, most notably to suspend the rules or to limit, extend, or close debate. It is defined as "at least two-thirds of the votes cast by persons legally entitled to vote." Whenever a two-thirds vote is required to pass a motion, the chair will take a standing vote.



Summary of Motions

Motion	Second Required	Debatable	Amendable	Vote Required	Reconsider
PRIVILEGED MOTIONS					
Fix the Time to Which to Adjourn	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	Yes
Adjourn	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Recess	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
Raise a Question of Privilege	No	No	No	Chair Grants	No
Call for the Orders of the Day	No	No	No	No vote, demand	No
SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS					
Lay on the Table	Yes	No	No	Majority	Neg. only (3)
Previous Question	Yes	No	No	2/3	Yes
Limit or Extend Limits of Debate	Yes	No	Yes	2/3	Yes
Postpone to a Certain Time (or Definitely)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Commit or Refer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Amend	Yes	Yes (1)	Yes	Majority	Yes
Postpone Indefinitely	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	Affirm only
Main Motion	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
INCIDENTAL MOTIONS					
Appeal	Yes	Yes (1)	No	Majority	Yes
Division of the Assembly	No	No	No	No vote, demand	No
Division of a Question	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
Objection to the Consideration of a Question	No	No	No	2/3	Neg. only
Parliamentary Inquiry	No	No	No	Chair answers	No
Point of Order	No	No	No	Normally no vote, chair rules	No
Request for Information	No	No	No	No vote, chair responds	No
Suspend the Rules	Yes	No	No	(2)	No
Withdraw a Motion	No (3)	No	No	Majority (3)	Neg. Only
MOTIONS THAT BRING A QUESTION AGAIN BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY					
Reconsider (4)	Yes	Yes (1)	No	Majority	No
Rescind (4)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority with notice, 2/3 or majority of entire membership (3)	Neg. Only
Take from The Table (4)	Yes	No	No	Majority	No

(1) If applied to a debatable motion.

(2) Rules of Order 2/3 vote, standing rules --- majority vote.

(3) Refer to Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, current edition for rule(s).

(4) Refer to parliamentary procedure LDE rules before using these motions in the demonstration.

(5) Only motions listed in the permissible motions chart will be utilized as required motions and allowed as additional motions