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NEW JERSEY FFA ASSOCIATION

“Connected with Purpose”

TO: State Executive Board Members, NJ FFA Chapter Advisors, Officers and Members

FROM: Kathryn Giovanelli, State FFA President
Jenny J. Allen, State FFA Specialist
Erin Noble, State FFA Advisor

DATE: July 18, 2025

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, August 4, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.
1st Floor NJDA Conference Room, Trenton, NJ

- 9:00 am – 10:45 am – State FFA Executive Board Meeting
- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm – Chapter Visit Workshop
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm – Lunch & Team Photos
- 1:15 pm – 2:15 pm – Nuts and Bolts of NJ FFA
- 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm – Farm Bureau Visit

All State Executive Board Members must attend this meeting. If these individuals cannot attend, they should call Ms. Allen at (609) 475-2373 and give the reason to receive an excused absence. Mr. Dale Cruzan will fill the teacher representative on the Executive Board and will have voting power at each meeting in 2025-2026.

AGENDA FOR THE AUGUST STATE MEETING

- I. Opening Ceremonies
- II. Minutes from the July State Meeting
- III. Treasurer’s Report
- IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities – Kayla Romero
 - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Abigale DiGiamberardino
 - C. State Leadership Activities – Ivelisse Pena Rivera
 - D. State Applications – Peter DelCollo
 - E. Career and Leadership Development Evaluation and Review – Aaron Foote
 - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Kathryn Giovanelli
 - G. State Convention Evaluation – Breanna Rosmarin

- VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report – Kathryn Giovanelli**
- VII. Executive Committee Report – Abrianna Portillo**
- VIII. Foundation Report – Breanna Rosmarin**
- IX. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Report – Aaron Foote**
- X. Food, Agriculture, & Natural Resources Education Advisory Council Report – Kayla Romero**
- XI. New Jersey Agricultural Society Report – Kathryn Giovanelli**
- XII. Equine Advisory Board – Peter DelCollo**
- XIII. New Jersey Association of Agriculture Educators – Mr. Dale Cruzan**
- XIV. Unfinished Business**
 - A. State Officer Summit (July 14-18, 2025) – Abigale DiGiamberardino
 - B. Summer CDE Results
 - a. Safe Tractor Operations Event (July 22, 2025) – Kayla Romero
 - C. Checkpoint #1 (July 29-31, 2025) – Breanna Rosmarin
 - D. Impact Training (August 1, 2025) – Aaron Foote
 - E. 98th National FFA Convention (October 29 – November 1, 2025)
 - a. Delegates – Kathryn Giovanelli
 - b. Flag Bearer – Aaron Foote
 - c. State Suite – Abigale DiGiamberardino
 - d. Recognition Program – Ivanelisse Pena Rivera
 - F. State Theme T-Shirt and Thank You Gift – Peter DelCollo
 - G. Eastern States Exposition – Aaron Foote
- XV. New Business**
 - A. Association Budget – Abigale DiGiamberardino
 - B. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers – Peter DelCollo
 - C. Leadership Experience and Development Conference (October 3-4, 2025)
 - a. Impact Conference
 - i. Chapter Officer Leadership Training – Kathryn Giovanelli
 - ii. Leadership Opportunities Conference – Ivanelisse Pena Rivera
 - b. State Greenhand Conference – Abrianna Portillo
 - c. Timeline – Breanna Rosmarin
 - D. Agriculture/Agricultural Education Issues Discussion – Kayla Romero
 - E. State Officer Mileage – Abigale DiGiamberardino
- XVI. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting- September 8, 2025
New Jersey Department of Agriculture
4:00 p.m.*

**New Jersey FFA Association
Minutes from the July 7, 2025 Meeting**

I. Opening Ceremonies

Kathryn Giovanelli called the meeting to order at 9:11am. The voting members in attendance were Breanna Rosmarin, Abigale DiGiamberardino, Ivanelisse Pena Rivera, Aaron Foote, Abrianna Portillo, and Nina Weiland. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Noble, Ms. Allen, and Ms. McCluskey.

II. Minutes from June State Meeting

Motion by Abrianna Portillo to dispense with the reading of the meeting minutes and approve them as distributed.

Seconded by Aaron Foote. Motion passed.

III. Treasurer's Report

The opening balance for the month was \$67,785.12 and the closing balance was \$128,300.66.

Motion by Abigale DiGiamberardino to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.

Motion passed pending audit.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

No guests were present at this meeting.

Motion by Nina Weiland to accept the resignation of William Rutherford, Executive Committee Member.

