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NEW JERSEY FFA ASSOCIATION
"CHALLENGE ACCEPTED"

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

FROM: Breanna Rosmarin, State FFA President
Jenny J. Allen, State FFA Specialist
Erin Noble, State FFA Advisor

DATE: July 17, 2026

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, August 3, 2026 – 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 2026-2027.

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 – Kai Wilson
 - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Jacob Bramble
 - C. State Leadership Activities – Kayla Romero
 - D. State Applications – Elizabeth Noreen
 - E. Career and Leadership Development Evaluation and Review – Breanna Rosmarin
 - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Peter DelCollo
 - G. State Convention Evaluation – Grace Campbell
- VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report – Kai Wilson**
- VII. Executive Committee Report – Kathryn Giovanelli**

VIII. Foundation Report – Peter DelCollo

IX. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Report – Kai Wilson

X. Food, Agriculture, & Natural Resources Education Advisory Council Report – Grace Campbell

XI. New Jersey Agricultural Society Report – Breanna Rosmarin

XII. Equine Advisory Board – Elizabeth Noreen

XIII. New Jersey Association of Agriculture Educators – Mr. Dale Cruzan

XIV. Unfinished Business

- A. State Officer Summit (July 13-17, 2026) – Peter DelCollo
- B. Summer CDE - Safe Tractor Operations Event (July 21, 2026) – Grace Campbell
- C. Checkpoint #1 (July 28-30, 2026) – Jacob Bramble
- D. I AM Training (July 31, 2026) – Kai Wilson
- E. Chapter Visit Boot Camp (September 10-11, 2026) – Kayla Romero
- F. 99th National FFA Convention (October 21-24, 2026)
 - a. Delegates – Breanna Rosmarin
 - b. Flag Bearer – Jacob Bramble
 - c. State Suite – Elizabeth Noreen
 - d. Recognition Program – Grace Campbell
- G. State Theme T-Shirt and Thank You Gift – Jacob Bramble
- H. Eastern States Exposition – Kai Wilson

XV. New Business

- A. Association Budget – Elizabeth Noreen
- B. Cost Analysis – Elizabeth Noreen
 - a. Mega “E” Conference
 - b. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day
- C. Fall Ag Ed Conference (September 25, 2026) – Breanna Rosmarin
- D. FFA in the USA Reporter Program – Grace Campbell
- E. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (January 3-17, 2027) – Peter DelCollo
- F. Mega “E” Conference (February 5-6, 2027)
 - a. I AM Conference – Kai Wilson
 - b. “Member Leadership Series” Connect Conference – Abigale DiGiamberardino
 - i. State Greenhand Conference – Kathryn Giovanelli
 - ii. Leadership and Opportunity Conference – Grace Campbell
 - iii. Chapter Officer Leadership Training – Jacob Bramble
 - iv. State Officer Candidates School – Kayla Romero
 - c. Timeline – Peter DelCollo
- G. Agriculture/Agricultural Education Issues Discussion – Kayla Romero
- H. State Officer Mileage – Elizabeth Noreen

XVI. Closing Ceremonies

*Next State Meeting- September 14, 2026
New Jersey Department of Agriculture
4:00 p.m.*

**New Jersey FFA Association
Minutes from the July 6, 2026 Meeting**

I. Opening Ceremonies

Breanna Rosmarin called the meeting to order at 9:04 am. The voting members in attendance were Breanna Rosmarin, Peter DelCollo, Elizabeth Noreen, Grace Campbell, Jacob Bramble, Kai Wilson, Aaron Foote, and Mrs. Smith. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Noble, Ms. Allen, and Ms. McCluskey.

II. Minutes from June State Meeting

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

Seconded by Peter DelCollo. Motion passed.

III. Treasurer's Report

The opening balance for the month was \$47,146.23 and the closing balance was \$125,484.67.

Motion by Elizabeth Noreen to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.

Motion passed pending audit.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

Mrs. Smith, NJAAE President/Warren Hills FFA Advisor

Motion by Jacob Bramble to excuse the absence of Kathryn Giovanelli.

Seconded by Peter DelCollo. Motion passed.

Motion by Jacob Bramble to excuse the absence of Abigale DiGiamberardino

Seconded by Grace Campbell. Motion passed.

Motion by Peter DelCollo to use the Westin Mt. Laurel as the location for the Mega "E" Conference.

Seconded by Kai Wilson. Motion passed.

Peter DelCollo assumed the duties of the chair.

V. Committee Reports

A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program Activities

No report.

B. Membership & Chapter Relations

No report. Discussion was made regarding the Chapter Membership Data form.

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.

Breanna Rosmarin re-assumed the duties of the chair.

VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report

Kai Wilson demonstrated the use of an amendment. An amendment is used to change the wording of a motion and must pertain to the motion currently being discussed. Amendments are made during discussion or debate. An amendment is a subsidiary motion that is debatable, requires a second, and must be approved by a majority vote. To introduce an amendment, you must first be recognized by the chair and then state, "I move to amend the main motion..." Up to two amendments may be on the floor at the same time: **Primary Amendment** – Changes the main motion and **Secondary Amendment** – Changes the primary amendment.

VII. Executive Committee Report

Aaron Foote asked the State Officers, "What lesson stood out to you the most from Base Camp?" and "What are your communication strengths and weaknesses?"

VIII. Foundation Report

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

X. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Report

Kai Wilson attended the State FFA Alumni & Supporters meeting, which took place on Wednesday, June 10, 2026. During the meeting, Kai introduced the State Officer Team and provided an update on upcoming events scheduled for June and July. They discussed Alumni Nation sales and explored ways to improve them next year. Ideas included selling merchandise during the social and dance. Members also reviewed plans for the upcoming golf tournament, including registration and prizes. One notable prize discussed was personalized jackets for select tournament winners. Additional discussion focused on upcoming agricultural conferences, including the New Jersey Farm Bureau and the New Jersey Agricultural Society. Ideas included hosting a vendor table and attending the Farm Bureau dinner, as well as purchasing an advertisement in the Agricultural Society's journal. Finally, members brainstormed additional fundraising opportunities. One idea was to host a line dancing event at the fire department where Chuck works. This is a potential fundraiser that is currently being explored, and more information will be shared as plans develop. The next State FFA Alumni & Supporters meeting will be held on August 12, 2026.

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

The Food, Agricultural, & Natural Resources Education Advisory Council has not met yet. They are planning to meet sometime in the fall.

XI. New Jersey Agriculture Society Report

No report. Their next meeting will be on July 8, 2026 either at the EcoComplex or virtually.

XII. Equine Advisory Board

Elizabeth Noreen attended the meeting on June 17. The Agricultural Fair Association shared that fairs have already begun throughout the state, with the busiest weeks being the last two weeks of July and

the first week of August. The equine clubs and associations reported that they have many upcoming horse shows and are looking forward to a busy season. They also mentioned that some races have been canceled due to the World Cup and that they are taking precautions to prevent the spread of pinworms. The next meeting will be held on July 15. Since the State Officer Team will be in Washington, D.C., for Summit, Elizabeth will submit her report in advance.

XIII. New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators

Mrs. Smith shared that, from June 30 to July 2, 2026, three New Jersey teachers were selected to participate in the National FFA Teacher Ambassador Program. A total of 88 teachers from across the country participated in the program. The New Jersey participants included Dr. Robin McLean of Northern Burlington Middle School, a second-year mentor; Renee Stillwell of Hunterdon County ESEA, a first-year ambassador; and Patty Smith of Warren Hills, a third-year ambassador. Dale Cruzan of Allentown High School and Deanna Miller of Woodstown High School are serving as CASE Lead Teachers this summer. New Jersey will host the Natural Resources and Ecology CASE Institute at Allentown High School from July 13–17, 2026. The Ag Ed Boot Camp will be held at Essex County–West Caldwell on August 12–13, 2026. The New Jersey Ag Teachers Dinner will take place on Thursday, August 13, followed by the NJAAE Summer Conference at Essex County–West Caldwell on August 13–14, 2026. The next NJAAE meeting will be held on September 25, 2026, following the Fall Agricultural Education Conference.

XIV. Unfinished Business

A. Chapter Banquets

Aaron Foote reported that all 17 requested chapter banquet visits have been completed.

B. State Officer Leadership Training

State officers attended the State Officer Leadership Training (SOLT) on June 13–14 at the State Office Building in Trenton. Hosted by the New Jersey FFA Alumni & Supporters, the training focused on leadership development, team building, networking, and professional growth under the theme "The Great Outdoors." Throughout the weekend, officers participated in workshops led by New Jersey FFA Alumni members and past state officers, gaining the knowledge and skills needed to successfully lead and serve during the upcoming year. Training sessions emphasized effective communication, professional etiquette, positive leadership, adaptability in a variety of situations, and team dynamics. The officers also took part in a variety of team-building activities that strengthened their relationships and helped them grow as a cohesive leadership team. During the conference, the team also went through an extensive process to pick the State Theme "Challenge Accepted" for the upcoming year!

C. Alumni Golf Tournament

The 24th Golf Tournament was held on June 22, 2026 at Cream Ridge Golf Course. A total of 55 golfers participated in this year's event. The State Officer Team received the Best Effort award. Although the weather was less than ideal, the golfers were able to complete the course, and everyone enjoyed a wonderful day.

