

ND FFA Association Board of Directors Minutes

June 5th, 2026, 1:00 pm CST

Location: Hughes Educational Building, Conference Room & Microsoft Teams

Members/Directors:

Nikki Fideldy-Doll, State Advisor	Callahan Lemar, Dist. 4	Krystin Bauer, FFA Secretary
Darin Spelhaug, State Exec. Secretary	Jeff Bjugstad, Dist. 5	Makayla Kraft, FFA Vice President
Laiken DeMorrett, FFA Foundation	Missy Hansen, Dist. 6	Rose Schiele, FFA Treasurer
Jeremy Carkuff, Dist. 1	Bill Zingg, Dist. 7	Evelyn Seil, FFA Reporter
Amanda Huettl, Dist. 2	Colbey Steeke, Dist. 8	Tate Norby, FFA Sentinel
JoDee Free, Dist. 3	Cole Anderson, FFA President	Ryan Schumacher, FFA Parliamentarian

Officers:

President	Nikki Fideldy-Doll
Vice President	Jeff Bjugstad
Secretary	Darin Spelhaug
Treasurer	JoDee Free

Standing Committees:

Written Applications & SAE	Darin Spelhaug, Bill Zingg, Jeremy Carkuff, Kristyn Bauer, Cole Anderson
CDE	Darin Spelhaug, Jeff Bjugstad, Missy Hansen, Colbey Steeke, Ryan Schumacher, Tate Norby
Finance	Nikki Fideldy-Doll, Laiken DeMorrett, JoDee Free, Rose Schiele
Events/Activities	Nikki Fideldy-Doll, Callahan Lemar, Amanda Huettl, Evelyn Seil, Makayla Kraft
Policy	Nikki Fideldy-Doll, Darin Spelhaug, JoDee Free, Jeff Bjugstad & Cole Anderson

a. Call Meeting to Order at 1:05 PM CST

b. Roll Call

a. Roll call completed; all present members noted in Agenda

c. Secretary's Minutes 3.4.2025

a. One correction noted: change "Agenda" to "Minutes."

e. Policy:

- i. Delegate seating, screening committee structure, and award timelines reviewed.
- ii. Advisor expectations and participation definitions discussed.

f. 2025 ND FFA State Convention Delegate Committee Reports:

i. Middle School Engagement

1. Allow 6th grade to complete at state level,
2. Create a middle school division with less complex CDE's
3. Greenhand quiz moving up to state level.

ii. Agricultural Opportunities Offer teacher workshops

1. Adding in ag classes requires more educators through partnerships with colleges and universities.

iii. Potential CDEs/LDEs

1. Recommends moving forward with Auctioneering CDE

iv. Auditing

1. Recommends that the state stay at \$6 and national dues stay at \$7.

v. Event Evaluation

1. Recommends the board of directors consider developing a survey like National FFA CDE/LDE survey to get feedback from each chapter.

vi. Chapter-to-Chapter Interaction

1. Recommends association implements a recognition at state convention on social media for the chapters who participate in the chapter connect at National convention.

