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## NEW JERSEY FFA ASSOCIATION

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

FROM: Chase Sherburne, State FFA President  
Jenny Allen, State FFA Specialist  
Erin Noble, State FFA Advisor

DATE: April 23, 2024

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting  
**Monday, May 6, 2024 – 4:00 pm.**  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor NJDA Conference Room, Trenton, NJ

All State Executive Board Members must attend this meeting. If these individuals cannot attend, they should call Ms. Allen at 609-457-2373, 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 2023-2024.

### AGENDA FOR THE APRIL STATE MEETING

- I. **Opening Ceremonies**
- II. **Minutes from the March State Meeting**
- III. **Treasurer's Report**
- IV. **Guest Introductions and Attendance**
- V. **Committee Reports**
  - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities, State Convention Evaluation & State Applications – Jonathan Finney
  - B. Membership, Chapter & Relations and State Leadership Activities – Chase Sherburne
  - C. Career and Leadership Development Evaluation and Review – Julia Moreno
  - D. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Maisie Shimko
- VI. **Parliamentary Procedure Report** – Chase Sherburne
- VII. **Executive Committee Report** – Jonathan Finney
- VIII. **State FFA Foundation Report** – Julia Moreno

- IX. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Report – Chase Sherburne**
- X. Food, Agriculture, & Natural Resources Education Advisory Council Report – Maisie Shimko**
- XI. New Jersey Agricultural Society Report – Jonathan Finney**
- XII. Equine Advisory Board Report – Maisie Shimko**
- XIII. New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Report – Mr. Dale Cruzan**
- XIV. Unfinished Business**
  - A. State Applications Judging (April 4-7, 2024) – Maisie Shimko
  - B. Horse Evaluation CDE (April 7, 2024) – Chase Sherburne
  - C. Retiring Address Workshop (April 10, 2024) – Chase Sherburne
  - D. PA Day CDEs (April 16, 2024) – Julia Moreno
  - E. Spring CDEs (April 18, 2024) – Julia Moreno
  - F. Agriscience Fair (April 24, 2024) – Chase Sherburne
  - G. Dairy Cattle Evaluation (May 4, 2024) – Maisie Shimko
  - H. State Convention (May 22-24, 2024)
    - a. Timeline – Maisie Shimko
    - b. Video Shoot – Chase Sherburne
    - c. State Officers Candidates – Julia Moreno
    - d. Nominating Committee – Jonathan Finney
    - e. Statewide Community Service Project – Maisie Shimko
    - f. Delegate Issues for State Convention – Maisie Shimko
  - I. Team Goal Action Plan – Chase Sherburne
- XV. New Business**
  - A. HO Sampson Chapter Recognition – Maisie Shimko
  - B. Honorary American Degree Nominations – Chase Sherburne
  - C. Chapter Banquets – Chase Sherburne
  - D. Summer CDES
    - 1. Safe Tractor Operations Event – Maisie Shimko
    - 2. Dairy Handlers Activity – Julia Moreno
  - E. Agricultural Education/Agricultural Issues Discussion – Maisie Shimko
  - F. Member of the Month – Jonathan Finney
  - G. State Officer Mileage – Julia Moreno
- XVI. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting – June 3, 2024  
New Jersey Department of Ag Building  
4:00 pm*

**New Jersey FFA Association  
Minutes from the April 8, 2024 Meeting**

**I. Opening Ceremonies**

Chase Sherburne called the meeting to order at 4:42 pm. The voting members in attendance were Chase Sherburne, Maisie Shimko, Julia Moreno and Mr. Cruzan. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Noble and Ms. Allen.

**II. Minutes from March State Meeting**

**Motion by Julia Moreno** to dispense with the reading of the meeting minutes and approve them as distributed.

**Seconded by Maisie Shimko. Motion passes.**

**III. Treasurer's Report**

The opening balance for the month was \$81,785.59 and the closing balance was \$77,750.67.

**Motion by Julia Moreno** to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.

**Motion passed pending audit.**

**Motion by Maisie Shimko** to increase affiliation Basic by \$25, Blue by \$50 and Gold by \$25.

**Seconded by Julia Moreno. Motion passed.**

**IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**

**Motion by Maisie Shimko** to excuse Jonathan Finney's absence.

**Seconded by Julia Moreno. Motion passed.**

*Maisie Shimko assumed the duties of the chair.*

**V. Committee Reports**

**A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program Activities and State Convention Evaluation**

No report.

**B. Membership, Chapter & Relations, and State Leadership Activities**

No report.

**C. Career and Leadership Development Evaluation & Review**

The committee met on March 25<sup>th</sup> to create the committee meeting agenda for State Convention.

