



## Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Inc. Summary of the November 2025 – January 2026 Board of Directors Meetings

Dear Constituents,

The Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Inc. (FCCLA) National Board of Directors held a series of meetings in November, December, and January to carry out its fiduciary responsibilities and advance the long-term governance and sustainability of the organization. Because several actions required legal review and finalization, this summary reflects the combined outcomes of all three meetings.

### **Governance and Legal Alignment**

A significant focus of these meetings was the alignment of FCCLA's Articles of Incorporation (AOI) and Bylaws. Upon review by legal counsel, it was identified that the AOI and Bylaws were not fully aligned, particularly related to membership recognition and governance authority. As part of its fiduciary duty, the Board:

- Voted to amend the Articles of Incorporation to formally recognize FCCLA members.
- Clarified that FCCLA has a class of voting members, with eligibility, rights, and obligations defined in the Bylaws.
- Updated language throughout the AOI and Bylaws to modernize terminology and ensure legal clarity.
- Approved revisions that clearly define the respective authorities of the National Board of Directors, the National Executive Council, and voting delegates.

These actions strengthen FCCLA's corporate governance, ensure legal compliance, and better reflect how FCCLA operates in practice.

### **Bylaws Updates and Voting Authority**

The Board conducted a thorough, article-by-article review of the Bylaws across multiple meetings. As a result, the Board approved updates that:

- Clarify which matters fall under member voting authority and which remain the responsibility of the National Board of Directors.
- Define voting processes at the National Leadership Conference, including the role of voting delegates and the National Executive Council.
- Establish guardrails related to national dues increases.
- Update qualifications for National Executive Council candidates.
- Clarify procedures related to amendments, meetings, and parliamentary authority.

All Bylaws revisions were reviewed by legal counsel and approved by the Board.

### **Board Operations and Corporate Actions**

Additional actions taken during this meeting series include:

- Ratification of prior Board actions as part of a standard corporate governance clean-up process.
- Direction to develop clear, consistent communication materials to support understanding among state advisers, chapter advisers, members, and partners.



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**Finance, Programs, and Organizational Updates**

The Board also received updates from standing committees and leadership, including:

- A report on the ongoing annual audit and financial status of the organization.
- Continued growth in membership year-over-year.
- Updates on national programs, including leadership events, competitive events, and industry partnerships.
- Planning and preparation for upcoming national meetings and conferences.

The National Board of Directors remains committed to sound governance, and ensuring FCCLA is well-positioned for the future while honoring its longstanding mission and structure. Additional communication tools, including FAQs and explanatory resources, are being developed to support constituents as these governance updates are implemented.

If you have questions regarding this summary or matters related to the National Board of Directors, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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