vii. State Program of Activities

1. Recommends promoting and creating easier access to winning POAs through multiple means.

viii. Strategic Planning

1. Recommends the association accepts more student-centered engagement and outcomes and advisor enablement.

h. Special Orders

- a. Dakota Strategies, 10 AM

- i. Makayla moved to accept the Strategic Plan as proposed by Dakota Strategies, Rose 2nds, motion passes.
 - b. Edward Jones, 1 PM
 - i. 514K Performance wise has been doing well. 9 percent return right now. We have doubled this.
 - ii. Can add or take out money at any time. Portfolio is diversified.
 - iii. Possibility with the new strategic plan to take out money.
 - i. Old Business
 - a. No items presented.
 - j. New Business
 - a. Standing Committee Action Items
 - i. Written Applications & SAE
 - 1. Review of proficiency awards and national reapplication eligibility.
 - ii. Finance
 - 1. Noted discrepancies in 2024–25 budget; updated report expected in August.
 - 2. Adjustments to State Fair budgeting and conference logistics discussed.
 - 3. Amanda moved to approve the 2026–27 budget with flexibility, Cole 2nds, motion passes.
 - iii. Events/Activities
 - 1. Auctioneering CDE-Approved as a two-year probationary event, including State Convention competition and awards support.
 - iv. Policy
 - 1. Jodee moved to approve the State Officer Handbook as presented, Amanda 2nds, motion passes.
 - b. State Star Tour Review: Fideldy–Doll
 - i. 14 Finalists
 - 1. 4 in Agribusiness
 - 2. 4 in Agricultural Placement
 - 3. 1 in Agriscience
 - 4. 4 in Farmer

- 5. Recommendations for clearer rubric, stronger feedback, and three-person panels.
- c. American Star Submission: Fideldy-Doll
 - i. Brett Baumgartner (Kindred FFA) named as American Star in Ag Placement nominee.
- d. State Proficiency Judging, National Chapter, Food For America Review: Fideldy-Doll
 - i. Proficiencies: 62 finalists
 - ii. Superior Chapter: 23
 - iii. Food for America: 8 chapters
- e. State Horse Evaluation CDE Review: Fideldy-Doll
 - i. Horse Budget
 - ii. Moved to Twin Buttes Fairgrounds
 - iii. Noted long food lines and schedule gaps; next year's date set.
- f. State Convention Review: Fideldy-Doll
 - i. Adjust Meats time for lunch, convenience of Meats Lab
 - ii. Add validation time to schedule for all CDEs (not just state convention).
 - iii. Review all CDE materials prior to state convention.
 - iv. Remove Screening Committee.
 - v. Review delegate process
 - vi. Delegate coordinators went well
 - vii. Screening committee makeup was positive.
 - viii. The Feed was good.
 - ix. Sessions were very professional
 - x. People may offer transportation options on the listserv.
 - xi. President Stewart attended breakfast on Thursday. He is looking for options to engage (PDC).
 - xii. Discussed the Foundation supper and the ticketing system
- g. National Convention CDEs/LDEs Declarations: Fideldy-Doll
 - i. Coordination updates pending from Nikki.
- h. NDSF Advisor Assignments, FFA Exhibits & FairEntry: Spelhaug

- i. Updates shared for advisor responsibilities and exhibit preparation.
- i. Land Judging & Range Judging: Fideldy-Doll
 - i. Land: July 30th in Killdeer
 - ii. Range: September 17th in Carrington
- j. August Board Meeting – Election of Officers & Committee Assignments (Includes Designation of Committee Chairs): Fideldy-Doll
 - i. Term Ends: Hansen (replaced by Becker), Huettl (Elected to new term), Lemar (Vacant), Steeke (replaced by M. Steeke).
- k. Other
 - i. American Degree nominations
 - 1. Misty Steeke
 - 2. Jeff Bjugstad
 - 3. Don Wick
 - l. Missy moved to implement the FFA Auctioneering CDE as a probationary event for 2026-27, Ryan 2nds, motion passes.
 - m. Items for CDE committee
 - i. Horse evaluation
 - ii. Floral sale, review time
 - n. Screening committee
 - i. Screening committee would like to present at delegate meet and greet, wearing screening committee badges. Instructing delegates on appropriate questioning. Recording screening committee and posting videos as a resource.
- k. Next Meeting
 - a. August – August 2nd, 1 PM
 - b. Hughes Educational Building, Board Room
 - c. Committee work will need to occur prior to meeting.
- l. Announcements
- m. Adjourned the meeting at 3:34 PM

Items to ask Districts

1. SAE Awards/Agriscience Fair
 - a. Nationals will allow those not in the top 6 to re-apply. Should we?
2. According to our constitution, Chapters not attending state convention will be reviewed by the board to continue their charter
 - a. Should we enforce this or remove it?

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