



NFHS TOPIC SELECTION MEETING

The Westin Austin Downtown
Austin, Texas
July 31 – August 3, 2025
(All times in CENTRAL Time)

THURSDAY, JULY 31

6:00pm – 10:00pm Wording Committee Dinner Meeting

Debnil Sur (CA)
Lauren Ivey (GA)
Andrew Cornish (TX)

Brett Bricker (KS)
Ameena Amdahl-Mason (OR)
Sheryl Kaczmarek (MA)

Ruth Kay (MI)
Rich Edwards, Advisor
Kevin Minch, Advisor

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

8:00am – 9:00am Light breakfast provided for all attendees Registration and distribution of meeting materials

9:00am – 9:45am Opening General Session (Paramount Ballroom)

- Welcome
- Review of the topic selection meeting schedule
- Introductions and roll call of state delegates
- Ratification by states of the 2025-2026 Arctic topic resolution
- Introduction of the Wording Committee
- Introduction of [Topic Reports](#) – *webpage is live and will be updated as topics and materials are updated.*
- Explanation of Debatability Roundtables

9:45am – 12:15pm Debatability Roundtables: with all topic authors

12:15pm - 1:00pm Lunch Break

1:00pm Marshall Subcommittee Instructions

- Purpose and Reason
- Instructions from Wording Committee
- Announcement of Marshall Subcommittee assignments

1:30pm Marshall Subcommittee Work Sessions (~ 120 minutes)

- Group 1 – “Nelson” meeting room
- Group 2 – “Vaughan” meeting room
- Group 3 – “Joplin” meeting room
- Group 4 – “Strait” meeting room

3:30pm Reconvene for 2nd General Session

- Report of the Marshall Subcommittees
- First vote (straw vote) – The area must receive 25% support of those present / voting to be sent to Wording Committee Work Session

5:00pm – 10:00pm Friday Night Fun – Holey Moley!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

7:30am **Wording Committee Breakfast Meeting – “Strait” meeting room**

7:30am - 8:30am **Breakfast for All Attendees**

8:30am **Resolution Wording Session**

- Authors of topic reports are asked to attend while their report is being discussed.
- All delegates are urged to participate throughout the day.

12pm – 1:00pm **Wording Committee Lunch – “Strait” meeting room**
All Other Attendees Lunch

1:00pm **Wording Committee Work Session continues as needed**

Time TBD **Reconvene for 3rd General Session**

- Wording Committee Chair reports resolutions selected to the general assembly
- Discussion and proposed amendments are in order
- Second vote to eliminate those topics without significant support (33% of those present / voting)

5:00pm – 11:00pm **Explore and Enjoy Austin!**

- For more information about Austin, please visit: <https://www.austintexas.org/things-to-do/>

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00am - 8:30am **Breakfast**

8:00am – 9:30am **Final Debatability Roundtable**

9:30am **Final General Session**

- Submit potential new topics via form by 9:30 a.m. to Kevin Minch
- Revised resolutions distributed to delegates
 - Discussion
 - Roll call of state delegates
 - First ballot
 - Discussion
 - Second ballot
 - Discussion
 - Third ballot
 - Discussion
 - Fourth ballot
- Business Meeting
 - Topic report process
 - Site for:
 - 2026 – Salt Lake City, Utah
 - 2027 – Williamsburg, Virginia
 - 2028 – West rotation
 - Report on new topics
 - Volunteers to author topic reports for 2026
 - Open Forum – discussion and new business

12:00pm **Meeting Adjourns**