

Minutes
 VATAT Teacher's Conference Area I
Tuesday, July 25, 2023
 Reunion C, Hyatt Regency, Dallas, Texas
 10:15 am to 1:40 pm

1. Call to Order 10:37 am Jay Newton
2. Prayer Sid Morris
3. Teacher introductions & Mentor program (new, returning, retiring, etc.) By district
4. Information from Area Coordinators meeting & thoughts from Jay Newton (what you do is more important than what you accomplish, INTEGRITY, **your district degree checks must improve**)
check your email, call when you need help
5. [Teacher's Directory](#), [calendar](#), roster info Alan Been
6. Treasurer's Report (has been emailed out) Alan Been
7. University representatives & others As they arrive
Wade Shackelford - Seitz, Gary Adams - VATAT Credit Union, Scott Knight - Fresh Country Fundraising, Texas Tech University (Dr. Rayfield, Chelsea Hatch, students), WTAMU - (Dr. Williams, Dr. Wolf, students), Terry Baize, Alan Been - RiverStar Farms, Barry Randolph - San Antonio AG Mech
8. Calf Scramble - read the rules, many opportunities for your students, TSF Cody Joe Bonds
9. [Area Officer Election Committee Report](#) Aaron Bednarz
10. Area Officer Report, ALC, GHLC, SLC, Kevin Meek
11. State Officer Travel - newly elected area secretary will attend the meeting Aaron Bednarz
12. [Area LDE Contest](#) Nov 16 & 18 WTAMU
13. Area CDE Contests - motion by Brent to move AAE to SPC, motion passed CDE Committees
14. [Area Convention](#) - Option 1 selected Jay Newton
15. Area Speaking Contests - categories, read the rules!!!! Kevin Kelley
16. State Degree Check Info ~ ZERO LSF lost at state level, check community service activities - YOUR chapter should not benefit, kids on Jr. Show board, unpaid placement make sure it is not working for your parents or pet fish, put weekly/monthly work hours, FIX things that Casey & Alan tell you to fix, June 3-7, Americans can start submitting Jan 1, Golden Horizon will be printed at Area Casey Jones
17. Area Electric Camp - new chairman Andrew Hokanson, 68 kids, Xcel Energy pays Jay Newton
18. State Convention Kirk Clark
19. Area Constitution Committee - 1 per district Aaron Bednarz
20. Election of Committee assignments 11:45 pm

State Committee Assignments	Member 2023-24	Alternate	Nominations
These committees are re-elected every year to represent our area this week and for the coming year. Advisors should present any concerns or information they would like taken to meeting to one or both of these members.	Both members should attend meeting held this week during conference, but only one will vote.	Please report events of the committee electronically to Area Coordinator.	Strikethrough = not nominated or stepped down, not elected Bold = elected
State LDE	Aaron Bednarz	Austin Heck	
State CDE	Matthew Huston	<i>Seth Durham</i>	Seth Durham - Idalou, Becca McEndree - Shallowater
Livestock Show (Livestock/Animal)	Adam Westbrook	<i>Rob Hawkins</i>	Cody Spies, Rob Hawkins
Livestock Show (Competitive Events)	Austin Heck	<i>Becca McEndree</i>	Becca McEndree
Livestock Show (Ag Mechanics)	Jay Newton	Kyle Bates	
State Ag Mechanics CDE	Angela VanGundy	Robby Bow	
State Scholarship (also Area Chairmen)	Drew Taylor	Danny Underwood	<i>Laci Vogel</i>
State Awards & Degree Check	Andrew Hokanson	Casey Jones	
Horticulture/Floriculture CDE	Jennifer Barton	<i>Kelsea Jones</i>	Kelsea Jones, Evie Hobbs
Wildlife CDE (WAY)	Justin James	Brent McFarland	

State FFA Rodeo	Sid Morris	Coral Merlo	
Leadership Development Coordinator	Kevin Meek	Matthew Huston	
Ag Science Fair	Angie Snapp	Olivia Schniers	
State Speaking Events	Sid Morris	<i>Austin Heck</i>	Becca McEndree, Austin Heck
State Tractor Tech CDE	Timberley Mercer	Robby Bow	
State FFA Officer Selection Coordinator (Area level)	Jeff Klose	<i>Matthew Huston</i>	Matthew Huston
State FFA Officer Selection Task Force	<i>Matthew Huston</i>		Jeff Klose, Matthew Huston
Area SAE-Based Award Chair/Coordinator <small>- we don't know what this is . . .</small>	Andrew Hokanson		
Area ACT (Ag Consortium) Liaison	Jim Cooper	Brandon Meier	

