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New Jersey FFA Association

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

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

DATE: May 11, 2026

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, June 1, 2026 – 4:00 p.m.

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 for receiving an excused absence. Mr. Dale Cruzan will fill the teacher representative on the Executive Board and have voting power at each meeting in 2025-2026.

AGENDA FOR THE JUNE STATE MEETING

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the May State Meeting**
- III. Treasurer’s Report**
- IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**
- V. Committee Assignments**
 - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities
 - B. Membership & Chapter Relations
 - C. State Leadership Activities
 - D. State Applications
 - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review
 - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review
 - G. State Convention Evaluation
- VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report – State Parliamentarian**
- VII. Executive Committee Report – Executive Committee Chair**
- VIII. Foundation Report -**

- IX. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Report -**
- X. Food, Agriculture, & Natural Resources Education Advisory Council Report -**
- XI. New Jersey Agricultural Society Report -**
- XII. Equine Advisory Board -**
- XIII. New Jersey Association of Agriculture Educators – Mr. Cruzan**
- XIV. Unfinished Business**
 - A. State Convention Review – State President
 - B. Honorary American Degree Nominations – State Secretary
 - C. Chapter Banquets – Executive Committee Chair
 - D. Summer CDEs – State Parliamentarian
 - a. Safe Tractor Operations Event (July 21, 2026)
- XV. New Business**
 - A. State Officer Leadership Training (June 13-14, 2026) – State Sentinel
 - B. Alumni Golf Tournament (June 22, 2026) – State Treasurer
 - C. Base Camp (June 23 – June 25, 2026) – State Reporter
 - D. Code of Ethics – State President
 - E. Select State Representatives to Organizations – State Vice President
 - a. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Association
 - b. State FFA Foundation
 - c. Agricultural Education Advisory Council
 - d. New Jersey Agricultural Society
 - e. Equine Advisory Board
 - F. Establish Policies – State Secretary
 - a. Travel Policies
 - b. SO Attendance Policy
 - c. Executive Committee Attendance Policy
 - d. Social Media Policy
 - G. State Officer Summit (July 13-17, 2026) – State Vice President
 - H. Check Point #1 (July 28 - 30, 2026) – State Sentinel
 - I. I AM Training (July 31, 2026) – State Parliamentarian
 - J. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion – State President
 - K. Member of the Month – Executive Committee Chair
 - L. State Officer Mileage – State Treasurer
- XVI. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting
July 6, 2026
New Jersey Department of Ag Building
9:00 am*

**New Jersey FFA Association
Minutes from the May 4, 2026 Meeting**

I. Opening Ceremonies

Kathryn Giovanelli called the meeting to order at 4:12 pm. The voting members in attendance were Kathryn Giovanelli, Breanna Rosmarin, Abigale DiGiamberardino, Ivanelisse Peña Rivera, Peter DelCollo, Aaron Foote, Tyler Murnaghan, and Mr. Dale Cruzan. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Noble, Ms. Allen, and Ms. McCluskey.

II. Minutes from April State Meeting

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

Seconded by Ivanelisse Peña Rivera. Motion passed.

III. Treasurer's Report

The opening balance for the month was \$55,942.56 and the closing balance was \$56,299.17.

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

Motion passed pending audit.

Motion by Aaron Foote to have the Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day Conference location at The College of New Jersey on Thursday, February 25, 2026..

Seconded by Ivanelisse Peña Rivera. Motion passed.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

There were no guests present at this month's meeting.

Motion by Breanna Rosmarin to excuse the absence of Nine Weiland.

Seconded by Ivanelisse Peña Rivera. 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. All memberships have been finalized, and all chapters have turned in their Chapter Charter Requirements.

C. State Leadership Activities

No report.

D. State Applications

No report.

E. Career and Leadership Development Evaluation & Review

No report.

Motion by Aaron Foote to accept the hosting locations for the 2027 Preliminary Regional LDEs as follows: Northern Region-Voorhees High School on Tuesday, March 9, 2027 hosting chapters: Hunterdon County ESEA and Hunterdon County Polytech, Central Region-Allentown High School on Wednesday, March 10, 2027 hosting chapter: Allentown, and Southern Region-Salem County Vocational Technical School on Thursday, March 11, 2027 hosting chapter: Salem Tech.

Seconded by Abigale DiGiamberardino. Motion passed.

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 demonstrated a lesson game on Parliamentary Procedure that will be used for the delegate workshop, business sessions, and committee meetings at State Convention.

VII. Executive Committee Report

Tyler asked the State Officers what is one task you need to focus on for State Convention and what strategy do you have for engaging with FFA members.

