

# WAAE Committee Minutes Summer Conference 2024 Committee: FFA Committee



The purpose of the FFA Committee is to discuss the best way to support our students in their journey in FFA and to help plan and implement FFA events and activities along with the Washington FFA State Staff, Washington FFA Board, and Washington Ag Education.

Committee Leadership	
Committee Chair	Sammi Jo Sims
Committee Secretary	Steve Hayter

## WA FFA Committee Minutes

WAAE Summer Conference

June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### 1. Call to Order

- Called to Order at 2:07pm

### 2. Roll Call of Members Present

- Submitted District Reps; Voting Reps in Bold
  - District 1 – Corrina Davis-Lenssen, Tony Torretta
  - District 2 – Maddy Tanis, Matt Kline
  - District 3 – Angie Karnes, Katie Vetter
  - District 4.- **Steve Russell, Steve Hayter**, Jennifer McCann, Gerrit VanWeerdhuizen
  - District 5 – Lizzie Williams, Alissa Whitakker
  - District 6 – **Brianna Duncan, Nathan Moore**, Michael Heistuman, Glenn Landrus, Ryan Maiden
  - District 7 –**Natasha, Rachel Schrauger**, Rusty Finch, Marcus
  - District 8 – Julia Collins, Shanelle Hillberry
  - District 9 – Megan Haight, Abby Cate

### 3. Reading and Approval of Previous Minutes

- Corrina Davis moved, Brianna Duncan seconded and passed to approve minutes.

### 4. Unfinished Business

- FFA Committee Restructure Committee Report

i. WAAE FFA Committee Rules & Guidelines Document

ii. Steve Russell moved to approve document.

1. Seconded and passed

**b. Rituals for Middle School LDE**

- i. Brianna – D6 schools in favor of it.
- ii. Katie – Doubling up on CCM??? Redundant???
- iii. Lisa – separate coordinator from CCM.
- iv. Megan – D9 is in favor of Rituals
- v. Natasha - D7 Very strongly against
- vi. Lisa – Thought is one year of eligibility.
- vii. Megan – Question ----Do we have the resources to host this?
- viii. Natasha – Tracking eligibility?
- ix. Nathan – D6 Implementation is only allowing kids to compete once in each contest.
- x. Tamara – Opportunities needed for middle schools.

xi. Brianna Duncan moved to approve Rituals as a Middle School CDE

1. Motion seconded.

2. Motion passes

xii. Brianna Duncan moved that CCM be clarified to one year of eligibility.

1. Motion seconded

2. Brianna moved to make a friendly amendment to make it dependent on the adoption of the Rituals CDE.

3. Natasha moved to postpone the original main motion till the Thursday meeting.

**D. Motion seconded and passed.**

**c. Apple Evaluation CDE**

- i. Sifting process
  - 1. Lisa – stick with sifting based on entomology and test based on discussion with coordinator.
  - 2. Shenelle ---D8 – concerns with not seeing apples as part of the concern.
  - 3. Lisa listed proposals from the Apple CDE review committee.
  - 4. Lisa clarified that judging card scantrons will be used for pre-sifting process.

ii. Megan Haight moved to withdraw D9's agenda item from Spring Exec regarding Apple CDE.

1. Motion seconded and passed

iii. Julia Colins moved to withdraw D8's agenda item from Spring Exec regarding Apple CDE.

1. Motion Seconded and passed.

**\*\*\*Solution to this issue was resolved by the Apple CDE review committee. See the CDE Update section of the Program Directors Report for solutions.**

**5. New Business**

**a. Executive Directors Report**

**i. Delegate Issues**

**1. Student Engagement Committee**

A. Delegates – *Whereas Washington FFA Membership will not be allowed for 6<sup>th</sup> grade members, Be it resolved that membership for 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be allowed once a minimum of 4 CDE/LDE's are developed and adopted for middle school students.*

B. Julia Collins moved to approve the motion as written.

i. Motion seconded.

ii. Motion failed after discussion.

C. Megan Haight moved to amend the delegate proposal by striking out the word “allowed” in the second stanza and insert “reconsidered” in the second stanza.

i. Motion seconded and failed.

**2. Involvement & Participation Committee.**

A. Delegates – *Whereas there are limited leadership event opportunities for FFA members, be it resolved that we develop another Fall leadership conference for our members within the next three years.*

B. Brianna Duncan moved to postpone this recommendation to the Thursday Meeting.

a. Motion seconded and passed.

**3. Amendment Committee**

A. Delegates – *Whereas the Washington FFA Association Board of Directors allows for two state officers, Be it resolved to strike out the word “two” and replace with “three” state officers to serve on the Association Board of Directors.*

B. Corrina Davis-Lenssen moved to approve as written.

a. Motion seconded.

b. Brianna Duncan moved to postpone this motion to the Thursday meeting.

i. Motion seconded and passed.

