

Texas FFA Association
93rd 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 requires 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 92nd Texas FFA Convention Delegate Business Session

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 (chapters, districts and areas). There is no 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 \$5.00 per member. A main motion may be offered to fix annual dues at \$5.00 per member for 2021-2022. 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 comprised 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 2021-2022. 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 on page 55 and 56 of 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 begins on page 42 of 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. Nominating Committee

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.”* Texas FFA Policy, (Section 19) describes the composition and duties of a nominating committee formed to interview candidates. The committee reviews all applications, administers and exam writing sample, and conducts multiple rounds of interview. The committee convened in Stephenville, June 4-6, 2021 and vetted all candidates. In accordance to this policy, Policy 19.4(h), *“The chairperson of the nominating committee shall report the findings of the committee to the delegate body. After the floor is opened for further nominations, a motion shall be made to accept the findings of the committee. The national officer nominee shall be elected by a majority vote of the delegate body.”* A main motion may be made to elect Ryan Williamson of the El Campo FFA Chapter as the Texas FFA Association’s 2021 candidate for national FFA office. The motion requires a majority vote.

11. Constitutional Amendment

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 proposed amendments to 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 submitted one constitutional amendment to the delegate body for consideration. The details of this amendment was e-mailed to all chapters on June 1, 2021 and have been posted online since then, thus satisfying the requirements that amendments by 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. This amendment is the result of the work of the State Advanced Degree & Award Check committee and Texas FFA Staff, and was approved by the Texas FFA Board of Directors to go before the convention delegates.

12. Other Business

13. Adjournment of the Delegate Business Session

2021 Texas FFA Convention Business Session Standing Rules

Rules on Credentials:

1. Only registered delegates, area and state officers, and no more than two advisors per area will be allowed in the delegate section of the convention during the business session.

Rules on Delegates:

2. All voting members shall register before assuming their status as delegates.
3. Delegates shall wear their delegate credentials during the business session. Delegates participating online shall register for the business session and be identified by utilizing their chapter name and full name while logged onto the business meeting.
4. Only registered delegates of the business session shall be entitled to make motions, debate and vote. Area officers that are not serving as delegates, state officers, and designated advisors are to help facilitate the process ONLY.

Rules on Virtual Participation

5. Each virtual delegate is responsible for their individual connection to the internet. No action will be invalidated on the grounds that the loss, or poor quality, of an attendee's individual connection prevented him or her from participating in the meeting.
6. The president may direct the temporary disconnection or muting of an attendee's connection if it is causing undue interference with the meeting.
7. The presence of a quorum shall be established and announced by the President or President's designee who has the ability to observe the in-person attendees and ability to see the online list of participating members. Thereafter, the continued presence of a quorum shall be presumed unless there is any vote for which the announced totals add to less than a quorum. The method of determining a quorum shall be determined by the President.

Rules on Motions:

8. Main Motions and amendments shall be put in writing and presented to the presiding officer at the request of the presiding officer; for virtual participants such writing may be placed in the Chat Box and directed to a specific individual.
9. Editorial changes to motions, proposed constitutional amendments, or resolutions may be submitted to the presiding officer directly at blake.mills@texasffa.org. Any such motions offered on the floor shall be ruled out of order by the President.
10. 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. Virtual delegates wishing to speak during debate should enter their name, and either "Pro" or "Con" in the Chat Box to obtain the floor.
11. Debate shall be alternated, as far as possible, between those favoring and those opposing a motion, limited to three 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.

12. 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.

Miscellaneous:

13. The President shall appoint a committee of at least three members to approve the minutes of all convention delegate business sessions.

14. 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.

15. All electronic (or audible) devices shall be silenced (or disabled) during the business meeting. Members are prohibited from recording or live streaming the meeting.

16. If all items of business have not been transacted by 9:45am, a mandatory recess will be taken at 9:45am. The business session will reconvene at the point at which the recess was taken during the time allocated in the fifth general session.

92nd Texas FFA State Convention
Convention Minutes
July 8-10, 2020

The 92nd Texas FFA State Convention was held virtual July 8-10, 2020. The in-person event was cancelled by the City of Dallas and the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The business of the association was conducted virtually using functionality built into the Texas FFA Roster System. Delegates accessed the system to vote on business items as well as elect the 2020-2021 Texas FFA State Officer Team.

Quorum: 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 following voting statistics demonstrate the presence of a quorum.

