

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Prepared by:

2022-2023 Georgia FCCLA Board of Directors

Georgia FCCLA Executive Director

To the chapters of the Georgia Association of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Inc.:

Pursuant to Article XVI, Section 2 of the bylaws of this association, you are hereby notified that the following resolution to amend the existing bylaws will be considered at the next annual meeting:

AMENDMENT #1:

ARTICLE XI, Section Two - Adding a Board of Directors Position for the Georgia FCCLA Foundation

To amend Article XI, by striking out “five” and add “six” and “Georgia FCCLA Foundation”.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Article XI, Section Two, A: There shall be five directors elected by related organizations and groups (according to their election procedures) as follows: GAFCS, GATFACS and three local advisers to serve staggered terms elected by the local advisers attending the state leadership conference.	Article XI, Section Two, A There shall be five six directors elected by related organizations and groups (according to their election procedures) as follows: GAFCS, GATFACS, Georgia FCCLA Foundation , and three local advisers to serve staggered terms elected by the local advisers attending the state leadership conference.	Article XI, Section Two, A There shall be six directors elected by related organizations and groups (according to their election procedures) as follows: GAFCS, GATFACS, Georgia FCCLA Foundation, and three local advisers to serve staggered terms elected by the local advisers attending the state leadership conference.

Rationale: *The addition of the Board of Directors position for Georgia FCCLA Foundation is to serve as a liaison for the Georgia FCCLA Foundation to the FCCLA Board of Directors.*

AMENDMENT #2:

ARTICLE XI, Section Three - Adding an additional capacity for the Past-Chair

To amend Article XI, add “The past chair shall serve in a mentorship capacity alongside the chair and chair-elect”

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Article XI, Section Three, F Currently Nothing	Article XI, Section Three, F The past chair shall serve in a mentorship capacity alongside the chair and chair-elect.	Article XI, Section Three, F The past chair shall serve in a mentorship capacity alongside the chair and chair-elect.

Rationale: *The rationale behind this is to provide continuity amongst the Board by providing a mentorship for the Board Chair.*

AMENDMENT #3:

ARTICLE XI, Section Three - Clarifying the meaning of the Bylaws in the Treasure Position.

To amend Article XI, by striking out “in the treasurer’s second year on the board” and adding “If a vacancy is created in the treasurer position, the electing power may, as usual, fill the vacancy at its own option”.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Article XI, Section Three, D The treasurer of the board shall serve as chair of the finance committee; shall have authority to sign any official documents duly prepared and requiring signature of the treasurer of the board. In the treasurer’s second year on the board, if a vacancy is created in his/her former position on the board, the electing power may, as usual, fill the vacancy, at its own option.</p>	<p>Article XI, Section Three, D The treasurer of the board shall serve as chair of the finance committee; shall have authority to sign any official documents duly prepared and requiring signature of the treasurer of the board. In the treasurer’s second year on the board, if a vacancy is created in the treasurer’s position, the electing power may, as usual, fill the vacancy at its own option.</p>	<p>Article XI, Section Three, D The treasurer of the board shall serve as chair of the finance committee; shall have authority to sign any official documents duly prepared and requiring signature of the treasurer of the board. If a vacancy is created in the treasurer’s position, the electing power may, as usual, fill the vacancy at its own option.</p>

Rationale: *The rationale behind this is to clarify meaning of the Bylaws*

AMENDMENT #4:

ARTICLE XI, Section Four - Shorten notice of special meetings

Amend Article XI, by striking out “fifteen” and adding “five”.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Article XI, Section Four, B Special meetings may be called by the chair of the board of directors or shall be called for upon the written request of five voting members of the board of directors. Written notice of any special meetings shall be sent, by postal or electronic mail, to each member at least fifteen days in advance, with a statement of time, place and meeting agenda.</p>	<p>Article XI, Section Four, B Special meetings may be called by the chair of the board of directors or shall be called for upon the written request of five voting members of the board of directors. Written notice of any special meetings shall be sent, by postal or electronic mail, to each member at least fifteen five days in advance, with a statement of time, place and meeting agenda.</p>	<p>Article XI, Section Four, B Special meetings may be called by the chair of the board of directors or shall be called for upon the written request of five voting members of the board of directors. Written notice of any special meetings shall be sent, by postal or electronic mail, to each member at least five days in advance, with a statement of time, place and meeting agenda.</p>

Rationale: *The rationale behind this is due to easy accessibility of Directors and for time-sensitive action, notice of meetings should be shortened from 15 days to 5 days.*

Amendment #5:

ARTICLE IIX – Nominee for National Officer and Appointment of Vice President of Leadership Development, Section Three. Appointment of Vice President of Leadership Development
To Amend Article IIX, by striking out “voting” and adding “ex-officio”.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Article IIX, Section Three. Appointment of Vice President of Leadership Development In years when there are two national officer candidates, the defeated candidate at the national level will become the Vice President of Leadership Development. In the event that both candidates are defeated on the national level, they will then share the office of Vice President of Leadership Development. The Vice President(s) of Leadership Development shall be voting members of the state executive council.</p>	<p>Article IIX, Section Three. Appointment of Vice President of Leadership Development In years when there are two national officer candidates, the defeated candidate at the national level will become the Vice President of Leadership Development. In the event that both candidates are defeated on the national level, they will then share the office of Vice President of Leadership Development. The Vice President(s) of Leadership Development shall be voting ex-officio members of the state executive council.</p>	<p>Article IIX, Section Three. Appointment of Vice President of Leadership Development In years when there are two national officer candidates, the defeated candidate at the national level will become the Vice President of Leadership Development. In the event that both candidates are defeated on the national level, they will then share the office of Vice President of Leadership Development. The Vice President(s) of Leadership Development shall be ex-officio members of the state executive council.</p>

