

Texas FFA Association
98th 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. The governing documents of an organization define a quorum. The Texas FFA Association Constitution, Article XIII, Section B establishes 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

The delegate body must adopt the standing rules outlined on page 4 of this document. The standing rules establish specific procedures for the business session that may not be specifically indicated in Parliamentary Law.

4. Adoption of Agenda

The delegate body must adopt the agenda to establish the order and framework for conducting business during the convention. The agenda affirms the proposed schedule and sequence of items to be addressed and requires a majority vote of the delegates present.

5. Minutes of the 97th Texas FFA Convention Delegate Business Session

Minutes of the previous business session are the official record of the 2025 business session and are included in the delegate packet for review. In accordance with the standing rules adopted by the 2025 delegates, the minutes were approved by a student committee appointed by the 2024-2025 Texas FFA President. This committee, made up of Texas FFA members: Justin Sapp from the Cinco Ranch FFA Chapter in Area 3, Elizabeth Minzenmayer from Miles FFA Chapter in Area 4, and Madison Parker From Liberty FFA Chapter in Area 9 reviewed the minutes and the video record of the 2024 business session and voted to approve the minutes as published. Therefore, no further action is required by the delegates.

6. 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.

7. 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). It is recommended that the board of directors and board of student officers increase annual dues to \$9 per member and increase the affiliation schedule accordingly. The last time Texas FFA was in 2023. A main motion may be offered to fix annual dues at \$9.00 per member for 2026-2027. Discussion or inquiries should be provided after the motion is stated by the presiding officer. The motion requires a majority vote.

8. 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 2026-2027 Texas FFA Fiscal Year**. Discussion or inquiries should be offered after the motion is stated by the presiding officer. The motion requires a majority vote.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. National Officer Candidate

Article IX, Section A(3) of the Texas FFA Constitution reads, *“The National Officer Candidate representing Texas shall be determined through a selection process consisting of two components: (1) a vote of the delegates present at the state convention, accounting for 40% of the final score, and (2) an evaluation process by the State Elections Committee as outlined in Texas FFA policy, accounting for the remaining 60%. The candidate receiving the highest cumulative score from both components will be designated the Texas FFA National Officer Candidate.”*

12. Texas FFA 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 state officer team will be determined by 60% of the elections committee score and 40% vote of the delegates during the 2nd general session of the 98th annual Texas FFA State Convention and installed during the 6th general session of the 98th annual

Texas FFA State Convention. We will accept a ***motion*** to approve these twelve individuals to serve as the 2026-2027 Texas FFA State Officer team.

13. 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 **one** constitutional amendment to the delegate body for consideration. The details of these amendments were emailed to all chapters dated Tuesday, April 1, 2026, and have been posted online since that date, 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 a recommendation from the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 state officer teams, state staff, and Texas FFA Board of Directors. This amendment was voted on, approved, and presented to the delegation on behalf of the Texas FFA Board of Directors.

14. 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.

15. Adjournment of the Delegate Business Session

2026 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, Texas FFA Association Board of Directors, area coordinators, 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 the Executive Director permits) help facilitate the process ONLY.

Rules on Motions:

6. ***Any amendments germane to the proposed constitutional amendments must be submitted in writing by a registered delegate, on an official FFA form, to a Texas FFA state officer prior to being presented from the delegate floor.***
7. All delegates are encouraged to actively participate in discussion and decision-making. 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.
8. 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. During this time, clarifications regarding the intent of the motion may be made with proper recognition.
9. 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.
10. Any motion made with the intent to disrupt proceedings or that does not contribute to the advancement of business shall be deemed dilatory and ruled out of order.
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.
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 8:50 am, a mandatory recess will be taken at 9:00 am. 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.

97th Texas FFA State Convention

Business Session Minutes

July 2nd, 2025

8:14 AM- **Call to Order- State President Hunter Lawson**

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.

State President **Hunter Lawson** noted the Standing Rules included in the delegate packet.

- MOTION: Kiera Wiatrek, Area 10, moved to accept the Standing Rules as presented.
- Motion approved by general consent.

State President **Hunter Lawson** noted the agenda of the 97th Texas FFA Convention.

- MOTION: Trevor Shaw, Area 3, moved to adopt the agenda for the 97th Texas FFA Convention Delegate Business Session as presented.
- Motion approved by general consent.

The minutes of the 96th Texas FFA State Convention does not require a vote.

State President **Hunter Lawson** appointed a committee to review the minutes from the 97th Texas FFA State Convention.

- Committee as follows: Elizabeth Minzenmayer - Miles FFA - Area 4, Justin Sapp - Cinco Ranch FFA - Area 3, and Madison Parker - Liberty FFA - Area 9

State Vice President **Luke Anderson** presented the treasure's report. The Texas FFA Association was in a solid financial position with total net assets of \$2,643,216.04. This was for information only. Reports have been filed with an independent auditor for the Texas FFA Association who reports to the Board of Directors.

State President **Hunter Lawson** entertained a motion to fix the Texas FFA annual dues at \$7.

- MOTION: Drake Chavez, Area 5, moved that the annual dues be fixed at \$7 per member and that we approve the affiliation schedule for the 2025-2026 membership year.
- Motion accepted by general consent.

State Vice President **Tanner Williams** presented the proposed budget for 2025-2026.

