

Texas FFA Association
96th Convention Delegate Business Session
Agenda and Parliamentary Briefing Sheet

Introduction: Article II, Section A of the Texas FFA Constitution states “*The Texas FFA Association...is the organization of, by, and for students...*” The convention business session is your chance to use the skills you have developed by participating in chapter business and in business sessions which are to be conducted at the district and area levels to play a part in the future of your organization. **This is meant to be a member-driven process.**

1. Call to Order

2. Establishment of a Quorum

A *quorum* is defined as the minimum number of members which must be present to legally transact business. Normally, the governing documents of an organization define a quorum. The Texas FFA Association Constitution, Article XIII, Section B defines a quorum for the Texas FFA delegate assembly: “*A quorum shall exist when delegates representing more than 50% of the chapters registered for convention are present.*”

3. Adoption of Standing Rules

It is customary to adopt *convention standing rules* related to the conduct of an organization’s business. The standing rules will be read in their entirety and the chair will entertain a motion to adopt the standing rules. While the standing rules are presented and adopted as a single document, the rules constitute a group of separate motions. Therefore a delegate may discuss a rule as a separate motion. A motion to adopt the standing rules may be moved. Adoption of convention standing rules require a two-thirds vote. In the interest of time, the presiding officer will likely seek to approve them by general consent. If there is an objection, a standing vote must be taken.

4. Minutes of the 95th Texas FFA Convention Delegate Business Session

Minutes of the previous business session are the official record of the 2023 business session and are included in the delegate packet for review. In accordance with the standing rules adopted by the 2023 delegates, the minutes were approved by a student committee appointed by the President. The committee reviewed the minutes and the video record of the 2023 business session and voted to approve the minutes as published. Therefore, no action is required by the delegates.

5. Treasurer’s Report

This report is not acted upon by the delegate body since it contains no recommendations and is for the information of the delegates only. The Texas FFA Association’s financials are audited by an independent auditor. The audit report and its recommendations are acted upon by the Texas FFA Association Board of Directors at the second quarter meeting typically held in January.

6. Dues (No reference document)

Article XVI, Section A of the Texas FFA Constitution states, “*Annual membership dues in the Texas FFA Association/Texas Association of Future Farmers of America shall be fixed by a majority vote of the delegates at the Texas FFA Convention. Local chapters shall be notified of a proposed dues change 30 days prior to the State FFA Convention.*” Only members may set dues for the Texas FFA Association or any of its units (chapter, district, and areas). There is a recommendation for an increase of dues and it is the recommendation of the board of directors and board of student officers that annual dues remain at \$7 per member and affiliation dues remain on the same schedule. A main motion may be offered to

fix annual dues at \$7.00 per member for 2024-2025. Discussion or inquiries should be offered after the motion is stated by the presiding officer. The motion requires a majority vote.

7. Budget Proposal

The proposed budget was developed by the Board of Directors' Budget and Finance Committee, approved by the Board of Directors and forwarded to the delegates for approval. The Budget and Finance Committee is composed of both adult board members and state FFA officers. A state officer who was a member of that committee will present the budget. A main motion may be offered to adopt the proposed budget for 2024-2025. Discussion or inquiries should be offered after the motion is stated by the presiding officer. The motion requires a majority vote.

8. Approval of Honorary Lone Star Degree Recipients

Article V, Section F of the Texas FFA Constitution states the qualifications to achieve the Honorary Lone Star Degree from the Texas FFA Association. Candidates have been submitted by Area Associations, as well by the Texas FFA, and all applications were reviewed and approved. The constitution states that honorary degrees must be approved by the delegates at the State FFA Convention. The list of Honorary Lone Star Degree candidates can be found in the convention program. A main motion may be presented to approve the Honorary Lone Star FFA Degree candidates listed in the convention program. Discussion and inquiries should be offered after the motion is stated by the presiding officer. The motion requires a majority vote.

9. Approval of the State (Lone Star) Degree Recipients

Article VI, Section E of the Texas FFA Constitution outlines that the candidates nominated by the State FFA Executive Director and Board of Directors to receive the state (Lone Star) FFA Degree must be approved by the delegates at the State FFA Convention. The list of state FFA degree candidates can be found in the convention program. A main motion may be offered to approve those state FFA degree candidates listed in the convention program. Discussion or inquiries should be offered after the motion is stated by the presiding officer. The motion requires a majority vote.

