



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

Dear Constituents,

The Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Inc. (FCCLA) National Board of Directors met in Washington, D.C., on July 5, 2026, in conjunction with the National Leadership Conference (NLC). The Committees of the Board presented their reports, and the Board conducted its final business of the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

At this meeting, the Board ratified the FY27 budget. The Board also voted to pause approval of proposed updates to the Investment Policy until clarification is received from Fiducient Advisors regarding account rebalancing and the timeframe intended by the word “temporary.”

Additional highlights included:

- The FY25 audit received a clean opinion.
- The National Executive Council reported attending more than 100 meetings, publishing more than 1,000 social media posts, and raising more than \$15,000 for the Ultimate Leadership Fund. The Council also represented FCCLA at 16 State Leadership Conferences and celebrated the first National Be A Teacher Day.
- FCCLA reported 270,742 affiliated members as of May 31 and was on track to end the affiliation year with more than 272,000 members. FCCLA Week generated more than 18 million media impressions, and 72 advisers graduated from Adviser Academy.
- More than 10,000 attendees registered for NLC. Special events were sold out, and the conference hotel block included 22,000 room nights across 28 hotels.
- Rhonda Ashburn and Jane Lucas were elected as Business and Industry Representatives. Two candidates for the Local Adviser Representative position were scheduled to speak and stand for election during the Adviser Recognition Session.
- The Board reviewed plans for Alumni & Associates, including a portal build during 2026-2027 and a proposed 2027-2028 launch. Membership rates and provisions for graduating seniors and Lifetime Alumni members remain under consideration.
- Program updates included the revised Student Body National Program, continued development of the Brand and Knowledge Hub and Adviser Hub, website accessibility work, and discussion of ethical AI use and citation requirements in Competitive Events.
- The Board also reviewed the NLC Emergency Plan and enhanced conference security measures developed in consultation with the city.

As the 2025-2026 Board year concludes, we extend our sincere appreciation to FCCLA members, advisers, partners, staff, and supporters. Your leadership and commitment continue to strengthen FCCLA and prepare the organization for a promising year ahead.

Sincerely,

Katy Blatnick-Gagné, Ed.D.
2025-2026 National Board of Directors Chair