- MOTION: Kaden McDonald, Area 2, moved to adopt the proposed Texas FFA budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year as presented.
- Motion accepted by general consent.

State President **Hunter Lawson** presented candidates who were nominated by the twelve Area Associations and the Texas FFA Association to receive the Honorary Lone Star Degree listed in the convention program.

- MOTION: Bailey Rainbolt, Area 2, moved to approve the list of Honorary Lone Star Degree recipients as presented in the convention program.
- Motion accepted by general consent.

State President **Hunter Lawson** presented the candidates listed in 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.

- MOTION: Hunter Garner, Area 8, moved to approve the list of State FFA Degree recipients as presented in the convention program.
- Motion accepted by general consent.

State Vice President **Walton Marshall** announced the Texas Candidate for National Office, Hunter Lawson, current Texas FFA State President from the Paradise FFA Chapter and the Area IV Association.

- Motion passed.

State President **Hunter Lawson** presented the 2025-2026 State Officer team:

Area I- Laine Mulcock

Area II- Kinley Hoelscher

Area III- Cody Gonzales

Area IV- Judson Voight

Area V- Brennan Baker

Area VI- Tucker Smith

Area VII- Ciara Hays

Area VIII- Brady Hudler

Area IX- Riley Farris

Area X- Carlos X. Guerra

Area XI- Maddison Diezi

Area XII- Lyliana Quintanilla

State President **Hunter Lawson** reviewed Proposed Constitutional Amendment #1 pertaining to the National Officer Candidate selection process.

- MOTION: Rhett Lambert, Area 12, moved to adopt Proposed Amendment #1 to the Texas FFA Constitution, which revises the selection process for the National Officer Candidate by combining a 40% delegate vote with a 60% score from the State Elections Committee evaluation.

Discussion regarding the pros and cons of the percentages.

- AMENDED MOTION: James McCoy, Area 6, moved to amend the motion by striking out 40 and inserting 60 and striking out 60 and inserting 40.
- MOTION: Spencer Fugate, Area 8, moved the previous questions with qualifications.
- Motion passed via standing vote.
- Amended motion failed via standing vote.
- Original motion passed via standing vote.

State President **Hunter Lawson** reviewed Proposed Constitutional Amendment #2 pertaining to the Area Advisor requirement.

- MOTION: Austin Garza, Area 5, moved to adopt Proposed Amendment #2 to the Texas FFA Constitution, which removes the requirement that the advisor of the Area President automatically serve as the Area Advisor.
- Motion passed via standing vote.

State President **Hunter Lawson** entertained a motion to adjourn.

- MOTION: Brayden Baird, Area 4, moved to adjourn.
- Motion accepted by general consent.

9:01 am- Adjourned

This page is intentionally left blank for the addition of the Proposed Budget for the 2026-2027 Texas FFA Fiscal Year.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: Wednesday, April 1, 2026

TO: Texas FFA Chapters
Texas FFA Advisors
Delegates to the 98th Texas FFA State Convention

FROM: Jennifer Jackson, Executive Director

RE: Constitutional Amendments and Information for the Delegates to the 98th Texas FFA State Convention in Fort Worth, 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.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1

To the Texas FFA Association Constitution

Related to **Article XV. State FFA Board of Directors**

Amend Article XV. by inserting the following language at the end of Section A. 1.

“the current Texas FFA State President, and one additional State FFA Officer selected annually by a majority vote of the State FFA Officers to serve as the second student voting member of the board.

The current Texas FFA State President and the additional State FFA Officer shall serve as voting members of the board. These two members shall cast votes as a collective body representing the full State Officer team.

All remaining State FFA Officers shall serve as non-voting members of the Board of Directors.”

Proposed Language As Amended

Article XV. State FFA Board of Directors

Section A. 1. The governing body of the Texas FFA Association shall be the Texas FFA Board of Directors consisting of the current president, vice president and secretary-treasurer of the VATAT, the immediate past president of the VATAT and the past immediate past president of the VATAT, a current Agricultural Science teacher elected at-large, the Executive Director of the VATAT, six representatives of agribusiness/agriculture, one school administrator, one teacher educator, and the Executive Director of the Texas FFA Foundation, and the current Texas FFA State President, and one additional State FFA Officer selected annually by a majority vote of the State FFA Officers to serve as the second student voting member of the board.

The current Texas FFA State President and the additional State FFA Officer shall serve as voting members of the board. These two members shall cast votes as a collective body representing the full State Officer team.

All remaining State FFA Officers shall serve as non-voting members of the Board of Directors.

Rationale

This amendment expands and clarifies student representation on the Texas FFA Board of Directors. In recent years, State FFA Officers have expressed interest in additional representation and voice within the board structure. In response, a Board Structure Committee was formed in 2025 to assess the current makeup, operation, and structure of the Texas FFA Board of Directors.

The committee, consisting of Dr. Candis Scallen, Aron Hutchins, Cash Smith, and Brady Hundler, evaluated potential changes and brought forward recommendations. One key recommendation was to add an additional voting position for the State Officer team.

This amendment provides a balanced approach by adding a second student voting member while maintaining a unified student voice through a collective vote. It also clearly defines the role of the remaining State Officers as non-voting members, strengthening student engagement while preserving the effectiveness and structure of the board.