10. National Officer Candidate

Article IX, Section A(3) of the Texas FFA Constitution reads, *"To represent the Texas FFA Association/Texas Association Future Farmers of America at the National Convention, a National Officer Candidate must:...Be elected as the National Officer Candidate representing Texas by a majority vote of the delegates present at the state convention preceding the national convention at which the candidate is to run for National Office."* At this time the floor is opened for further nominations for the 2024-2025 Texas FFA National Officer candidate. The national officer nominee shall be elected by a majority vote of the delegate body, at this time we will proceed to vote. Online voting instructions will be read aloud on stage.

11. Texas FFA 2024-2025 State Officer Team

Article X of the National FFA Constitution states the following, *"All state officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates present at any regular convention of the state association."* Placement of the 2024-2025 state officer team will be determined by 60% of the nominating committee score and 40% vote of the delegates during the 3rd general session of the 96th annual Texas FFA State Convention and installed during the 5th general session of the 96th annual Texas FFA State Convention. At this time, we will accept a motion to approve these twelve individuals to serve as the 2024-2025 Texas FFA State Officer team.

12. Constitutional Amendments

Article XVII of the Texas FFA Constitution states the following concerning proposed amendments to the constitution or bylaws:

Section A. Amendments to the Texas FFA Constitution and/or Bylaws may be submitted by an Area FFA Association, the Board of Student Officers, or State FFA Board of Directors. The proposed amendments to the State Constitution and/or Bylaws from an Area Association must be submitted in writing to the Texas FFA at least 60 days prior to the next State FFA Convention for review by the State FFA Board of Directors and the Board of Student Officers. All proposed amendments to the Texas FFA Constitution and/or Bylaws must be submitted by the State Executive Director to the local chapters at least 30 days prior to the next State FFA Convention. The State FFA Officers shall present the delegates at the State Convention. An amendment to the State FFA Constitution may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the votes cast by the official delegates at the State Convention. An amendment to the Bylaws shall require a majority vote of the official delegates at the State FFA Convention. Amendments to the Bylaws must not conflict with the State or National FFA Constitutions.

The Texas FFA Board of Directors submits 2 constitutional amendments to the delegate body for consideration. The details of these amendments were emailed to all chapters dated Monday, April 15, 2024, and have been posted online since then, thus satisfying the requirement that amendments be submitted “to the local chapters at least 30 days prior to the next state convention.” Since the proposed amendments are related to the constitution, a two-thirds vote is required for passage. These amendments are the result of the State Officer Selection Committee composed of representatives of the Texas FFA State Officers, state staff, and Texas FFA Board of Directors. These amendments were voted on, approved, and are presented to the delegation on behalf of the Texas FFA Board of Directors.

13. Other Business

The chair will ask if there is any other business. A delegate may present any motion or proposal that does not require prior notice.

14. Adjournment of the Delegate Business Session

2024 Texas FFA Convention

Business Session Standing Rules

Rules on Credentials:

1. All delegates must be checked in with their FFA ID number prior to the session. The number of delegates allowed per chapter are assigned according to the Texas FFA Constitution and Bylaws.
2. Only registered delegates, current and incoming state officers, area coordinators, and area leadership coordinators, state staff, production staff, and any other essential personnel identified by the Executive Director will be allowed in the delegate section of the convention during the business session.

Rules on Delegates:

3. All voting members shall register before assuming their status as delegates.
4. Delegates shall wear their delegate credentials during the business session.
5. Only registered delegates of the business session shall be entitled to make motions, debate, and vote. State officers and designated advisors (if permitted by the Executive Director) are to help facilitate the process ONLY.