**Motion by Julia Moreno** to accept the committee report as presented.

**Implied Second. Motion passed.**

**D. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation & Review**

The committee met on March 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss this year's Horticultural Exposition. As well as create the committee meeting agenda for State Convention.

**Motion by Julia Moreno** to accept the committee report as presented.

**Implied Second. Motion passed.**

*Chase Sherburne re-assumed the duties of the chair.*

- VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report**  
Chase discussed “amendments.” He had the officers create a mock motion and make amendments to the motion; creating a test of their parliamentary knowledge.
- VII. Executive Committee Report**  
No report.
- VIII. Foundation Report**  
No report. The next meeting is April 9, 2024.
- IX. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Report**  
No report. The next meeting is April 10, 2024.
- X. Food, Agriculture, & Natural Resources Education Advisory Council Report – Maisie Shimko**  
No report. The next meeting is on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at Monmouth University during the 95<sup>th</sup> State FFA Convention.
- XI. New Jersey Agriculture Society Report**  
No report.
- XII. Equine Advisory Board**  
The board is looking for sponsors for the Horse Person of the Year Award. There are many horse shows happening in April. The board will be voting on their proposed budget at their next meeting. Their Hot Chocolate and Horse Series was a successful event. Current hot topic is there is no nose to nose touching to reduce the spread of disease.
- XIII. New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators**  
They will be having a summer conference for teacher in July at Woodstown High School. NJAAE members can apply for various awards that are due May 1<sup>st</sup>. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at Monmouth University during the 95<sup>th</sup> State FFA Convention.
- XIV. Unfinished Business**
- A. Horticultural Exposition**  
The Horticultural Exposition took place from March 15th to March 16th at Mercer County Community College. There were 626 entries at the Horticultural Expo in the Horticulture, Fresh and Permanent Arrangement divisions. First place Floral Design CDE was the Allentown FFA Chapter. They will be creating the stage decoration for the 95<sup>th</sup> NJ State FFA Convention.
  - B. National Ag Day (March 19,2024)**  
The National Ag Day took place on Tuesday, March 19, 2024. This year’s theme is Agriculture: “Growing a Climate for Tomorrow.” State Officers had the opportunity to sign up to be an Ag Day Influencer.
  - C. State Applications Judging**  
The executive board evaluated applications that came in on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Judging took place virtually from April 4<sup>th</sup> through April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**D. Horse Evaluation CDE**

The Horse Evaluation CDE will be held on Sunday, April 7, 2024 at Gloucester DREAM Park. Chase Sherburne was the state officer in attendance with Ms. McCluskey. There were 22 FFA members from 7 chapters in attendance. This event is combined with the New Jersey 4-H Horse Judging Contest. Evaluations of the event were available for the State Officers to review as well as the unofficial results.

**E. Retiring Address Workshop**

This event will take place on April 10, 2024 at the Rutgers Eco Complex at 5:00 pm. State Officers will be evaluated on their retiring address and will be paired up with an Alumni member to receive feedback on their retiring address. State Officers are to be in Official Dress.

**F. PA Day CDEs**

PA Day CDEs will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at the Lebanon Expo Center in Lebanon, PA. Chase Sherburne and Julia Moreno will be the state officers in attendance with Ms. McCluskey. FFA members will compete in the Food Science and Technology, Livestock Evaluation and Poultry Evaluation CDEs. This event is combined with the PA for their Eastern Region Contest.

**G. Spring CDEs**

Spring CDEs will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at Rutgers University. Events include: Agronomy, Agricultural Mechanics and Technology, Agricultural Sales, Environmental and Natural Resources, Floriculture, Nursery Landscape and Veterinary Science. State Officers are responsible for helping with registration, organizing students and teachers, proctoring and taking pictures of the event. At the end of the event everyone is to bring their materials to the Cook Student Center.

**H. Agriscience Fair**

The Agriscience Fair will take place on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at the Rutgers Eco Complex. FFA members can show off their projects to judges. Chase Sherburne and Maisie Shimko will be the state officers in attendance with Ms. Allen. They will meet at Rutgers EcoComplex for 2:00 pm in Official Dress. There are 19 different projects from 6 chapters.

**I. Dairy Cattle Evaluation**

The Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE will take place on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at Dark Horse Farm in Bucks County, PA. Julia Moreno will be the state officer in attendance with Ms. Allen. This event is combined with the New Jersey 4-H Dairy Judging Contest.

**J. State Convention**

**1. Timeline**

There is roughly 44 days until convention. The State Officers are working on memorizing items for State Convention.

**2. Video Shoot**

The State Officers will be meeting at Mrs. Noble's house at 9:00 am to work on video session openings for convention.