**b. Programs Director Report**

i. Corrina Davis-Lenssen moved to accept all listed handbook changes with the exception of Middle School ENR and Vet Science.

1. Motion seconded.

2. Motion passed.

**c. Language for registration for FFA Convention**

- i. Current Language
  - ii. Per our Washington FFA CDE/LDE Event Rules and Guidelines it states the following:
    - 1. Article I. Eligibility – Rule #4: **The posted end date of registration be the final date to submit and register eligible FFA members for state events. If a chapter wishes to substitute a member on a state team after the registration deadline, roster documentation needs to be brought with the member's name and their FFA ID number and presented to the coordinator. It will be the event coordinator's decision whether to allow the substitution, however no late additions/teams will be allowed.**
  - iii. *Discussion was on the policy of not allowing "late" additions.*
  - iv. *Corina ---D1 wants alignment with the terminology of "late fees".*
  - v. *Julia Collins D8 ---Abide by the written rule.*
  - vi. *D6 ---be clear about communicating intent of having the rule in the first place.*
  - vii. *Tamara ---Other considerations ---How many late teams would be allowed?*
  - viii. *D7 – allow late modifications, but impose a stiff monetary fine.*
- d. Take back to Districts for review prior to Thursday.**

**e. State Convention Text Message Notifications – Submitted by District 8**

- i. *Andy Zahl can easily make happen with system and save money.*

**f. State Convention Dates – Submitted by District 8**

- i. *Discussion centered on conflicting with sports schedules with WIAA*
- ii. *No action taken.*

**g. Intro to Horticulture CDE 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Submitted by District 2**

- i. **Take back to Districts.**

**h. Ag Tools and Materials CDE 7-9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Submitted by District 2**

- i. **Take back to Districts.**

**6. District Concerns**

- a. District 1 – *Dorm rooms were closed during sessions*
- b. District 2 – *Nothing*
- c. District 3
  - i. *Evergreen Tour timing. Want a split between AM and PM in their district.*
  - ii. *A possibility of scoring deductions for Official Dress in CCM.*
- d. District 4.-
  - i. *WA FFA Board of Directors Structure*

- ii. *State Officers Breach of Contract*
- iii. *ICEV Test for State Horse – Ben Meyer will respond*
- iv. *Judges for State CDE's and LDE's*
  - 1. *Utilized for speaking finals CDE's. Used the jotform to collect judge names.*
  - 2. *Feedback was that not enough judges signed up to fill all the spots needed.*
- e. *District 5 – Concerns with collegiate judging teams only doing part of contests they are contracted to help judge. Why not all?*
- f. *District 6 – Desire a non-official recognition for trapshooting. Maybe similar to the BBQ contest as a pre-session event at state convention.*
- g. *District 7*
  - i. **9<sup>th</sup> Grade specific rule???**
  - ii. *State Degrees – required scored parts need to be included in all rubrics. Correct rubric used?*
    - 1. *Why can students get a proficiency for an area but not a state degree?*
    - 2. *Acceptable community service?*
      - A. Refer to website published materials.
  - iii. *Changes at Nationals but not adopted at our state level?*
    - 1. State staff inquired for details but none were known.
- h. *District 8 – Nothing*
- i. *District 9 – Nothing*

### **Meeting Adjourned at 4:38pm on 6/24/2024**

- 7. FFA Committee Chair Election – 1 Yr Term
- 8. FFA Committee Report to WAAE General Session
- 9. Adjournment

# WA FFA Committee Minutes

WAAE Summer Conference

June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## 1. Call to Order

- a. Called to Order at 10:03AM

## 2. Roll Call of Members Present

- a. Submitted District Reps; Voting Reps in Bold
  - i. District 1 – **Corrina Davis-Lenssen, Tony Torreta**
  - ii. District 2 – **Maddy Tanis, Jason Bullock**
  - iii. District 3 – **Angie Karnes, Katie Vetter**
  - iv. District 4.- Steve Hayter, **Gerrit Vanweerdhuizen, Rylee Maddox**
  - v. District 5 – **Lizzie Williams, Alissa Whitakker**
  - vi. District 6 – **Brianna Duncan, Nathan Moore**, Michael Heistuman, Glenn Landrus
  - vii. District 7 –**Natasha Hemmer**, Rachel Schrauger, Rusty Finch
  - viii. District 8 – **Julia Collins, Shanelle Hillberry**
  - ix. District 9 – **Megan Haight, Tony Kern**

## 3. Reading and Approval of Previous Minutes

a.