Rules on Motions:

6. Main Motions and amendments shall be put in writing and presented to the presiding officer at the request of the presiding officer.
7. Editorial changes to motions, proposed constitutional amendments, or resolutions may be submitted to the presiding officer directly at isaac.hawkins@texasffa.org. Any such motions offered on the floor shall be ruled out of order by the President.
8. In order to obtain the floor to debate or present motions, with the exception of those motions that are in order when another member has the floor, each voting member shall approach the microphone holding the area sign, address the chair, give his or her name, chapter and wait for recognition prior to making a statement.
9. Debate shall be alternated, as far as possible, between those favoring and those opposing a motion. Cards indicating affirmative or negative debate will be used to determine the order in which members will offer debate. Debate will be limited to two minutes for each speaker and fifteen minutes for each question (only speaking will be timed). No member shall speak more than once on the same question until all have spoken who wish to do so.
10. Motions requiring a two-thirds vote will be determined by standing vote or general consent. Votes will be counted if the chair is unsure of the outcome.
11. Electronic devices will not be permitted at the microphone.

Miscellaneous:

12. A committee of at least three members shall be appointed to review and approve the minutes of all convention delegate business sessions.
13. Any person who attends the business session shall conduct himself or herself in such a manner as to be a credit to the association. Any person not displaying exemplary behavior shall be subject to removal by the order of the presiding officer.
14. All electronic (or audible) devices shall be silenced during the business meeting and should only be used in the event that an electronic vote is necessary.
15. Recording or live streaming the meeting is strictly prohibited.
16. If all items of business have not been transacted by 11:50 am, a mandatory recess will be taken at 12:00 pm. The business session will reconvene at the point at which the recess was taken at a time determined by the president and announced before the recess, which shall be no later than the fifth general session.

**95th Texas FFA State Convention
Business Session Minutes
July 12, 2023**

10:42 a.m. – Call to order – Windsor Godfrey, Texas FFA State President

Special guests and assistants were introduced to the delegate body:

- **Professional Registered Parliamentary Consultant** – Kay Crews
- **Parliamentarian of Record** – Chase Carroll, Agricultural Science and Technology Academy

Quorum Call: Article XIII, Section B of the Texas FFA Constitution states “A quorum shall exist when delegates representing more than 50% of the chapters registered for convention are present.” The presiding officer called for the quorum.

- There are delegates from 759 chapters present, representing 82 % of chapters registered; therefore, there was a quorum present.

State President **Windsor Godfrey** noted the Credentials Report.
Credentials Report adopted by general consent.

State President **Windsor Godfrey** noted the Standing Rules included on page 4 of the delegate packet. There was no request to read the rules allowed. Standing Rules adopted by general consent.

State President **Windsor Godfrey** noted the need to adopt the agenda of the business session as listed on pages 1 through 3 of the business session packet. Agenda adopted by general consent.

AnnMarie Perez, Harmony FFA, Area VI rose to a Point of Order, noting that in Article XVIII Section A of the Texas FFA Constitution, it states that “the Parliamentary Guide for FFA by Jarrell D. Gray shall be used as the final authority in governing the actions of all state FFA meetings”. She stated that a consent agenda falls under Robert’s Rules, therefore the motion is out of order.

State President Windsor Godfrey ruled Point of Order not well taken due to there being no motion on the floor.

Madison Sanders, Lumberton FFA, Area IX rose to a question of Privilege, asking that the house lights be on and remain on and all delegate microphones remain on so all members and guests can see and hear the transaction of business of the Texas FFA. Request was granted.

State Vice President **Austin Blagg** presented the minutes from the 94th Texas FFA State Convention Business Session. Per the 2022 convention standing rules, a committee was appointed by the President to review and approve the minutes of the 94th Texas FFA State Convention. Members of that committee were:

- **Kendall Edwards, Sudan FFA, Area I**
- **Shelby Kouba, Crosby, Area III**

- **Elise Sharp, Boling FFA, Area XI**

This was simply a committee report. No action was needed since the standing rules designated that this committee would approve the minutes

State President **Windsor Godfrey** appointed the following committee to review and approve the minutes of the 2023 Business Session per the adopted standing rules.

- Kolsen Uptergrove, Area II
- Natalie Troyer, Area III
- Hunter Lawson, Area IV

State Vice President **Nathan Atkinson** presented the Treasurer's Report. The Texas FFA Association was in solid financial position with total net assets of **\$1,960,811.03**. This was for information only. Reports have been filed with the Briggs & Veselka, an auditing firm for the Texas FFA Association who reports to the Board of Directors.

