



Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Inc. Summary of the August 2025 Board of Directors Meeting

Dear Constituents,

The Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Inc. (FCCLA) National Board of Directors recently held its first meeting of the year at National Headquarters in Herndon, Virginia. The Committees of the Board presented their reports, and discussion was held on old and new business.

The Communications and Membership Committee discussed their focuses for the year, which include Alumni and Associates, securing additional engagement opportunities during FCCLA Week, building on social media presence, determining data needs for Brand and Knowledge Hub, and advocacy efforts throughout the year to highlight FCS as a key component of CTE. The Finance Committee reviewed the FY27 budget timeline, the most recent treasurer's report, additional supporting financial documents, and discussed the preparation for the annual audit. The Program Committee reviewed data from the 2025 National Leadership Conference (NLC) and discussed updates to Skill Demonstration Events, STAR Events, and Challenge Tests for the 2025-2026 school year. The Program Committee recommended that FCCLA align its content to support industry-recognized credentials, based on the 2024 Advance CTE Credentials of Value report, while continuing to offer specialized industry-focused work-based learning experiences, such as the "Day in the Life" program in Orlando, Florida. The board committees are scheduled to reconvene at their next meetings in October 2025.

In addition, the National Executive Council (NEC) representative provided an update on their successful August Planning Meeting. Highlights included team building sessions, developing a Program of Work, setting goals for the year with national staff, various trainings on communications and leadership, planning for FCCLA Week, and participating in a community service project. The NEC looks forward to carrying the momentum from this meeting throughout the year and getting **ConneCTEd** with all FCCLA members.

The following items were approved during this meeting:

- Annual updates to the Policies and Procedures Manual. An updated copy is available on FCCLA's Website and Portal.

The National Board of Directors will meet next on November 14-15, 2025, to continue the work of the organization. If you have any questions regarding this summary or matters relating to the National Board of Directors, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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