- Wednesday, July 8, 2020
 - 2,103 delegates of the 3,404 delegates possible voted (61.78%)
 - Delegates from 593 of the 704 chapters registered for convention at that time voted (84.23%)
- Thursday, July 9, 2020
 - 1,752 delegates of the 3,404 delegates possible voted (51.47%)
 - Delegates from 542 of the 760 chapters registered for convention at the time voted (71.32%)

Dues

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 (chapters, districts and areas). There is no 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 \$5.00 per member. Delegates will be asked to accept this proposal of annual dues remaining \$5.00/member for the 2020-2021 membership year.

Aye: 1722

No: 30

Motion passed.

Dues will remain at \$5.00 for the 2020-2021 membership year.

Budget

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 comprised of both adult board members and state FFA officers. The proposed budget was emailed to chapters and posted on the convention website for review in advance of the convention. Delegates will be asked to accept this proposed budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Aye: 1717

No: 35

Motion passed.

The proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget is adopted

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 was posted on the convention website for review in advance of the convention. Delegates will be asked to approve the 2020 Honorary Lone Star Degree Recipients.

Aye: 1718

No: 34

Motion passed.

The Honorary State Degree recipients were approved by the convention delegates.

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 was posted to the convention website for review in advance of the convention. Delegates will be asked to approve the 2020 Lone Star FFA Degree Candidates.

Aye: 1699

No: 53

Motion passed.

The Lone Star FFA Degree recipients were approved by the convention delegates.

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." Texas FFA Policy, (Section 19) describes the composition and duties of a nominating committee formed to interview candidates. The committee reviews all applications, administers and exam writing sample, and conducts multiple rounds of interview. The committee convened virtually, June 5-6, 2020 and vetted all candidates. In accordance to this policy, Policy 19.4(h), "The chairperson of the nominating committee shall report the findings of the committee to the delegate body. After the floor is opened for further nominations, a motion shall be made to accept the findings of the committee. The national officer nominee shall be elected by a majority vote of the delegate body." Delegates will be asked to approve Calvin Morgan, 2019-2020 Texas FFA State 1st Vice President of the Waco-Midway FFA Chapter and Area VIII Association as the 2020 Texas FFA National Officer Candidate.

Aye: 1727

No: 25

Motion passed.

Calvin Morgan of the Waco-Midway FFA Chapter and Area VIII Association will represent Texas as the 2020 National Officer Candidate.

2020-2021 State FFA Officer Team

Pursuant to Policy Handbook Section 20, 12 students were elected to serve the Texas FFA Association for the 2020-2021 year. The officer team elected by student nominating committee and student delegates are:

State President – Blake Mills, Center Point, Area VII

State 1st Vice President – Emilee Sanderson, Blackwell, Area II

State Vice Presidents:

- Area I: Faith Snapp, Lubbock-Cooper
- Area III: Annie Valicek, Spring Branch

- Area IV: Kirby Russell, Bridgeport
- Area V: Caitlyn Muckensturm, Krum
- Area VI: Bella Yoder, Lindale
- Area VIII: Amy Wallen, Cleburne
- Area IX: Carson Davis, Central
- Area X: Alexa Salinas, Veterans Memorial
- Area XI: Ryan Williamson, El Campo
- Area XII: Rachel Bradford, Troy

Texas FFA Association
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2021

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · Chase-FFA Oper	165,185.36
10100 · VATATCU-Share (2535-0)	8,790.00
10200 · Frost Bank - 1874	19,064.92
10300 · Frost Bank -1866	151,454.41
10500 · VATAT CU CD-2535-55	107,067.74
10800 · LK-JP Morgan - M53146003	1,583,217.09
10900 · Chase Savings 301-15125	371,142.46
Total Checking/Savings	2,405,921.98
Accounts Receivable	
11000 · Accounts Receivables	307.50
Total Accounts Receivable	307.50
Other Current Assets	
11001 · Clearing Account	21,248.77
Total Other Current Assets	21,248.77
Total Current Assets	2,427,478.25
Fixed Assets	
14000 · Office Equipment	31,821.80
14100 · Automobile	40,689.38
14200 · Furniture	5,145.96
14300 · Acc. Depreciation-Auto	-40,689.00
14400 · Acc. Depreciation-Equipment	-25,426.43
14500 · Acc. Depreciation (Furniture)	-3,262.86
Total Fixed Assets	8,278.85
TOTAL ASSETS	2,435,757.10
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
15000 · -AP*	20,500.00
Total Accounts Payable	20,500.00
Other Current Liabilities	
15100 · A/P Scholarship	123,750.00
16000 · Prepaid Expenses	-8,999.07
16300 · SEP - Edward Jones	1,409.84
16400 · Health Insurance Liability	384.71
17000 · Deferred Swine Income	51,825.00
18300 · Vacation & Sick Accrual	27,698.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	196,068.48
Total Current Liabilities	216,568.48
Total Liabilities	216,568.48
Equity	
Retained Earnings	2,002,033.75
Net Income	217,154.87
Total Equity	2,219,188.62
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	2,435,757.10