D. Base Camp

Base Camp was held at the Rutgers EcoComplex from June 29–July 1, 2026. Our facilitator was Amara Livingston, a past State Officer from Wisconsin. We will see Amara again at future trainings, including Checkpoint #1. We also met with Sydney Klaveano, a representative from BASF, who shared strategies for engaging and recruiting new FFA members with a variety of interests. During Base Camp, we learned about building strong relationships within our team and with FFA members, the Five Levels of Leadership, and how to identify our individual talents and strengths to best support our team and the New Jersey FFA.

E. State Officer Summit

From July 13-17, 2026, the State Officer team will be traveling down to Washington, D.C. with Ms. Allen to attend the State Officer Summit. Throughout the week, we will meet state officers from across the country, advocate for agriculture and FFA at the Capitol, and start the delegate process leading up to the National Convention. A tentative-draft schedule was given to us at the State Officer meeting after the State Convention, as well as in the officers' folders. We have received some info in our Tuesday meeting and will receive a detailed email in the coming days. Peter also shared everyone should view the State Officer Primer and listen to the State Officer Summit Podcast prior to Monday.

F. Summer CDE- Safe Tractor Operations Event

Safe Tractor Operations Event will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at Burlington County Fairgrounds. Grace Campbell and Jacob Bramble will represent NJ FFA at the event. There are 9 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

State officers will attend Checkpoint #1 at the Rutgers EcoComplex from July 28–31, 2026. The conference will focus on continued leadership development and preparation for upcoming New Jersey FFA events and responsibilities. Officers will review materials from Base Camp, complete their Measures of Success Evaluator and Growth Plan packets, participate in planning sessions, and collaborate on goals for the year. The training will also provide opportunities for professional development, team collaboration, and preparation for future conferences and state officer responsibilities. Officers are expected to bring Mega “E” Planning Folders, Base Camp Learnbooks, and their completed Measures of Success Evaluator and Growth Plan packets for conferences. Attire for the week includes Tuesday – Official Dress (Rock Photo), Wednesday – Light Blue Polos with khakis, Thursday – Black Button-Downs with khakis, and Friday – Golf Polo with jeans (no holes). More information to follow. Also provided was a detailed schedule and a packing list.

H. I AM Training

On Friday, July 31, 2026, State Officers will participate in the ‘I AM’ Conference training that will be held at the conclusion of Checkpoint 1. The conference will be held at the Rutgers EcoComplex. The attire for Friday is the Golf Polo & Jeans without holes. More Information will be provided in an email from Ms. Allen.

XV. New Business

A. Chapter Visit Boot Camp

New this year, the State Officers will participate in a comprehensive training session followed by a mock chapter visit at a local school, allowing participants to apply the skills they have learned in a real-world setting. The training will include a refresher on the August Workshop, Chapter Visit Logistics, Learning Styles and Instructional Methods, Classroom Management, and Facilitation Tips and Tricks. As part of the mock chapter visit, the State Officers will facilitate their workshops for a local high school class, providing valuable hands-on experience prior to conducting official chapter visits.

A. 99th National Convention (October 21-24, 2026)

- a. Delegate – Breanna Rosmarin, Peter DelCollo and Kayla Romero will serve as official delegates. Kai Wilson will serve as the alternate delegate.
- b. Flag Bearer – Jacob Bramble will serve as NJ’s flag bearer.
- c. State Suite – Elizabeth Noreen will serve as the host to the State Suite.
- d. Recognition Program – Grace Campbell will organize the recognition program for the National Convention breakfast.

B. State Theme T-shirts and Thank You Gift

The officer team has selected notebooks as our thank-you gifts. We are also finalizing the State Theme T-shirts and plan to make them available for purchase. The shirts will be worn at Mega E and will feature the state logo, possibly in black and white. This will be finalized at the July Work Session Meeting.

C. Eastern States Exposition

The Big E FFA events will take place on September 18-19, 2026 in Springfield Massachusetts. This is an optional event to attend and will not be paid for by NJFFA. Attending means you have to cover the cost yourself, including hotels, gas, tickets, etc. Tickets are \$17.50 per day. The Central Region Vice President Claire Woeppel will be at the Big E this year. Bre will be applying for the State President’s Internship. State Officers can attend as event assistant volunteers. Allentown plans to participate in Extemporaneous Public Speaking, Buena plans to participate in Star Program, Hunterdon County ESEA plans to participate in Parliamentary Procedure and Prepared Public Speaking, Hunterdon County Polytech plans to participate in Dairy Cattle Evaluation and Management, Northern Burlington plans to participate in Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems, and Salem Tech plans to participate in Agricultural Issues Forum.

