

National Egg Quality School Annual Stakeholders Meeting

11am, January 28, 2026, Atlanta, GA

Attendees: Diana Sparks, Ken Koelkebeck, Paul Patterson Michael Abbott, Mike Persia, Ken Anderson, Deana Jones, Jeff Hendricks, Aaron Kiess, Pratima Adhikari, Dianna Bourassa, Elisa Maloberti, Cary Wise, Denise Heard and Elisa Maloberti

Paul Patterson called the meeting to order.

Paul asked for a reading of the minutes from the May meeting at the NEQS held in Greenville SC. There was a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes and a second, motion passed.

Diana Sparks addressed the election of the expiring Board of Directors seats (2026) and shared that E.L. Knicely wants to remain on as a section leader. Furthermore, we should consider E.L. for a Lifetime Honorary Board Member.

Mike Persia – agreed to continue, Michael Abbott agreed to continue. We don't know about Nicole Martz or Oscar Garrison (not present) but assume they want to continue. We discussed Fred Marquez as a nominee to assume E.L. Knicely's State Dept of Ag seat as well.

Mike Persia moved to keep the (above) slate, pending agreement of all it was seconded (Diana Sparks); motion passed. Paul Patterson agreed to contact all the above nominees for their willingness to serve.

There was no further business regarding the Bylaws, so Deana Jones made the motion to adjourn the meeting of the Stakeholders, Ken Anderson 2nd, Motion passed. Adjourned.