REVENUE	2019-2020	2020-2021	Proposed 2021-2022	Budget Change	PCT of Budget
Membership Dues/Affiliation Fees	1,312,000.00	1,342,000.00	1,350,000.00	8,000.00	38.4492
Convention Revenue	1,132,500.00	1,083,500.00	1,260,505.00	177,005.00	35.9003
Registration	530,000.00	523,000.00	603,000.00	80,000.00	
Partnerships	26,500.00	44,500.00	44,500.00	0.00	
Exhibits	120,000.00	120,000.00	140,000.00	20,000.00	
Merchandising	32,000.00	31,000.00	31,000.00	0.00	
Rodeo	40,000.00	36,000.00	41,000.00	5,000.00	
Food Court	198,000.00	176,000.00	220,005.00	44,005.00	
Parking	91,000.00	80,000.00	116,000.00	36,000.00	
Reimbursements	95,000.00	73,000.00	65,000.00	-8,000.00	
State Leadership Programs	134,700.00	116,700.00	111,500.00	-5,200.00	3.17562
National Convention Reimbursement	28,500.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	0.85443
Swine Validation	531,250.00	529,000.00	539,000.00	10,000.00	15.3512
Investments/Interest/Dividends, Miscellaneous	41,500.00	33,500.00	33,500.00	0.00	0.95411
Designated Gifts/Grants	21,000.00	35,500.00	35,000.00	-500.00	0.99683
Student Officer Programs	19,700.00	26,220.00	24,700.00	-1,520.00	0.70348
Carl Perkins-Federal Grant	68,251.00	67,517.00	69,424.75	1,907.75	1.97728
Salary Reimbursement	14,000.00	14,000.00	39,000.00	25,000.00	1.11075
Entry Fees (Agriscience Fair/Speaking Events/Quiz Bowl)	16,860.00	18,500.00	18,500.00	0.00	0.5269
TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUE	3,320,261.00	3,296,437.00	3,511,129.75	214,692.75	100
EXPENSES					
State Officers	146,100.00	162,900.00	162,400.00	-500.00	4.62565
Travel Team Vehicle	13,700.00	9,800.00	12,700.00	2,900.00	0.36173
State Convention	1,105,500.00	1,069,750.00	1,171,671.50	101,921.50	33.3728
Facility/Decorator	120,000.00	157,000.00	157,000.00	0.00	
Production/Audio Visual	227,500.00	195,000.00	195,000.00	0.00	
Headquarter Hotel/Meals/Food Court	231,500.00	210,750.00	249,671.50	38,921.50	
BEO/Catering	100,000.00	43,000.00	60,000.00	17,000.00	
Awards, Supplies, Printing	49,000.00	47,000.00	59,000.00	12,000.00	
Support Services (Security/EMS/Parking/Production)	50,000.00	75,000.00	85,000.00	10,000.00	
Speakers	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	
Merchandising	22,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	
Chorus	20,000.00	20,000.00	21,000.00	1,000.00	
Student Media	2,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	
Rodeo	40,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00	
Technical Support/Transportation/Planning/Housing Service	86,500.00	100,500.00	96,000.00	-4,500.00	
Event Insurance	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,500.00	0.00	
Entertainment/Events	44,000.00	44,000.00	44,000.00	0.00	
Parking	87,500.00	80,000.00	107,500.00	27,500.00	
National FFA Convention	67,000.00	67,000.00	67,000.00	0.00	1.90836
Leadership Programs	183,000.00	188,000.00	182,500.00	-5,500.00	5.19816
Communications (magazines, newsletter, online, Power Group)	49,200.00	53,800.00	27,300.00	-26,500.00	0.77759
Degree, Award, Scholarship Selection	15,000.00	20,000.00	30,000.00	10,000.00	0.85449
TX FFA Funded Scholarships	47,100.00	42,100.00	40,100.00	-2,000.00	1.14217
National Dues	770,000.00	754,000.00	810,000.00	56,000.00	23.0713
Office Operations	136,950.00	137,150.00	140,851.00	3,701.00	4.01187
Rent, Maintenance, Storage	50,500.00	53,000.00	54,000.00	1,000.00	
Supplies	5,500.00	5,000.00	4,000.00	-1,000.00	
Postage	3,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	
Printing	5,000.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00	
Office Equipment	2,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	
Equipment Depreciation	3,800.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	
Telephone/Receptionist	5,600.00	5,600.00	8,400.00	2,800.00	
Bank Charges/Investment Fees	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,200.00	0.00	
Internet Services/Software	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	
Furniture	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	
Publications	150.00	150.00	150.00	0.00	
Website Hosting/Membership Management	52,200.00	52,200.00	53,101.00	901.00	
Insurance	3,000.00	3,200.00	3,200.00	0.00	0.09115
Professional Services (Legal, Audit)	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00	0.51269
Swine Validation/Animal Industries	212,500.00	207,500.00	208,500.00	1,000.00	5.93872
Human Resources: Personnel	510,009.61	521,965.88	589,037.00	67,071.12	16.7776
Travel: Staff, Executive Director	18,500.00	18,500.00	24,250.00	5,750.00	0.69071
FFA Intern Expenses	5,600.00	5,600.00	5,600.00	0.00	0.15951
Miscellaneous, Special Projects	8,750.00	8,750.00	8,750.00	0.00	0.24923
Board of Directors	10,000.00	8,000.00	9,000.00	1,000.00	0.25635
TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES	3,319,909.61	3,296,015.88	3,510,859.50	214,843.62	100
Net Profit/Loss	351.39	421.12	270.25		