Article XVI, Section A of the Texas Constitution states, "*Annual Membership dues in the Texas FFA Association/Texas Association of Future Farmers of America shall be fixed by a majority vote of the delegates at the Texas FFA Convention. Local chapters shall be notified of a proposed dues change 30 days prior to the State FFA Convention.*" President Godfrey presented the Board of Directors and Board of student officer's recommendation that the annual dues be set at \$7.00 per member and the affiliation fee schedule be increased by 20%.

- **Marti Ducote, Jourdanton FFA, Area X moved to fix the annual dues to \$7.00 per member and affiliation fee schedule be increased by 20% for the 2023-2024 year.**
- **Motion passed by standing vote.**

State Vice President **Joseph Nelson** presented the proposed balanced budget for the 2023-2024 year.

- **Natalie Troyer, Clear Brook FFA, Area III moved to accept the 2023-2024 budget.**
- **Motion passed via voice.**

State President **Windsor Godfrey** presented candidates who were nominated by the twelve Area Associations and the Texas FFA Association to receive the Honorary Lone Star Degree as listed in the the convention program beginning on page 65.

- **Elyn Meredith, Warren FFA Area IX, moved to accept the Honorary Lone Star Degree Candidates as listed in the convention program.**
- **Motion passed via voice.**

State President **Windsor Godfrey** presented the candidates listed on page 50 of the convention program who were nominated by the State FFA Executive Director and Board of Directors to receive the Lone Star FFA Degree. These candidates met all degree requirements and had their documentation verified at the State Degree and Awards Check in Stephenville, TX.

- **Aidan Ehrlich, Lufkin FFA, Area IX moved to approve those Lone Star FFA candidates listed in the convention program.**
- **Motion passed via voice.**

State President **Windsor Godfrey** invited State Vice President **Austin Blagg** to assume the duties of the Chair which he accepted.

State Vice President **Campbell Offield** reviewed the process for selecting a National Officer Candidate per the Texas FFA Constitution. She listed the candidates who have been nominated as:

1. Windsor Godfrey
2. Jeremiah Steph
3. Ty Williams
4. Bryce Fischer

Each candidate was given two minutes for a speech after which voting was open to the delegates for a limited interval.

Acting Chair State Vice President **Austin Blagg** invited State President **Windsor Godfrey** to resume the chair which she accepted.

State President **Windsor Godfrey** reviewed the process to amend the Texas FFA Constitution and Bylaws, noting there were 15 proposed amendments officially submitted to the delegates by the Board of Directors and Board of Student Officers. She also noted the previously adopted standing rules pertaining to debate on the proposed amendments.

Graysen Vanya, West Hardin FFA, Area IX raised a point of order stating the proper notice was not given to the chapters regarding proposed amendments.

State President Windsor Godfrey stated point was not well taken; while the financial reports had been updated more recently, the bylaws had not changed since May 2, when they were posted.

Trypp Reed, West Plains FFA, Area I appealed the decision of the chair.

Motion received a second.

State President Windsor Godfrey stated the decision of the chair was not subject to appeal, noting there is no reasonable interpretation of the calendar of when the amendments were made available therefore there was no grounds for an appeal.

Camryn Craddock, Howe FFA, Area V moved to refer the remaining business and proposed constitutional amendments to a special committee.

Motion failed by standing vote.

Camryn Craddock, Howe FFA, Area V objected to the consideration of the following amendments as part of a block and asked that they be considered separately and voted on individually: Amendment #'s 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 , 10, 12.

State President Windsor Godfrey stated the objection was out of order because there was no proposal on the floor to consider any amendments as a block. Several members previously brought up concerns regarding the intent to vote on some amendments in groups, therefore the amendments will all be considered separately.

State President **Windsor Godfrey** reminded the delegates that should the business not be completed in the current session, then the delegation will be returning at 8:00 P.M in the evening.

Henry Charba, Banquete FFA, Area X moved to recess (as per the adopted standing rules). Motion failed by standing vote.

