

LAKE COUNTY TECH CAMPUS
Lake County Area Vocational System
Board of Control Meeting
August 21, 2025
Tech Campus Boardroom
Grayslake, Illinois

The Board of Control of the Lake County Area Vocational System met in Regular Session on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at the Tech Campus in the Boardroom, Grayslake, Illinois.

Public Hearing – FY26 Technology Campus Budget: Dr. Gallt, Board President, opened the public hearing at 10:05 a.m. There were no comments from the public on the proposed 2025 Tech Campus Budget.
Agenda Item I.1 Dr. Gallt adjourned the public hearing at 10:05 a.m.

Public Hearing – FY26 LCAVS Budget: Dr. Gallt, Board President, opened the public hearing at 10:06 a.m. There were no comments from the public on the proposed 2025 LCAVS Budget.
Agenda Item I.2 Dr. Gallt adjourned the public hearing at 10:06 a.m.

Call to Order: Dr. Gallt, Board President, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and the following
Agenda Item 2.1 roll call was taken:

Members Present: Dr. Kelley Gallt, District 95
Dr. Jesse Rodriguez, District 126
Dr. Donn Mendoza, District 116
Dr. Jason Nault, District 12
Dr. Jeff Feucht, District 117
Dr. Danny Woestman, District 121
Dr. Todd Leden, District 118
Dr. Chala Holland, District 113*
Mrs. Tiffany Elswick, District 19
Dr. Marc Schaffer, District 128
Dr. Jeremy Schmidt, District 124*
Dr. Corey Tafoya, District 120
Dr. Mikkel Storaasli, District 127
Dr. Michael Karner, Regional Supt.
Dr. Eric Twadell, District 125*
Dr. Tom Lind, District 157
Dr. Matthew Montgomery, District 115*
Dr. Sebastian Kapala, Executive Director and Board Secretary

*** Alternates Present:** Dr. Erin Lenart, District 115
Dr. Karen Ritter, District 113
Mr. Eric Taubery, District 124
Dr. Wendy Custable, District 125

Members Absent: Dr. Theresa Plascencia, District 60
Dr. John Price, District 187

Also Present: Mr. Derrick Burress, Principal
Ms. Joanne Hughes, Business Manager/CSBO
Mr. Ken Ellefson, Information Technology
Ms. Laura Emmerling, Assistant Principal of Student Services
Ms. Danielle Friedlieb, Assistant Principal
Mr. Eric Baumann, Dean of Students
Ms. Francesca Hanson, Executive Assistant
Mr. Stu Mendelsohn, Union President
Ms. Ali O'Brien, CLC

Comments from Citizens: Dr. Gallt asked if there were any comments from citizens, there were none.
Agenda Item 2.2

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made by Dr. Storaasli and seconded by Dr. Mendoza to approve the
Agenda Item 3 Consent Agenda as presented:

1. May 8, 2025 Regular Session Meeting Minutes
2. May 8, 2025 Closed Session Meeting Minutes
3. Personnel
4. Request to Accept Donation(s)
5. Annual LCTC Joint Agreement Renewal

Roll call vote.

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

Information Items
Agenda Item 4

Financial Highlights – Business Manager
Agenda Item 4.1 Business Manager, Joanne Hughes summarized cash balances and expenditures in our Education, Building Projects and Capital Projects funds. Ms. Hughes stated our current fund balance is at 7.5 million.
Sebastian Kapala also discussed a tier system for CTEI Grants. A poll on the tier system is as follows – District 19 abstain, District 117 – yes, District 113 – yes, District 124 yes, District 127- yes, District 12 – pass, District 115 pass, District 95 – yes, District 128 – yes, District 120 – yes, Regional Superintendent – abstain, District 157 – abstain, District 116 – yes, District 125 – pass, District 121 – yes, District 118 – yes, District 126 – yes. Meaning majority of the Board is in favor of using the tier CTEi model as presented and recommended by Dr. Sebastian Kapala (EFE 080 Director) to offset the CTEi grant funding that negatively impacted the Lake County Tech Campus. The Board also agreed that today's voting will remain unchanged when it is brought back for recommendation at October's board meeting.