VIII. Foundation Report

The New Jersey FFA Foundation met on April 14, 2026. At this meeting, they discussed donations from the Milk Quality and Products CDE, the Day of Service Grant, and the \$2,036 made on Give FFA Day. Breanna gave a report updating the Foundation on recent state events and what the team has coming up. The meeting ended with a discussion about the Agricultural Society's donations for events and programs.

X. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Report

A short meeting was held right after the RA workshop on April 8th at the EcoComplex. They discussed pricing for the ice cream social for State Conventions. They also discussed if the Alumni would like to bring back the Alumni official dress and a non-official dress, which is a polo. They voted that the blazers are at the officer's own expense, and the emblem patch will be provided, and the polo will be provided as well.

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

No report. Their next meeting will be on May 20, 2026.

XI. New Jersey Agriculture Society Report

No report. Their next meeting will be on May 13, 2026.

XII. Equine Advisory Board

Kathryn attended the Equine Advisory Board meeting on April 15th, where she gave a report updating the board on past events such as preliminary LDEs, the Great American Agriculture Celebration, and the retiring address workshop. Then she discussed Spring CDEs, Livestock Evaluation CDE, and Horse

Evaluation CDE. Finally, she talked about the Blue Jackets, Bright Futures Program, and the Golf Tournament. Topics such as the horse person of the year nomination process and the horse evaluation competition were discussed..

XIII. New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators

Mr. Cruzan discussed the next meeting will be on May 20th. After the meeting, there will be elections for leadership positions. Mr. Cruzan also talked about the summer conferences being held in the northern region. Award Applications were due May 1st for the state and national level.

XIV. Unfinished Business

A. Virtual Judging Applications

All application were judged virtually. There were 295 applications.

B. Retiring Address Workshop

The state officers attended the retiring address workshop on April 8th at the EcoComplex and gave their speeches to be reviewed and critiqued for the upcoming state convention.

C. Spring CDEs

Spring CDEs took place on April 16th at Rutgers University, in which the state held the Poultry Evaluation CDE for the first time. The first-place teams are as follows:

Agricultural Sales: Hunterdon County ESEA
Agricultural Mechanics: Northern Burlington
Agronomy: Bergen County Academies
Environmental and Natural Resources: Warren Hills
Poultry Evaluation: Woodstown
Veterinary Science: Somerset County Vo-Tech

D. Livestock Evaluation CDE

The Livestock Evaluation CDE took place on April 18th with 6 teams and 22 FFA Members competing. The event was held at Delaware Valley University and was run by the Delaware Valley University Block and Bridle Club. Nine Weiland, PJ DelCollo, and Ms. Allen were in attendance for the event. The Warren Hills FFA Chapter was the first-place team.

E. Horse Evaluation CDE

The Horse Evaluation CDE took place on April 19th at the Gloucester County Dream Park. 6 teams and 21 members competed in the event, which was run by the New Jersey 4-H. Abigale DiGiamberardino, PJ DelCollo, and Ms. McCluskey were in attendance for the event. The Woodstown FFA Chapter was the first-place team.

F. Agriscience Fair

A total of 30 agriscience fair projects were presented at the Agriscience Fair, held at the Rutgers EcoComplex. Members chose a topic of their choice, conducted research, and presented their findings to judges. Winners of each division are posted below. Congratulations to al winners!

Animal Systems

Division II: Savanna Christmann & Gianna Ledonne - Montague Township Middle

Division III: Evelyn Trauger - Woodstown

Division IV: Zamiel Perez & Jeanette Calderon - High Tech

Division V: Aakrithi Ram - Bergen County Academies

Division VI: Adyson France & Mikaela Viera - Hunterdon County

Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems

Division II: Hunter Conklin & Antonia Sandman - Montague Township Middle

Division III: Hope Swansinger - Freehold

Division IV: Sahana Bhat & Jana Wafi - High Tech

Division V: Adeline Alipui – Bergen County Academies

Division VI: Yoonseo Jang & Joann Park – Bergen County Academies

Food Products & Processing Systems

Division II: Melanie Scantleberry & Cassidy Eastridge – Montague Township Middle

Division III: Sophia Yakhnich – Bergen County Academies

Plant Systems

Division I: Rosalie Velez – Montague Township Middle

Division III: Danyel Perez – Bergen County Academies

Division IV: Ester Fernandez & Lucinda Alatrasta – High Tech

Division V: Lillian Day - Bergen County Academies

Division VI: Evangeline Lee & Branden Kim – Bergen County Academies

Power, Structural, & Technical Systems

Division V: Claire Shi- Bergen County Academies

Social Systems

Division III: Ava Haring – Hunterdon County Polytech

Division IV: Natalie Flores & Prinzesse Dongon – High Tech

Division V: Eden Bingel - Somerset County

Division VI: Prinzesse Dongon & Tomas Romano - High Tech

G. Dairy Cattle Evaluation

The Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE took place on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at Spring House Dairy in Pittstown, NJ. 5 teams and 19 members competed in the event, which was run by the New Jersey 4-H. Breanna Rosmarin, Kayla Romero, and Ms. Allen were in attendance for the event. The Hunterdon County Polytech FFA Chapter was the first-place team.