State President **Windsor Godfrey** began to review Proposed Constitutional Amendment #1 and opened the floor for discussion on the motion.

- **Caroline Evans, Bosqueville FFA, Area VIII called for division**
- **State President Windsor Godfrey noted motion was not divisible.**
- **Keni Drennan, Ballinger FFA, Area IV moved to amend standing rule miscellaneous #4 by striking “during the time allowed during the 5th general session” and inserting “at 8:15 P.M. on Wednesday, July 12.**
- **Isaac Garling, Waxahachie FFA, Area IV called point of order noting there was already an item of business of the floor.**
- **State President Windsor Godfrey ruled the point was well taken.**
- **State President Windsor Godfrey called for the vote on the proposed amendment #1.**
- **Motion passed by standing vote.**

State President **Windsor Godfrey** recognized the delegate from Ballinger FFA, following a vote permitting the delegate to present her motion prior to adjourning.

Keni Drennan, Ballinger FFA, Area IV moved to amend the standing rule #4 by striking out “during the time allocated in the fifth general session” and inserting “at 8:15 P.M on Wednesday, July 12”

- **AnnMarie Perez, Harmony FFA, Area VI rose to Point of Order, stating that standing rules must be suspended not amended, therefore the motion is not valid.**
- **State President Windsor Godfrey said point not well taken.**
- **Main motion to amend standing rule #4 passed by standing vote.**

12:08 P.M. - State President **Windsor Godfrey** called a recess of the business session.

- **Division was called. State President Windsor Godfrey noted recess was already called.**

8:38 P.M. – State President **Windsor Godfrey** reconvened the business session.

State President **Windsor Godfrey** noted the need to once more establish if a quorum was present.

State Vice President **Austin Blagg** reported there were delegates from 551 chapters present, representing 59.6% of chapters registered; therefore, a quorum was present.

State President **Windsor Godfrey** reviewed the process outlined in the National FFA Constitution in which state officers are elected which requires a majority vote of the delegates.

- **Ava Harborth, Marion FFA, Area VII moved to approve the twelve individuals selected to serve on the 2023-2024 State Officer team.**
- **Motion passed via voice.**

Kaleb Leutwyler, Cushing FFA, Area IX moved that approved constitutional amendments be effective at the end of the 95th annual Texas FFA State Convention.

Motion passed by standing vote.

Louden McConlogue, Canyon FFA, Area I moved to add the following proposed amendments to a consent agenda: 3, 4, 8, 10, 13, 14 and 15.

- **Motion seconded.**
- **AnnMarie Perez, Harmony FFA, Area VI rose to a Point of Order, stating a consent agenda is part of Robert's Rules and according to Article XVIII Section A of the Texas FFA Constitution, it states the parliamentary guide must be Jarell D. Gray's, therefore the motion is not valid.**
- **State President Windsor Godfrey responded that Grays is what is used, however Gray's guide contains a caveat which allows for Robert's Rules is to be used in more detailed or complex situations, therefore the point is not well taken. She also noted that any further Points of Order related to this will be ruled dilatory.**
- **Kelly McAfee, Weimar FFA, Area XI calls Previous Question**
- **Motion for Previous Question passed by standing vote**
- **Main motion failed by standing vote**

State President **Windsor Godfrey** reviewed Proposed Constitutional Amendment #2 pertaining to Article IX, opening the floor for discussion.

- **Wes Shaw, Wheeler FFA, Area I moved to amend the motion by striking "60" and inserting "49" and striking "40" and inserting "51"**
- **Cole Bridges, Eastland FFA, Area IV called Previous Question**
- **Motion for Previous Question passed by standing vote**
- **Motion to amend failed by standing vote.**
- **Brett Bowers, Fredericksburg FFA, Area VII moved that handheld electronic devices cannot be used when addressing the chair for the remainder of the session.**
- **State President Windsor Godfrey noted motion is not in order at this time.**
- **Kaycie Grams, Cushing FFA, Area XI called for Division by Roll-Call**
- **State President Windsor Godfrey noted that is not in order at this time as division can only be called during a voice vote and not standing.**
- **Jordan Cardwell-Roach, Eastlake FFA, Area II called Previous Question**
- **Motion for Previous Question passed by standing vote.**
- **Main motion failed by standing vote.**

State President **Windsor Godfrey** reviewed Proposed Amendment #3 pertaining to the title of Article X, opening the floor for discussion.

