



## Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Inc. Summary of the April 2026 Board of Directors Meeting

Dear Constituents,

The Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Inc. (FCCLA) National Board of Directors recently held a virtual meeting in April 2026. The Committees of the Board presented their reports, and a discussion was held on old and new business.

The Communications and Membership Committee is reviewing and developing membership package offerings for the 2026-2027 school year. The Finance Committee is in the process of preparing the FY27 Budget for the Board of Directors review and approval. The Program Committee is reviewing data and finalizing plans for the 2026 National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Washington, D.C.

At this meeting, the Board of Directors approved a proposed Bylaw Amendment that will be presented to the voting delegates for consideration during the 2026 NLC Business Meeting. The proposed amendment relates to **Article VI. National Executive Council, Section 3D. Nominations and Elections**. The official Proposed Bylaw Amendment Notice and Fact Sheet are attached to this summary as Appendix A.

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The National Board of Directors will meet next on May 21, 2026, to continue the work of the organization. If you have any questions regarding the Bylaw Amendment or matters relating to the National Board of Directors, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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*Appendix A – Proposed Bylaw Amendment Notice and Fact Sheet*



# Proposed Bylaw Amendment Notice and Fact Sheet

## Notice to States and Membership

Dear FCCLA State Advisers and Members,

In accordance with FCCLA's bylaws, this message serves as official notice of a proposed bylaw amendment that will be presented to the voting delegates for consideration at the 2026 National Leadership Conference Business Meeting.

This proposed amendment was:

- Developed and submitted by the National Executive Council (NEC)
- Reviewed and approved by the National Board of Directors
- Advanced for consideration by the voting delegates at the National Leadership Conference

The proposed amendment relates to Article VI, Section 3D, which outlines the election process for National Executive Council members.

Currently, the bylaws require that at least one candidate from each region be elected to the National Executive Council. The proposed amendment would revise this process so that the top ten (10) candidates receiving the highest number of votes are elected, regardless of regional designation.

This approach maintains a slate of 20 candidates representing all regions as selected by the nominating committee while allowing voting delegates the flexibility to select from these candidates the ten (10) officers they feel should lead the organization based on their readiness and ability to serve. This process also ensures voting delegates who wish to ensure regional representation may still do so through their voting choices.

This proposed change does not impact the nomination process, the selection of the top 20 candidates, or voting procedures. It only modifies how final election results are determined.

Voting delegates will have the opportunity to discuss and vote on this proposed amendment during the Business Meeting at the 2026 National Leadership Conference.

Sincerely,

Katy Blatnick-Gagné, Ed.D.  
National FCCLA Board Chair

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National FCCLA President



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## Quick Facts:

### What is changing?

- Top ten (10) candidates by total votes will be elected

### What stays the same?

- Top 20 candidates selected by nominating committee will have all regions represented on the slate
- Each state's election voting delegate votes for ten (10) candidates
- No change to nomination or voting process

### How will regional representation continue to be supported?

- All regions will be represented in the top 20 candidates
- Election voting delegates may still vote to ensure regional representation

### Why is this proposed?

- Aligns with national leadership model to select highest level leaders to represent the organization
- Prioritizes candidate readiness and support instead of where they reside
- Allows for the election of the top ten (10) candidates based on vote outcomes
- Reflects collective voice of delegates

### When does it take effect?

- If approved at the 2026 National Leadership Conference, this will go into effect for the 2027–2028 election cycle to allow all states to run candidates with the knowledge of this process

### Who votes on the proposed amendment?

- Voting delegates at 2026 National Leadership Conference Business Meeting (2/3 vote required)