Seconded by Ivanelisse Pena Rivera. Motion passed.

Motion by Ivanelisse Pena Rivera to excuse the absence of Kayla Romero.

Seconded by Aaron Foote.

Amendment by Abrianna Portillo to excuse Kayla Romero pending a doctor's note.

Seconded by Ivanelisse Pena Rivera. Amendment passed. Main motion passed.

Motion by Ivanelisse Pena Rivera to excuse the absence of Peter DelCollo.

Seconded by Breanna Rosmarin. Motion passed.

Motion by Aaron Foote to unexcuse the absence of Tyler Murnaghan.

Seconded by Nina Weiland. Motion passed.

Breanna Rosmarin assumed the duties of the chair.

V. Committee Reports

A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program Activities

No report.

B. Membership & Chapter Relations

No report.

C. State Leadership Activities

No report.

D. State Applications

No report.

E. Career and Leadership Development Evaluation & Review

No report.

F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation & Review

No report.

G. State Convention Evaluation & Review

No report.

Kathryn Giovanelli re-assumed the duties of the chair.

VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report

Kathryn Giovanelli demonstrated the use of an amendment. An amendment is used to change the words in a motion and must pertain to what is currently being discussed. This is a subsidiary motion, that is debatable, requires a second, and requires a majority vote. You must be recognized by the chair then say, "I move to amend the main motion..."

VII. Executive Committee Report

Abrianna Portillo asked the State Officers and State Staff if they could be a bird what would they be and why? This gave the team insight to their character and how that will help them as they carry out their year as State Officers.

VIII. Foundation Report

No report. Their next meeting will be later in July.

X. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Report

Aaron Foote attended the meeting on June 11th. Buena Regional started an Alumni and Supporters chapter. There was discussion on various fundraising activities such as a Craft Fair, Bowling Night, Karaoke Night, and Bloomin' Socks. The Alumni Social at State Convention was discussed the University said no more popcorn due to the mess it left and possibly having an ice cream bar at State Convention. The Regional Development Conference will be September 19-20, 2025.

XI. Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education Advisory Council Report

No report. Their next meeting will be during the New Jersey State Ag Convention.

XI. New Jersey Agriculture Society Report

No report. Their next meeting will be on July 9, 2025.

XII. Equine Advisory Board

Abigale DiGiamberardino attended the meeting on June 18th. The Equine Advisory Board was excited that FFA will be at their meetings again this year. Everyone is getting ready for their fairs and upcoming events. Information was emailed out to save the date for the Rutgers Junior Animal Science Symposium on March 28, 2026.

XIII. New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators

No report. Their Summer Conference held at Northern Burlington Middle School from July 31 - August 1, 2025. New Jersey Ag Techers Dinner will take place on Thursday, July 31st. Their next meeting is September 26th following the Fall Ag Ed conference.

XIV. Unfinished Business

A. Chapter Banquets

Abrianna Portillo reported that all 16 requested chapter banquet visits have been completed.

B. State Officer Leadership Training

During this training hosted by the NJ FFA Alumni & Supporters, the team were taught the skills to successfully lead and serve as state officers for the upcoming year. The State Officers learned how to properly communicate, professional etiquette, how to be positive influences, how to act in different types of situations, and team dynamics. They also participated in many team building activities to grow as a team and learn more about each other.

During the conference, the team also went through an extensive process to pick the State Theme "Connected with Purpose" for the upcoming year!

C. Alumni Golf Tournament

The Golf Tournament was held June 24th at Cream Ridge Golf Course. There were 57 golfers that participated in this year's event.

D. Base Camp

Ivanelisse Pena Rivera reflected on Base Camp where the State Officers were able to learn from National Facilitator, Lindsey Augustine about leadership and teamwork. She discussed the effective strategies they now understood and recalled the fun moments from Base Camp.

E. State Officer Summit

State Officer Summit will be held in Washington, DC from July 14-18, 2025. We will learn about advocating for FFA and Agriculture, meet other state officers, and kick off the delegate process. Ms. Allen gave updates and clarified instructions.

F. Summer CDE- Safe Tractor Operations Event

Safe Tractor Operations Event will be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at Burlington County Fairgrounds. Kayla Romero and Breanna Rosmarin will represent NJ FFA at the event. There are 10 members from three chapters registered for this event. Registration begins at 12:30 pm with an event start time of 1:00 pm.

G. Checkpoint #1

Kathryn discussed the information sheet that was provided. The State Officers need to complete their Measures of Success document and bring with them to Checkpoint #1. This will take place from Tuesday to Thursday at the Rutgers EcoComplex. Also provided was a detailed schedule and a packing list.