2021 National FFA Officer Candidate Nominating Committee Report

The 2021 Texas FFA nominating committee congratulates all candidates who have put forth considerable effort in their preparation and training to become the 2021 Texas national FFA officer candidate. All candidates were highly qualified and would represent Texas well at the National level.

After careful consideration and deliberation, we, the 2021 Texas FFA nominating committee, submit the following name as the 2021 Texas National Officer Candidate:

Ryan Williamson from the El Campo FFA Chapter

Respectfully submitted:

Camryn Wilder – Area III, Chairman

Bryce Hutson - Area I

Josie Fladager - Area II

Kacey Pate - Area IV

Turner Hughes - Area V

Annalynn Andrews - Area VI

Giselle Ashton - Area VII

Anya Ocampos - Area VII

Jake Cannon - Area IX

Presley Rodriguez - Area X

Anissa Sanchez - Area XI

Karlee Vinklarek - Area XII



**2020-2021
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Carson Davis
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Alexa Salinas
Veterans Memorial, Area X

Ryan Williamson
El Campo, Area XI

Rachel Bradford
Troy, Area XII

MEMORANDUM

DATE: Tuesday, June 1, 2021

TO: Texas FFA Chapters
Texas FFA Agricultural Science Teachers
Student Delegates to the 93rd Texas FFA State Convention

FROM: Austin Large, Executive Director

RE: Constitutional Amendments and Information for the Delegates to the 93rd Texas FFA State Convention in Fort Worth, Texas

Amendment 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.

These provisions have been met and the Board has asked that the delegates to the 93rd Texas FFA State Convention consider the following constitutional amendment in July.

ENCLOSURE:

Constitutional Amendment Proposal 1 – Regarding Area VI, Section E relating to the deadline for closing student records for the purposes of state degree selection.

Questions regarding the constitutional amendment may be directed to the state FFA office at 512-480-8045.

**2020-2021
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

To the Texas FFA Association Constitution

Relating to **Article VI. Degrees & Privileges of Active Membership**

Amending **Section E** by **striking** "April 1" and **adding in its place** "May 15"

ARTICLE VI. DEGREES & PRIVILEGES OF ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Section E. State FFA Degree/Lone Star Farmer Degree: To be eligible for the State FFA Degree from the State Association, the member must meet the following minimum qualifications:

As of ~~April 1~~ **May 15** have completed ten activities above the chapter level in at least three of six categories: leadership development events, career development events, conventions and meetings, project shows, student awards and leadership and service as described in policies adopted by the Board or Directors.

As of ~~April 1~~ **May 15** of the year the members is to receive the degree, have participated in at least 25 hours of community service within at least two different community service activities. These hours are in addition to and cannot be duplicated as paid or unpaid SAE hours.

Rationale: April 1st is prior to a large percent of the district, area, and state FFA activities and events that are needed by members in order to meet the requirements for the state FFA degree as outlined in the state constitution and state policy. Extending the deadline for student records to May 15 would allow students to utilize these additional events, activities, and participations for the purpose of advanced awards and degrees.