12:20 pm

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Area - Texas Tech CDE Committee	Rob Hawkins, Casey Jones
Area Wildlife, Range & Pasture CDE	Fud Robertson, Justin James
Area Dairy Cattle	Becca McEndree, Andrew Hokanson
Area Vet Tech CDE	Kelsea Jones, Angie Snapp
Area Floriculture CDE	Jennifer Barton, Evie Hobbs
Area @ Tarleton ~ Land, Homesite	Seth Durham, Austin Heck, Kyle Bates
Area @ Tarleton ~ Ag Sales	Jeff Klose/Jennifer Barton
Area Applied Ag Engineering CDE	Brent McFarland, Crystal Stewart
Area Publicity Committee	Jessica Watts, Kelsey Haiber
Area Leadership Ambassadors	Courtney Howard, Lyle Logemann
Area Electric Camp	Andrew Hokanson, Jay Newton
Area Star Applications	Olivia Schniers, Justin Been
Area Lone Stars	Casey Jones, Alan Been, <i>Rob Hawkins</i> (nominations -Kyle Stewart, Rob Hawkins, Hunter Parrott)
American Degrees	Aaron Bednarz, John Weathers, Ashley Mitchell
Area Proficiency Applications	Laci Vogel, Kelsey Haiber
Area Chapter Awards	Hunter Parrott, Macy Begley
Area Officer Nominating Committee	Aaron Bednarz,
Area Wild Card Chairman	Ryan Pienziasek, Tim Tatsch
Area Speaking Development Event	Kevin Kelley, Alejandra Ramirez
Area Degree Check Chairman	Alan Been, Jay Newton

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State FFA Convention Committees	<i>These members serve at the state FFA Convention</i>
State & Area FFA Courtesy Corps	Andrew Hokanson - Chairman, Jennifer Barton, Cali Pontnack, Ashley Mitchell, Ashleigh Hillemeier District Officer Advisors or volunteers
State FFA Convention Registration	Advisors of Area I, district officers & State Officers or volunteers
State FFA Convention Awards Seating	Austin Heck
State FFA Convention Awards	Brandon Bowman
State FFA Convention Candidates	Jay Newton
State FFA Convention Balloting	Michael Collins
State FFA Convention Guests Receiving	Jay Newton
State Talent (and Area Convention)	Justin Been, Cali Pontnack , Dalton Howard
Young Farmer Coordinator	no chapters in Area I

21. Proposed Rule Changes

“Proposed amendments to the policies in this directory must be submitted in writing to the area coordinator by 10:00 am on the last day of the Area Convention. The area coordinator shall then notify all chapters in the area at least 10 days prior to the Area Leadership Conference. The proposals will be discussed at the Area Leadership Conference in June at Clarendon College. Amendments may be adopted by a majority vote that will be voted upon at the Annual Ag Teacher’s Conference.”

See proposals for 2023-24 here: [Area Proposals](#)

22. VATAT Board Members: Aaron Bednarz, Michael Collins, Jay Newton

- Tenure Awards – Workshops and events this week
- Dues & other VATAT Board Information
- Elections ~Michael Collins nominated to fill Jarad’s term, elected. Casey Jones, Jay Newton nominated.
- Ticket winners ~ _____, _____

23. Any other business to be discussed

24. Area Coordinator Retirement

25. 2023-24 Area Officer Elections - these* rotate up each year to serve on the Area Executive Committee.

Officer Assignment	2023-2024	Nominations for position
Area Coordinator*	Gody Joe Bonds	Jay Newton
Area Vice-Coordinator*	Aaron Bednarz	
Area Secretary*		Casey Jones
Area Treasurer	Alan Been	

Area Executive Secretary	Chandra Corse	
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26. Raffle drawing - Winners drawn \$755 (\$1 each or 6 for \$5) \$400 Tyler Classen, \$200 Kayla Martin, \$100 Michael Kieth rest in Area I fund
27. Adjourn (no area meeting on Friday)
28. District Meetings - District sheets [here](#) for district presidents to fill out by Friday, July 28. No area meeting on Friday.
29. Workshop Code for today's area meeting: 77487
30. Meeting adjourned 1:35 pm.

**These minutes are approved by the Area I FFA Executive Committee
July 25, 2023**

Area Coordinator - Cody Joe Bonds - Boys Ranch
Area Vice- Coordinator - Aaron Bednarz - Lubbock-Cooper
Area Secretary - Casey Jones - Slaton
Area Treasurer - Alan Been - Springlake-Earth
Retiring Area Coordinator - Jay Newton - Vega
Area I Executive Secretary - Chandra Corse - area1ffa@gmail.com