H. State Convention

a. Timeline

We are now two weeks from convention. The officers are preparing and memorizing their pieces.

b. Video Shoot

State Officers have met for a series of times to film all videos. The videos have been completed and are being edited.

c. State Officer Candidates

State Officer Candidates turned in their applications on May 1, 2026. They have begun the next steps for the interview process. This year, there are 10 applicants.

d. Nominating Committee

The nominating committee has been selected! Two individuals from each of the three regions will work together to elect the 2026-2027 state officer team at the state convention.

e. Statewide Community Service Project

A flyer has been shared on social media, and the videos have been finished. The plan is to keep reposting the flyers and videos as a reminder to chapters to keep collecting materials and items for our project.

f. Delegate Issues for State Convention

The delegates will be discussing issues based on the committees that they take part in. These agendas are completed and cover topics that they will each bring back to the collective delegate meeting outside of committees.

I. Chapter Visit Updates

All Chapter Visits have been completed, and State Officers have made sure to make social media posts and send out emails after the visits.

J. Team Goal Action Plan

The State Officers reflected on their goals they have set to continue to complete for the remainder of their year of service. They exceeded their goal of having 150 Blue Jacket applicants, with a total of 200 FFA members who filled out the application. They have 10 State Officer Candidates for 2026-2027.

XV. New Business

A. HO Sampson Chapter Recognition

Chapters receive a rating of bronze, silver, and gold. Ratings are based on the chapter's amount of participation in state-level events.

Motion by Abigale DiGiamberardino to approve the 2025-2026 HO Sampson Chapter Recognition list.

Seconded by Breanna Rosmarin. Motion passed.

B. Honorary American Degree Nominations

This year's officer team started to come up with a list of potential candidates for this award, the nominations will be made by the 2026-2027 officer team.

C. Chapter Banquets

The officer team received seventeen requests from chapters to attend end of year banquets. Make sure to review the date of your banquet and reach out to the chapter advisor(s) to confirm in advance.

D. Safe Tractor Operations Event

The Safe Tractors Operation Event will be held on July 21, 2026 at the Burlington County Fairgrounds. More information available soon.

E. Agriculture/ Agricultural Education Issues Discussion

With increasing gas prices for example diesel being 5.50 and higher in other locations its becoming increasingly expensive for farmers to be able to take care of their land use the necessary tools without spending a fortune and get little to none back These surging input costs are slashing profit margins, forcing difficult decisions like reducing fertilizer use and causing some farmers to face potential bankruptcy.

F. Member of the Month

The executive board evaluated the member of the month applications.

Motion by Tyler Murnaghan to select Abigail Capiello of the Allentown FFA Chapter as May's Member of the Month.

Seconded by Ivanelisse Pena Rivera. Motion passes.

G. State Officer Milage

Kathryn, Breanna, Kayla, Abigale, and Peter submitted for April. All mileage reports are due each month before the start of the state meeting. Make sure you are completing and submitting your mileage.

XVI. Closing Ceremonies

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 pm. The next meeting will be held on June 1, 2026, at 4:00 pm.

**NJ FFA Association
Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger**

As of April 30, 2026

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Split	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
FFA							55,942.56
Deposit	04/02/2026		Deposit	-SPLIT-	522.00	522.00	56,464.56
Deposit	04/02/2026		Deposit	-SPLIT-	1,743.67	1,743.67	58,208.23
Check	04/08/2026	New Jersey 4H Hors...	Horse Judging registration with NJ 4H	P2 (CDEs - Expense)	-385.00	-385.00	57,823.23
Check	04/08/2026	Amy Rtcco	reim for Nursery/Landscape test copies	P2 (CDEs - Expense)	-24.63	-24.63	57,798.60
Deposit	04/20/2026		Deposit	Undeposited Funds	241.57	241.57	58,040.17
Deposit	04/20/2026		Deposit	-SPLIT-	294.00	294.00	58,334.17
Check	04/22/2026	NJ 4-H Dairy Advisor...	Dairy Judging registration with NJ 4H	P2 (CDEs - Expense)	-75.00	-75.00	58,259.17
Check	04/22/2026	NJ FFA Foundation	state cconvention awards	P6 (State Convention - Expense)	-2,000.00	-2,000.00	56,259.17
Deposit	04/22/2026		Deposit	Undeposited Funds	40.00	40.00	56,299.17
Total FFA						356.61	56,299.17
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2. Closing Balance on April 30, 2026 was \$56,299.17
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3. Treasurer's Report passes pending audit
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