- **Jordan Cardwell-Roach, Eastlake FFA, Area II called Previous Question.**
- **Motion for Previous Question passed via standing vote.**
- **Main motion failed by standing vote.**

State President **Windsor Godfrey** reviewed Proposed Amendment #4 pertaining to Article X, opening the floor for discussion.

- **Main motion failed by standing vote.**

State President Windsor Godfrey reviewed Proposed Amendment #5 pertaining to Article X, opening the floor for discussion.

- **Cyrah Decker, Iowa Park FFA, Area IV moved to amend the motion by striking the number “two” and inserting the number “1”.**
- **Motion to amend failed by standing vote.**
- **Cade Stovall, Alba-Golden FFA, Area VI called Previous Question**
- **Motion for Previous Question passed by standing vote**
- **Main motion failed by standing vote.**

State President **Windsor Godfrey** reviewed Proposed Amendment #6 pertaining to Article X, opening the floor for discussion.

- **Wes Shaw, Wheeler FFA, Area I moved to amend the motion by changing “60” to “40” and “40” to “60”.**
- **Allie Caddell, Stamford FFA, Area II called Previous Question**
- **Motion for Previous Question passed by standing vote.**
- **Motion to amend failed by standing vote**
- **Wes Shaw, Wheeler FFA, Area I called Previous Question**
- **Motion for Previous Question passed by standing vote.**
- **Main motion failed by standing vote**

State President Windsor Godfrey reviewed Proposed Amendment #7 pertaining to Article X, opening the floor for discussion.

- **Thomas Barton, Shepherd FFA, Area IX called Previous Question**
- **Motion for Previous Question passed by standing vote.**
- **Main motion failed by standing vote.**

Isaac Garling, Waxahachie FFA, Area VIII moved to remove all non-delegates from the delegate floor.

Motion passed by standing vote.

State President Windsor Godfrey noted that state officers, area officers and needed personnel, such as cameramen, security, and backstage, may remain.

Treven McKinley, Perryton FFA, Area I moved to adjourn.

Delegate objected to the consideration of the question.

State President Windsor Godfrey stated the object to the consideration was not in order on the motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn failed by standing vote.

State President **Windsor Godfrey** reviewed Proposed Amendment #8 pertaining to Article X, opening the floor for discussion.

- **Cade Watkins, Greenwood FFA, Area II moved to strike the proposed language of Proposed Amendment #8 and substitute the following: “The winner of the final**

election shall be declared President of the state association and the candidate receiving the second highest score total vote in the final run-off election, shall be declared the First Vice President. The remaining officers shall be called vice presidents and shall assume the stations of the various other FFA offices for ceremonial purposes at the annual convention and other meetings throughout the year.”

- **State President Windsor Godfrey stated the substitution was not in order as the same effect can be achieved by defeating the current motion.**
- **Main motion failed by standing vote.**

State President **Windsor Godfrey** reviewed Proposed Amendment #9 pertaining to Article X, opening the floor for discussion.

- **Taylor Reed, Sweetwater FFA, Area II called Previous Question.**
- **Motion for Previous Question passed by standing vote.**
- **Main motion failed by standing vote.**

State President **Windsor Godfrey** reviewed Proposed Amendment #10 pertaining to Article X, opening the floor for discussion.

- **Motion failed by standing vote**
- **Division was called.**
- **State President Windsor Godfrey noted that Division of the Assembly was not in order as division may only be called on a voice vote.**

State President **Windsor Godfrey** reviewed Proposed Amendment #11 pertaining to Article X, opening the floor for discussion.

- **Motion passed by standing vote.**

State President **Windsor Godfrey** reviewed Proposed Amendment #12 pertaining to Article X, opening the floor for discussion.

- **Motion passed by standing vote.**

Rhettlee Guin, Troy FFA, Area XII, moved to group together proposed amendments 13, 14 and 15 in a consent calendar.