H. Impact Training

Aaron discussed this will take place at Rutgers EcoComplex following Checkpoint #1 training.

XV. New Business

A. 98th National Convention (October 29 – November 1, 2025)

- a. Delegate – Kathryn Giovanelli, Breanna Rosmarin, and Kayla Romero will serve as official delegates. Peter DelCollo will serve as the alternate delegate.

- b. Flag Bearer – Aaron Foote will serve as NJ’s flag bearer.
- c. State Suite – Abigale DiGiamberardino will serve as the host to the State Suite.
- d. Recognition Program – Ivanelisse Pena Rivera will organize the recognition program for the National Convention breakfast.

B. State Theme T-shirts and Thank You Gift

The officers talked about the t-shirt color that will be used for the LEAD t-shirts. They ranked the four choices they had come up with. The type of thank you gifts that were submitted for this year will be a mug. Both will be finalized at the July Work Session Meeting.

C. Eastern States Exposition

Kathryn is looking into applying for the President Internship at the Big E to help with competitions and other aspects of the event. State Officers can attend as event assistant volunteers. Northern Burlington plans to compete in Dairy Cattle Evaluation, Salem Tech plans to compete in Livestock Evaluation and Marketing Plan, and Woodstown plans to compete in Meats Evaluation and Technology and the Star program.

D. Agriculture/ Agricultural Education Issues Discussion

Breanna Rosmarin discussed the deer overpopulation. The deer are over grazing areas and causing harm to crops and vehicles. There is a need to Inform farmers on what they can do to protect their crops. The hunting regulations to be refined to control the current deer overpopulation issue.

E. State Officer Milage

Kathryn, Breanna, Abigale, Ivanelisse, Peter, Aaron, and Abrianna submitted for the month of June. All mileage reports are due each month prior to the start of the state meeting.

Motion by Aaron Foote to move the Nursery/Landscape CDE from Spring CDEs to the Horticultural Exposition in March.

Seconded by Breanna Rosmarin. Motion passed.

XVI. Closing Ceremonies

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 am. The next meeting will be held on August 4, 2025, at 9:00 am.

2:07 PM

July 3, 2025

Cash Basis

NJ FFA Association
Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger
As of June 30, 2025

	Type	Date	Name	Memo	Split
FFA					
	Deposit	06/04/2025		Deposit	-SPLIT-
	Deposit	06/04/2025		Deposit	-SPLIT-
	Check	06/06/2025	US Bank	NASCO-biosecurity booties for Dairy CDE	P2 (CDEs - Expense)
	Check	06/06/2025	US Bank	Judges snacks at convention	P6 (State Convention - Expense)
	Check	06/06/2025	US Bank	Non Com snacks	P6 (State Convention - Expense)
	Deposit	06/10/2025		Deposit	-SPLIT-
	Check	06/10/2025	Allentown FFA	stage flowers	P6 (State Convention - Expense)
	Deposit	06/24/2025		Deposit	-SPLIT-
	Deposit	06/24/2025		Deposit	-SPLIT-
	Check	06/26/2025	Halo Branded Solutions	convention t-shirts	P6 (State Convention - Expense)
	Check	06/30/2025	Davison, Eastman & ...	additional legal services	P3 (General Supplies - Expense)
	Check	06/30/2025	DJ Nebbs Entertainment	convention leadership services	P6 (State Convention - Expense)
	Check	06/30/2025	National FFA Organiz...	SO official dress	P4 (State Officers - Expense)
Total FFA					
TOTAL					

NJ FFA Association
Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger
As of June 30, 2025

Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
		67,785.12 1
38,323.00	38,323.00	106,108.12
4,464.31	4,464.31	110,572.43
-55.94	-55.94	110,516.49
-56.15	-56.15	110,460.34
-73.70	-73.70	110,386.64
15,850.00	15,850.00	126,236.64
-166.00	-166.00	126,070.64
1,590.00	1,590.00	127,660.64
3,620.06	3,620.06	131,280.70
-1,863.04	-1,863.04	129,417.66
-342.00	-342.00	129,075.66
-450.00	-450.00	128,625.66
-325.00	-325.00	128,300.66
	60,515.54	128,300.66 2
	60,515.54	128,300.66 3

NJ FFA Association
Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger
As of June 30, 2025

- 1. Opening Balance on June 1, 2025 was \$67,785.12
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- 2. Closing Balance on June 30, 2025 was \$128,300.66
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- 3. Treasurer's Report passes pending audit
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