## 4. Unfinished Business

- a. Rituals for Middle School LDE
    - i. Brianna Duncan moved to approve Rituals as a Middle School CDE
      - 1. *Motion seconded.*
      - 2. Motion passes
    - ii. Brianna Duncan moved that CCM be clarified to one year of eligibility.
      - 1. Motion seconded
      - 2. Brianna moved to make a friendly amendment to make it dependent on the adoption of the Rituals CDE.
      - 3. Natasha moved to postpone the original main motion till the Thursday meeting.
        - a. Motion seconded and passed.
- D3 – No limits on CCM.  
D4 – No limits on CCM  
D6 – Limiting to one year. Scaffolding CDE's scaffolds content.  
D2 – neutral  
D7 – Limiting to one year.

*Motion to adopt amendment passes.*

*Motion to adopt the motion that CCM be limited to one year of eligibility was passed. 12 to 5*

**b. Executive Directors Report**

**i. Delegate Issues**

**1. Involvement & Participation Committee.**

*a. Delegates – Whereas there are limited leadership event opportunities for FFA members, be it resolved that we develop another Fall leadership conference for our members within the next three years.*

**i. Brianna Duncan moved to postpone this recommendation to the Thursday Meeting.**

**1. Motion seconded and passed.**

*ii. D2 in favor*

*iii. D7 in favor*

*iv. D9 in favor*

*v. D1 in favor*

*vi. D6 in favor as part of Evergreen Tour*

*vii. D5 in favor of early fall plus central location*

*viii. D3 in favor*

*b. Natasha moves to approve the delegate issue as stated. Katie Vetter seconded.*

*i. Motion passed*

**2. Amendment Committee**

*a. Delegates – Whereas the Washington FFA Association Board of Directors allows for two state officers, Be it resolved to strike out the word “two” and replace with “three” state officers to serve on the Association Board of Directors.*

**i. Corrina Davis-Lenssen moved to approve as written.**

**1. Motion seconded.**

**2. Brianna Duncan moved to postpone this motion to the Thursday meeting.**

**a. Motion seconded and passed.**

*ii. D6 against changing.*

*iii. D3 be mindful of failing delegate issues. Would like to approve the delegate issue.*

*iv. D8 – Not in favor*

*v. D4 – not in favor of changing.*

*vi. D2 – would like to see it approved.*

*vii. D1 – would like to see it approved.*

b. *Motion passed 10 to 8 to approve the delegate issue as written.*

c. **Programs Director Report**

i. **Corrina Davis-Lenssen moved to accept all listed handbook changes with the exception of Middle School ENR and Vet Science.**

1. Nathan Moved to approve the middle school ENR CDE
  - a. Motion seconded
  - b. D4 in favor
  - c. D6 in favor
2. Nathan moved to make a friendly amendment to make it a pilot project for the upcoming school year.
  - a. Motion seconded and passed.

d. **Language for registration for FFA Convention**

- i. Current Language
- ii. Per our Washington FFA CDE/LDE Event Rules and Guidelines it states the following:
  1. Article I. Eligibility – Rule #4: **The posted end date of registration be the final date to submit and register eligible FFA members for state events. If a chapter wishes to substitute a member on a state team after the registration deadline, roster documentation needs to be brought with the member's name and their FFA ID number and presented to the coordinator. It will be the event coordinator's decision whether to allow the substitution, however no late additions/teams will be allowed.**

e. ***Take back to Districts for review prior to Thursday.***

- i. *D9 was in favor of keeping the hard deadline, but remove the line about the event coordinators decision.*
  - ii. *D6 suggests that there be a late fee. Maybe add a wait list option. This would apply for state convention registered teams only*
  - iii. *D3 proposes a \$250 late fee with a grace period allowed.*
  - iv. *D7 wants a registered team list then a week grace period after list. In favor of a fine.*
  - v. *D5 wants a confirmation list.*
  - vi. *D1 wants a one- week timeframe. April 10<sup>th</sup> for confirmation then a final deadline of April 15<sup>th</sup>. In favor of a fine.*
  - vii. *D8 keep the rule as written. Wants a confirmation email or a "submit" button.*
- f. Jason Bullock moves to refer the item to Fall exec. With a rep from each district and state staff.
- i. *Volunteers for the committee.*
    1. *D1 -Tony*
    2. *D2 - Maddy*