FY25 Tech Campus Budget Agenda Item 4.2	Business Manager, Joanne Hughes highlighted some of the particulars of the Tech Campus budget. A fund transfer will occur in FY26.
FY25 LCAVS Budget Agenda Item 4.3	Business Manager, Joanne Hughes highlighted some of the particulars of the System budget.
Enrollment Update Agenda Item 4.4	Principal, Derrick Burress gave the Board an update on enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year. As of today, 2,515 students are enrolled, this is the highest enrollment to date.
Program Name Change Agenda Item 4.5	Principal, Derrick Burress discussed program name changes for Law Enforcement. From now on, the following program name changes are as follows: Law Enforcement & CSI is now Criminal Justice Careers and Forensic Investigations, Criminal Justice is now Introduction to Criminal Justice and Policing.
Leadership Allocation Determination for EFE Directors Agenda Item 4.6	The Lake County Area Vocational System (EFE Region 080) and the Lake County Technology Campus Board of Control acknowledge that Dr. Sebastian Kapala is employed as a full-time Executive Director, providing shared leadership for both the Lake County Area Vocational System (EFE 080) and the Lake County Technology Campus (Area Career Center). Given the integrated nature of his responsibilities, many of Dr. Kapala's duties—and the time required to fulfill them—serve both entities concurrently. Therefore, it is acknowledged that Dr. Kapala devotes at least 75% of his time to activities directly related to his leadership of the Lake County Area Vocational System (EFE 080 Region).
SkillsUSA Agenda Item 4.7	Assistant Principal of Student Services, Laura Emmerling presented on SkillsUSA Nationals held on June 23-June 27, 2025 in Atlanta, GA.
FOIA Request Agenda Item 4.8	A FOIA request was received from CT Mills of Public Info Access LLC requesting all current staff contact information for Tech Campus. This request was fulfilled on Thursday, June 12, 2025.
Policy Updates – First Reading Agenda Item 4.9	Executive Director, Sebastian Kapala reported in the first reading for policies. These policy revisions are from the April (issue #118) and June (issue #119) PRESS policy issues and are recommended by IASB.
2025-2026 Amended Board Meeting Schedule Agenda Item 4.10	Executive Director, Sebastian Kapala presented the amended Board schedule for 2025-2026. The original board date of February 12 has been moved to February 5, 2026.
2026-2027 Proposed School Calendar Agenda Item 4.11	Executive Director, Sebastian Kapala presented the 2026-2027 school calendar for review. The calendar will be presented again for review at the October meeting.

Strategic Plan Update
Agenda Item 4.12

Executive Director, Sebastian Kapala gave a progress update on the Strategic Plan. Progress updates will be posted on the Tech Campus website.

Recommendations
Agenda Item 5

Tech Campus Bills for Payment, Payroll & Liabilities, and Financial Statements
Agenda Item 5.1

A motion was made by Dr. Mendoza and seconded by Dr. Woestman to accept the Tech Campus Bills for Payment, Payroll & Liabilities, and Financial Statements recommendation as presented.

Roll call vote.

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

System Bills for Payment/Financial Statements
Agenda Item 5.2

A motion was made by Mrs. Elswick and seconded by Dr. Woestman to accept the System Bills for Payment/Financial Statements as presented.

Roll call vote.

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

Adoption of FY26 Tech Campus Budget
Agenda Item 5.3

A motion was made by Dr. Schaffer and seconded by Dr. Storaasli to adopt the FY26 Tech Campus Budget as presented.

Roll call vote

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

**Adoption of FY26
LCAVS Budget**
Agenda Item 5.4

A motion was made by Mrs. Elswick and seconded by Dr. Woestman to adopt the FY26 LCAVS Budget as presented.

Roll call vote

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

**Leadership Allocation
Determination for
EFE Directors**
Agenda Item 5.5

A motion was made by Dr. Feucht and seconded by Dr. Storaasli to acknowledge Dr. Kapala as full-time Executive Director for both Lake County Area Vocational and the Lake County Tech Campus.

Roll call vote

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

**Administrative
Appointment –
Assistant Principal of
Student Services**
Agenda Item 5.6

A motion was made by Dr. Lenart and seconded by Dr. Rodriguez to accept the Administrative Appointment of Laura Emmerling as Assistant Principal of Student Services.

Roll call vote

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

**Administrative
Appointment – Dean
of Students**
Agenda Item 5.7

A motion was made by Dr. Rodriguez and seconded by Dr. Lenart to accept the Administrative Appointment of Eric Baumann as Dean of Students.

Roll call vote

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

2025-2026 Amended Board Meeting Schedule
Agenda Item 5.8

A motion was made by Dr. Schaffer and seconded by Mrs. Elswick to accept the 2025-2026 Amended Board Meeting Schedule as presented.

Roll call vote

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

Administrative Reports
Agenda Item 6

Principal's Report
Agenda Item 6.1

For the 2025-2026 school year, Tech Campus has hired 11 new staff members. Seven of those staff members are new instructors. We were excited to be able to onboard them the first week of August with a new four day "Tech Campus University" formerly known as new teacher orientation. We have expanded the week from three days to four days so that we can get our new team up to speed with our literacy and Standards Based Grading initiatives along with all of the other important pieces that go into being a new staff member at Tech Campus. Attached is the Tech Campus University Agenda for the week

Associate Principal Report
Agenda Item 6.2

All funds for both Perkins and CTEI have been received. All funds will be expended by August 31, 2025.

FY2026 Regional System -The FY26 CTE Consolidated Grant Application has yet to open. ISBE assures us they are in the final stages of approval. Districts will receive allocations as soon as the region is told.

The Lake County Area Vocational System will continue to use the Modified Perkins Federal Reimbursement Model for FY2026. This model allows the Lake County Area Vocational System to submit a monthly expenditure report with a commitment amount based on actual expenditures. The Lake County Area Vocational System will receive the commitment funds within 7 - 10 business days after the expenditure report is submitted. A schedule of payments will continue to be in effect for CTEI.

Orientation and Educator Advisory Council Meetings - An orientation session for all new CTE Directors will be scheduled for September 25, 2025. This session will focus on the funding formula and the ISBE federal audit findings for Perkins.

Adjournment
Agenda Item 7

A motion was made by Dr. Storaasli and seconded by Mr. Taubery to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Voice vote.

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

The minutes approved on October 16, 2025.



President



Secretary