D. Agriculture/ Agricultural Education Issues Discussion

Peter DelCollo discussed Avian influenza. Which is commonly known as bird flu, is a highly contagious viral disease that primarily affects wild birds and domestic poultry such as chickens, turkeys, and ducks. It is caused by influenza A viruses, with some strains, leading to severe illness and high mortality rates in birds. The disease spreads through direct contact with infected birds, their droppings, contaminated equipment, feed, or water, and can result in significant economic losses for the poultry industry due to decreased production and the need to depopulate infected flocks. I wanted to learn more about a specific example of Avian Flu and its effects on a farm, so I spoke to one of my teachers Dr. Brightbill who was previously the State Veterinarian of PA. He told me a story of a poultry farm that contracted avian flu and they had to burn alive all of the chickens so it wouldn’t spread. That’s how impactful this influenza is.

E. State Officer Milage

Peter, Elizabeth, Grace, Jacob, Kai, and Kathryn submitted for the month of June. All mileage reports are due each month prior to the start of the state meeting. Everyone reviewed the mileage paper that was in their folders.

XVI. Closing Ceremonies

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 am. The next meeting will be held on August 3, 2026, at 9:00 am.

2:42 PM

July 2, 2026

Cash Basis

NJ FFA Association
Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger
As of June 30, 2026

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Split	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
FFA							47,146.23 1
Deposit	06/01/2026		Deposit	Undeposited Funds	30.00	30.00	47,176.23
Deposit	06/04/2026		Deposit	-SPLIT-	151.00	151.00	47,327.23
Deposit	06/04/2026		Deposit	-SPLIT-	26,990.00	26,990.00	74,317.23
Deposit	06/04/2026		Deposit	-SPLIT-	31,761.00	31,761.00	106,078.23
Check	06/05/2026	US Bank	WB Mason - supplies	P6 (State Convention - Expense)	-11.06	-11.06	106,067.17
Check	06/05/2026	US Bank	Best of Signs - stage backdrop	P6 (State Convention - Expense)	-187.24	-187.24	105,879.93
Check	06/05/2026	US Bank	Amazon - convention supplies	P6 (State Convention - Expense)	-60.91	-60.91	105,819.02
Check	06/05/2026	National FFA Org	convention awards	P6 (State Convention - Expense)	-47.00	-47.00	105,772.02
Check	06/05/2026	National FFA Organizat...	convention awards	P6 (State Convention - Expense)	-58.50	-58.50	105,713.52
Check	06/05/2026	American Income Life I...	Jan - June supplemental insurance	P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	-822.00	-822.00	104,891.52
Deposit	06/12/2026		Deposit	P10 ALLD (Income)	434.92	434.92	105,326.44
Deposit	06/17/2026		Deposit	-SPLIT-	2,466.00	2,466.00	107,792.44
Deposit	06/17/2026		Deposit	-SPLIT-	13,380.00	13,380.00	121,172.44
Deposit	06/17/2026		Deposit	-SPLIT-	4,444.00	4,444.00	125,616.44
Deposit	06/17/2026		Deposit	-SPLIT-	6,508.00	6,508.00	132,124.44
Deposit	06/17/2026		Deposit	Undeposited Funds	40.00	40.00	132,164.44
Check	06/25/2026	Davison, Eastman & M...	additional legal	P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	-1,057.00	-1,057.00	131,107.44
Check	06/30/2026	returned check	returned check - Hunterdon	P6 (State Convention - Expense)	-4,340.00	-4,340.00	126,767.44
Check	06/30/2026	returned check	returned check - Hunterdon	P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	-55.00	-55.00	126,712.44
Check	06/30/2026	returned check	returned check - Hunterdon	P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	-155.00	-155.00	126,557.44
Check	06/30/2026	Kathryn Giovanelli	Dec- June mileage reim	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-137.87	-137.87	126,419.57
Check	06/30/2026	Breanna Rosmarin	Dec- June mileage reim	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-52.27	-52.27	126,367.30
Check	06/30/2026	Abigale DiGiamberardino	Dec- June mileage reim	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-199.61	-199.61	126,167.69
Check	06/30/2026	Peter Del Collo	Dec- June mileage reim	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-200.15	-200.15	125,967.54
Check	06/30/2026	Aaron Foote	Dec- June mileage reim	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-138.95	-138.95	125,828.59
Check	06/30/2026	Nina Weiland	Dec- June mileage reim	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-27.65	-27.65	125,800.94
Check	06/30/2026	Kayla Romero	Dec- June mileage reim	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-46.65	-46.65	125,754.29
Check	06/30/2026	Ivanelisse Pena Rivera	Dec- June mileage reim	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-4.62	-4.62	125,749.67
Check	06/30/2026	National FFA Org	partial order of SO jackets	P6 (State Convention - Expense)	-265.00	-265.00	125,484.67
Total FFA						78,338.44	125,484.67 2
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As of June 30, 2026

- 1. Opening Balance on June 1, 2026 was \$47,146.23
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- 2. Closing Balance on June 30, 2026 was \$125,484.67
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- 3. Treasurer's report passes pending audit
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