3. D3 – Katie
4. D4 – Gerrit
5. D5 – Lizzie
6. D6 – Nathan
7. D7 – Amanda
8. D8 – Julia
9. D9 – Megan
10. Chair of Committee – Michael Heistuman
- ii. Discussion on the referral
- iii. Rylee moved the previous Question
  1. Motion seconded and passed
- iv. Motion to refer the item to a committee was failed. 5 for, 13 against.
- g. Discussion returns to the original topic of the policy.
- h. Point of information raised to ask the opinion of Lisa Baser Programs Director.
- i. Jason moves to Postpone this item till the end of current agenda items.
  1. Motion seconded and passed.
- j. **Intro to Horticulture CDE 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Submitted by District 2**
  - i. D3 – would like to separate out 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - ii. Lisa – RoundTable discussion summary
    1. Separate Middle School from high school events.
  - iii. D6 – likes the contest, but separate to 7-8 and then maybe 9-10<sup>th</sup> grade
  - iv. D8 – maybe add growing procedures from
  - v. D9 – liked the 7-9 proposal.
  - vi. D4 – CDE's need a skill portion
- k. Jason moved to pilot the Intro to Hort CDE for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2024 -2025 school year and that state staff have the autonomy to edit as needed.
  - i. Motion seconded
  - ii. Motion passed.
- l. **Ag Tools and Materials CDE 7-9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Submitted by District 2**
  - i. Jason moved to pilot the Ag Tools and Materials CDE for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2024 -2025 school year and that state staff have the autonomy to edit as needed.
    1. Motion seconded
    2. D7 – not in favor because needing clarity on items listed in handbook. Want to see edits before adopting.
    3. Motion Passed.

## 5. FFA Committee Chair Election – 1 Yr Term

- a. Jason Bullock moved to nominate Steve Hayter.

- i. Motion seconded.
  - b. Jason Bullock moved to close nominations.
    - i. Motion seconded and passed.
  - c. Motion to approve Steve Hayter as interim FFA Committee chairman was adopted.
- 6. Brianna Duncan moved to remove Quiz Bowl as a formal FFA competition.
  - a. Motion seconded
  - b. Motion passed.
- 7. Natasha moved to add 9<sup>th</sup> grade eligibility to all middle school CDE's.
  - a. Motion seconded
  - b. Motion failed.
- 8. Return to Late fee proposal that was postponed earlier.
  - a. Jason Bullock moved to strike out the first sentence of Article 1 Eligibility – Rule #4. "The posted end date of registration be the final date to submit and register eligible FFA members for state events."
    - i. Motion seconded.
    - ii. Motion Passes 12 for, 5 against.
  - b. Brianna moved to make a wait list policy for late registration of state events where a fine of \$250 is given to each CDE/LDE team allowed into complete; with an additional "late fee explanation" letter sent to the chapter's/school administration.
    - i. Motion seconded
    - ii. Brianna moved to withdraw her motion as stated.
      - 1. Motion seconded and passed to Withdraw the stated motion.
  - c. Jason moved to add Article X: REGISTRATION FOR STATE EVENTS to the Washington FFA CDE/LDE Event Rules and Guidelines as stated below. Seconded.

Registration deadline for state level events will be the posted date communicated by WA FFA Association.

1. Chapters who submit late registration will be subject to:
  - a. Late fee of \$250 per event if accepted to compete.
  - b. Placed on a waitlist for non-qualifying events with no guarantee for housing/dining based on event details.
  - c. Potentially responsible for housing and dining for members based on event logistics.
  - d. A letter will be sent to school administration explaining this late registration policy.

i. Jason moved to strike out Article X 1C.

1. Motion seconded

a. Jason moved to amend by adding per entry after \$250 in Line 1A.

i. Motion seconded

ii. Motion Passed

b. Motion to amend by striking out Article X 1C passes

**Passed motion states:**

**Article X: REGISTRATION FOR STATE EVENTS**

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1. Chapters who submit late registration will be subject to:

- a. Late fee of \$250 per entry per event if accepted to compete.
- b. Placed on a waitlist for non-qualifying events with no guarantee for housing/dining based on event details.
- c. A letter will be sent to school administration explaining this late registration policy.

d. Brianna moved to amend Article 1 Rule 4 by striking out “however no late additions/teams will be allowed.”

i. Motion seconded and passed

**After passing of the above motions, Article 1 – Rule#4 now states the following.**

Article I. Eligibility – Rule #4: ~~The posted end date of registration be the final date to submit and register eligible FFA members for state events.~~ If a chapter wishes to substitute a member on a state team after the registration deadline, roster documentation needs to be brought with the member’s name and their FFA ID number and presented to the coordinator. It will be the event coordinator’s decision whether to allow the substitution, ~~however no late additions/teams will be allowed.~~

9. FFA Committee Report to WAAE General Session

10. Adjournment

a. Motion to adjourn at 12:02

i. Maddy moved

ii. Seconded and passed