- **Motion passed by standing vote.**

State President **Windsor Godfrey** reviewed Proposed Amendments #13, #14 and #15 pertaining to Article X, opening the floor for discussion.

- **Motion passed by standing vote**

10:03 P.M. – Business Session adjourned.

REVENUE	2022-2023	2023-2024	Proposed 2024 2025	Budget Change	PCT of Budget
Membership Dues/Affiliation Fees	1,453,000.00	1,590,000.00	1,810,000.00	220,000.00	42.04965
Convention Revenue	1,223,203.00	1,445,645.00	1,520,975.00	75,330.00	35.33507
Registration	597,825.00	699,175.00	764,800.00	65,625.00	
Partnerships	43,000.00	53,000.00	52,000.00	-1,000.00	
Exhibits	120,000.00	177,300.00	157,000.00	-20,300.00	
Merchandising	31,000.00	30,300.00	32,000.00	1,700.00	
Rodeo	38,250.00	42,670.00	60,900.00	18,230.00	
Food Court	214,128.00	224,000.00	210,400.00	-13,600.00	
Other - T-Shirts			30,000.00		
Parking	105,000.00	134,250.00	110,475.00	-23,775.00	
Reimbursements	74,000.00	84,950.00	103,400.00	18,450.00	
State Leadership Programs	123,200.00	121,380.00	138,900.00	17,520.00	3.226904
National Convention Reimbursement	36,000.00	36,000.00	36,000.00	0.00	0.836347
Swine Validation	562,000.00	543,000.00	525,000.00	-18,000.00	12.19672
Investments/Interest/Dividends, Miscellaneous	60,645.00	58,500.00	58,500.00	0.00	1.359063
Designated Gifts/Grants	28,500.00	40,000.00	57,000.00	17,000.00	1.324216
Student Officer Programs	28,200.00	27,200.00	9,700.00	-17,500.00	0.225349
Carl Perkins-Federal Grant	65,717.00	65,717.00	83,040.00	17,323.00	1.929173
Salary Reimbursement	39,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00	0.00	0.975738
Entry Fees (Agriscience Fair/Speaking Events/Quiz Bowl)	18,260.00	20,310.00	23,320.00	3,010.00	0.541767
TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUE	3,637,725.00	3,989,752.00	4,304,435.00	314,683.00	100
EXPENSES					
State Officers	164,900.00	164,900.00	164,900.00	0.00	3.831367
Travel Team Vehicle	11,000.00	16,575.00	16,675.00	100.00	0.387435
State Convention	1,167,686.50	1,343,000.00	1,430,136.00	87,136.00	33.22848
Facility/Decorator	120,000.00	190,000.00	134,500.00	-55,500.00	
Production/Audio Visual	240,000.00	325,000.00	380,000.00	55,000.00	
Headquarter Hotel/Meals/Food Court	247,436.50	225,000.00	225,000.00	0.00	
BEO/Catering	100,000.00	60,000.00	100,000.00	40,000.00	
Awards, Supplies, Printing	50,750.00	52,000.00	60,000.00	8,000.00	
Support Services (Security/EMS/Parking/Production)	90,000.00	97,000.00	110,000.00	13,000.00	
Speakers	20,000.00	20,000.00	25,000.00	5,000.00	
Merchandising	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	
Chorus	21,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00	0.00	
Student Media	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	
Rodeo	55,000.00	60,000.00	70,000.00	10,000.00	
Technical Support/Transportation/Planning/Housing Service	86,000.00	115,000.00	123,000.00	8,000.00	
Other - T-Shirts			24,336.00	24,336.00	
Event Insurance	5,500.00	6,000.00	8,300.00	2,300.00	
Entertainment/Events	30,000.00	30,000.00	35,000.00	5,000.00	
Parking	75,000.00	115,000.00	87,000.00	-28,000.00	
National FFA Convention	75,000.00	81,000.00	84,000.00	3,000.00	1.951697
Leadership Programs	186,000.00	188,000.00	208,500.00	20,500.00	4.844391
Communications (magazines, newsletter, online, Power Group)	27,300.00	27,300.00	7,200.00	-20,100.00	0.167288
Degree, Award, Scholarship Selection	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	0.697035
TX FFA Funded Scholarships	35,100.00	34,100.00	39,100.00	5,000.00	0.908468
National Dues	890,000.00	956,500.00	1,030,300.00	73,800.00	23.93849
Office Operations	141,351.00	137,151.00	138,950.00	1,799.00	3.228432
Rent, Maintenance, Storage	54,000.00	54,000.00	54,000.00	0.00	
Supplies	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	
Postage	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	
Printing	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00	
Office Equipment	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	
Equipment Depreciation	4,000.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00	
Telephone/Receptionist	8,400.00	8,400.00	8,400.00	0.00	
Bank Charges/Investment Fees	5,200.00	3,200.00	3,500.00	300.00	
Internet Services/Software	4,500.00	4,500.00	6,000.00	1,500.00	
Furniture	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	
Publications	150.00	150.00	150.00	0.00	
Website Hosting/Membership Management	53,101.00	53,101.00	53,100.00	-1.00	
Insurance	3,200.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.092938
Professional Services (Legal, Audit)	20,500.00	27,500.00	38,000.00	10,500.00	0.882911
Swine Validation/Animal Industries	200,500.00	212,500.00	212,500.00	0.00	4.937329
Human Resources: Personnel	631,857.71	801,016.22	804,585.95	3,569.73	18.69414
Travel: Staff, Executive Director	29,750.00	29,750.00	39,500.00	9,750.00	0.917762
FFA Intern Expenses	5,600.00	4,600.00	4,600.00	0.00	0.106879
Miscellaneous, Special Projects	8,750.00	8,750.00	20,000.00	11,250.00	0.46469
Board of Directors	9,000.00	15,000.00	31,000.00	16,000.00	0.720269
TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES	3,637,495.21	4,081,642.22	4,303,946.95	222,304.73	100
Net Profit/Loss	229.79	-91,890.22			

