Minutes
NAAE Board of Directors
Meeting
April 30, 2026

The NAAE Board of Directors conducted a board of directors meeting virtually on April 30, 2026. Board members in attendance included: Cameron Dale (OK), President; Kyle Stapleton (ID), President-Elect; Sharon Metzger (AZ), Region I Vice President; Lauren Emerson (LA), Region II Vice President; Paul Aarsvold (MN), Region III Vice President; John Hammond (KY), Region IV Vice President; Nelson McCracken (GA), Region V Vice President; Darla Romberger (PA), Region VI Vice President; and Alissa Smith (KY), NAAE Chief Executive Officer. Bill Newsom (TN), Past President was unable to join the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting are as follows:

1. **Call to Order** –President Cameron Dale called the board meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Eastern time on Thursday, April 30, 2026.

2. **Review and Approve Agenda** – Paul Aarsvold moved, Darla Romberger seconded, to approve the agenda with flexibility. Motion carried.

3. **Review and Approve Minutes** – Nelson McCracken moved, Kyle Stapleton seconded, to approve the minutes from the March 30, 2026 Board meeting. Motion carried.

4. **CEO Report –** Alissa Smith presented the CEO report of what has been occurring with staff and in the office. Alissa reported the Audit had occurred last week and will be finalized in the next month. She also shared the staff had just completed the All-In Meetings and have worked on plans for all of the NAAE events in the fall and winter as well as NAAE submitted their Financial Report to National FFA Foundation for the first quarter and was working with National FFA Foundation on an Impact Audit of NAAE programs.

5. **Membership Report** – Alissa Smith shared that membership had hit 10,000 members for the year with still several months of the membership year left. She also discussed strategy moving forward regarding communication to states about the membership dues increase.

6. **NAAE Strategic Planning Committee Meeting** – Cameron Dale called the Board Strategic Planning Committee to order at 6:56 pm Eastern time. Alissa discussed the first strategic plan and the alignment of current programs. She also discussed moving forth of sending a packaged Strategic Plan out to the committees in June to give them a chance to look over it before their meetings in August. Kyle Stapleton moved, Nelson McCracken seconded, to adjourn the board committee meeting. Committee chair, Cameron Dale, adjourned the meeting at 7:13 pm Eastern time.

7. **NAAE Updated Committee Timeline** – Alissa shared the updated NAAE Committee timeline-DRAFT that was provided to the Board at the March meeting for review. and asked Board members to review for discussion at our April 30, 2026, Board meeting. Kyle Stapleton moved, Darla Romberger seconded, to accept the Updated Committee Timeline. Motion carried.

8. **Regional Meetings Update** –Sharon Metzger shared an updated about the Region I conference that occurred in Hawaii in April. Cameron Dale and Kyle Stapleton also shared regarding discussion that occurred at the conference.

9. **New/Old Business –** no new or old business was discussed.

10. **Adjournment** – With no further business to be transacted at this time, John Hammond moved, Paul Aarsovold seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m. Eastern time.