**3. Potential State Officers/Nominating Committee**

The State Officers reviewed the potential State Officer and Nominating Committee member lists.

**4. Statewide Community Service**

The project for this year is Confidence Closets, we are looking for chapters to collect items that are on the flyer posted on social media.

**K. Team Goal Action Plan**

The Board went over each goal and how well each goal was getting completed. They reached their goal of visiting all 37 chapters. They each have completed one additional visit to a chapter beyond their chapter visit requirement. They exceeded their goal of having 100 Blue Jacket applicants, with a total of 125 FFA members who filled out the application. They are continuing to reach their goals.

**XV. New Business**

**A. Agricultural Education/Agricultural Issues Discussion**

There is an engineering company who has created robots to help ag producers to cut down on herbicide usages. The robots go in between the crops to cut the weeds down which helps the farmer maintain the crops.

**B. Member of the Month**

The Executive Board evaluated Member of the Month applications.

**Motion by Maisie Shimko** to select Frank Boffa of the Newton FFA Chapter as April's Member of the Month.

**Seconded by Julia Moreno. Motion passes.**

**C. State Officer Mileage**

Maisie turned in their mileage for the month of March.

**XVI. Closing Ceremonies**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm. The next meeting will be held on May 6, 2024 at 4:00 pm in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference room, New Jersey Department of Agriculture Building.

10:47 AM

April 1, 2024

Cash Basis

**NJ FFA Association**  
**Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger**  
**As of March 31, 2024**

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Split	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
<b>FFA</b>							81,785.59 <b>1</b>
Deposit	03/04/2024		Deposit	-SPLIT-	2,472.60	2,472.60	84,258.19
Check	03/06/2024	Davison, Eastman & M...	additional legal work	P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	-1,500.00	-1,500.00	82,758.19
Check	03/11/2024	Bank of America	BJ's - Meat Eval CDE supplies	P2 (CDEs - Expense)	-40.04	-40.04	82,718.15
Deposit	03/12/2024		Deposit	-SPLIT-	1,114.00	1,114.00	83,832.15
Check	03/13/2024	National FFA Org	state convention awards	P6 (State Convention - Expense)	-1,779.00	-1,779.00	82,053.15
Deposit	03/19/2024		Deposit	-SPLIT-	614.00	614.00	82,667.15
Check	03/25/2024	Pennsylvania Associa...	PA Day CDE registration for NJ students	P2 (CDEs - Expense)	-184.00	-184.00	82,483.15
Check	03/25/2024	Vegetable Growers Ass...	donation for holding CDEs at Ag Convention	P2 (CDEs - Expense)	-200.00	-200.00	82,283.15
Deposit	03/26/2024		Deposit	-SPLIT-	1,992.00	1,992.00	84,275.15
Check	03/27/2024	National FFA Org	state convention awards	P6 (State Convention - Expense)	-852.00	-852.00	83,423.15
Check	03/27/2024	Adams Rental	Floral Design CDE table rental	P8 (Hort Expo - Expense)	-1,348.00	-1,348.00	82,075.15
Check	03/27/2024	Adams Rental	Hort Expo table & linen rental	P8 (Hort Expo - Expense)	-4,324.48	-4,324.48	77,750.67
Total FFA						-4,034.92	77,750.67
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>-4,034.92</b>	<b>77,750.67 <b>2</b></b>

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1. Opening Balance on March 1, 2024 was \$81,785.59
  
2. Closing Balance on March 31, 2024 was \$77,750.67



Monday, March 25, 2024

## Committee Report

New Jersey FFA Association Standing Committees

**Email**

clearly.juliaa@gmail.com

**Committee Name**

Career and Leadership Development Evaluation & Review

**Date**

Monday, March 25, 2024

**Committee Members Present**

Deanna Miller  
Maisie Shimko  
Julia Moreno

**Committee Members Absent**

Chase Sherburne

**Purpose of Meeting**

creation of committee agenda for State Convention

**Chairperson**

Julia Moreno

**Secretary**

Julia Moreno

**Chairperson Signature**

*Julia Moreno*



Monday, March 25, 2024

## Committee Report

New Jersey FFA Association Standing Committees

**Email**

mcshimko@gmail.com

**Committee Name**

Horticultural Exposition Evaluation & Review

**Date**

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

**Committee Members Present**

Maisie Shimko  
Jon Finney  
Kylie Naylor

**Committee Members Absent**

Julia Moreno

**Purpose of Meeting**

Discuss state convention committee agenda.  
Discuss 2024 Horticultural exposition

**Recommended Actions**

We recommend that the board accept our committee agenda for state convention

**Chairperson**

Maisie Shimko

**Chairperson Signature**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maisie Shimko". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.