MEMORANDUM

DATE: Monday, April 15, 2024

TO: Texas FFA Chapters
Texas FFA Advisors
Delegates to the 96th Texas FFA State Convention

FROM: Jennifer Jackson, Executive Director

RE: Constitutional Amendments and Information for the Delegates to the 96th Texas FFA State Convention in Houston, Texas

Amendments to the Texas FFA Constitution

The State Executive Director is to submit all constitutional amendments to local chapters at least 30 days prior to the next State FFA Convention (Article XVII. Amendments). Likewise, as outlined in Article XVII, amendments must be submitted in writing for review by the Board of Directors at least 60 days prior to the next State FFA Convention.

Two constitutional amendments were submitted at least 60 days prior to the State FFA Convention. The board of directors reviewed and approved these amendments during the 3rd Quarter Board Meeting on April 8, 2023.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1

To the Texas FFA Association Constitution

Related to **Article X. Election, Succession, Replacement And Discharge Of State Officers** Amending by **striking** language of current **Section C.** “The officers of the areas, districts and local chapters shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, Advisor, and other officers if desired. All of these officers must be active FFA members and be enrolled in high school throughout the duration of their term.” **and renumbering the remaining sections as necessary.**

Article X. ELECTION, SUCCESSION, REPLACEMENT AND DISCHARGE OF STATE OFFICERS

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2

To the Texas FFA Association Constitution

Related to **Article X. Election, Succession, Replacement And Discharge Of State Officers** Amending **Section A** by **striking** winner of the final election and **inserting** candidate receiving the highest score and **striking** the final runoff election and adding a runoff election will be held if no clear winner is determined after the initial vote.

Article X. ELECTION, SUCCESSION, REPLACEMENT AND DISCHARGE OF STATE OFFICERS

Section A. The ~~winner of the final election~~ **candidate receiving the highest score total** shall be declared President of the State Association, and the candidate receiving the second highest score total ~~in the final runoff election~~ shall be declared the first vice-president. The remaining officers shall be called vice-presidents, and shall assume the stations of the various other FFA offices for ceremonial purposes at the annual convention and other meetings throughout the year. **A runoff election will be held if no clear winner for President or First Vice President is determined after the initial vote.**

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