Rationale: *By making the amendment to read that the Vice President of Leadership Development will serve as an ex-officio member of the State Executive Council, in the event that a National Officer Candidate has previously served two years on the State Executive Council and is not elected to the National Executive Council, the bylaw will align with the established term limits for State Officers in Article IV, Section Four while still allowing the candidate to serve as the Vice President of Leadership Development.*

AMENDMENT #6:

ARTICLE XI, Section Five- Changing the Georgia FCCLA Board of Directors Executive Committee
Amend Article XI, by adding “(finance committee, programs committee, and communications/membership committee), the past-chair” and “Georgia Department of Education Family and Consumer Sciences Program Specialist/Georgia FCCLA State Adviser”.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Article XI, Section Five The members of the executive committee shall consist of all officers of the board, the chairpersons of all standing committees, the president of the state executive council and the executive director. The executive committee shall exercise all powers of the board at such times as the board is not in session, except that it shall not have the power to alter or revoke any previous order, resolution or vote of a meeting of the board unless specifically granted such power by the board and it shall not have the power to elect or remove officers and members of the board or of the association, hire or remove the executive director, or amend the charter or bylaws of the organization. The executive committee shall report all its interim actions in writing at the next regular meeting of the state board of directors.</p>	<p>Article XI, Section Five The members of the executive committee shall consist of all officers of the board, the chairpersons of all standing committees (finance committee, programs committee, and communications/membership committee), the past-chair, the president of the state executive council, Georgia Department of Education Family and Consumer Sciences Program Specialist/Georgia FCCLA State Adviser and the executive director. The executive committee shall exercise all powers of the board at such times as the board is not in session, except that it shall not have the power to alter or revoke any previous order, resolution or vote of a meeting of the board unless specifically granted such power by the board and it shall not have the power to elect or remove officers and members of the board or of the association, hire or remove the executive director, or amend the charter or bylaws of the organization. The executive committee shall report all its interim actions in writing at the next regular meeting of the state board of directors.</p>	<p>Article XI, Section Five The members of the executive committee shall consist of all officers of the board, the chairpersons of all standing committees (finance committee, programs committee, and communications/membership committee), the past-chair, the president of the state executive council, Georgia Department of Education Family and Consumer Sciences Program Specialist/Georgia FCCLA State Adviser and the executive director. The executive committee shall exercise all powers of the board at such times as the board is not in session, except that it shall not have the power to alter or revoke any previous order, resolution or vote of a meeting of the board unless specifically granted such power by the board and it shall not have the power to elect or remove officers and members of the board or of the association, hire or remove the executive director, or amend the charter or bylaws of the organization. The executive committee shall report all its interim actions in writing at the next regular meeting of the state board of directors.</p>

Rationale: *The addition of the past-chair and the Georgia Department of Education Family and Consumer Sciences Program Specialist is to clarify the responsibilities of the executive committee and to identify the committees included in the executive committee.*

AMENDMENT #7:

ARTICLE XI, Section Five- Changing the Georgia FCCLA Board of Directors Executive Committee Amend Article XI, by striking out “the president of the state executive council”.

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<p>Article XI, Section Five The members of the executive committee shall consist of all officers of the board, the chairpersons of all standing committees, the president of the state executive council and the executive director. The executive committee shall exercise all powers of the board at such times as the board is not in session, except that it shall not have the power to alter or revoke any previous order, resolution or vote of a meeting of the board unless specifically granted such power by the board and it shall not have the power to elect or remove officers and members of the board or of the association, hire or remove the executive director, or amend the charter or bylaws of the organization. The executive committee shall report all its interim actions in writing at the next regular meeting of the state board of directors.</p>	<p>Article XI, Section Five The members of the executive committee shall consist of all officers of the board, the chairpersons of all standing committees, the president of the state executive council and the executive director. The executive committee shall exercise all powers of the board at such times as the board is not in session, except that it shall not have the power to alter or revoke any previous order, resolution or vote of a meeting of the board unless specifically granted such power by the board and it shall not have the power to elect or remove officers and members of the board or of the association, hire or remove the executive director, or amend the charter or bylaws of the organization. The executive committee shall report all its interim actions in writing at the next regular meeting of the state board of directors.</p>	<p>Article XI, Section Five The members of the executive committee shall consist of all officers of the board, the chairpersons of all standing committees, and the executive director. The executive committee shall exercise all powers of the board at such times as the board is not in session, except that it shall not have the power to alter or revoke any previous order, resolution or vote of a meeting of the board unless specifically granted such power by the board and it shall not have the power to elect or remove officers and members of the board or of the association, hire or remove the executive director, or amend the charter or bylaws of the organization. The executive committee shall report all its interim actions in writing at the next regular meeting of the state board of directors.</p>

Rationale: Due to the sensitive nature of the executive sessions, high school students should be protected from certain discussions. Executive sessions are special called meetings and are not held regularly. Students on the Board would maintain their current standing in all regular Board of Directors meetings.