

**LAKE COUNTY TECH CAMPUS**  
**Lake County Area Vocational System**  
Board of Control Meeting  
October 16, 2025  
Tech Campus Boardroom  
Grayslake, Illinois

The Board of Control of the Lake County Area Vocational System met in Regular Session on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at the Tech Campus in the Boardroom, Grayslake, Illinois.

**Call to Order:** Dr. Gallt, Board President, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and the following  
Agenda Item 1.1 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 *left 11:17am*  
Dr. Todd Leden, District 118  
Dr. Chala Holland, District 113 *left 11:15am*  
Dr. Marc Schaffer, District 128 *left 11:15am*  
Dr. Jeremy Schmidt, District 124  
Dr. Corey Tafoya, District 120 *left 11:01am*  
Dr. Mikkell Storaasli, District 127 *left 11:15am*  
Dr. Michael Karner, Regional Supt. *arrived 11:04am*  
Dr. Eric Twadell, District 125\* *left 10:55am*  
Dr. Theresa Plascencia, District 60\*  
Dr. Matthew Montgomery, District 115\* *left 11:01am*  
Dr. Sebastian Kapala, Executive Director and Board Secretary

**\* Alternates Present:** Dr. Erin Lenart, District 115  
Dr. Wendy Custable, District 125  
Mr. Andrew Stout, District 126  
Mr. Eric Christianson, District 60

**Members Absent:** Mrs. Tiffany Elswick, District 19  
Dr. John Price, District 187  
Dr. Tom Lind, District 157  
Dr. Danny Woestman, District 121

**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. David Puma, Tech Campus SRO/Lake County Sheriff  
Mr. Stu Mendelsohn, Union President  
Ms. Ali O'Brien, CLC

**Comments from Citizens:**

Agenda Item 1.2

Dr. Gallt asked if there were any comments from citizens, there was one.

Daniel Kegley spoke on behalf of parent, Aimee Johnson regarding student disciplinary case. Comment from the individual is requesting that the Tech Campus review suspension policies.

**Closed Session**

Agenda Item 2

**Enter Closed Session**

Agenda Item 2.1

A motion was made by Dr. Schaffer and seconded by Dr. Nault to enter Closed Session at 10:10 a.m. for the purpose of discussing student disciplinary cases. No action will be taken in Closed Session.

Roll call vote.

Aye: D117, D113, D124, D127, D12, D115, D95, D128, D120, D116, D125, D118, D60, D126

Nay: None

The motion carried.

**Return to Regular Session**

A motion was made by Dr. Storaasli and seconded by Dr. Feucht to return to Regular Session at 10:44 a.m. No action was taken in Closed Session.

Voice vote.

Aye: D117, D113, D124, D127, D12, D115, D95, D128, D120, D116, D125, D118, D60, D126

Nay: None

The motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Agenda Item 3

A motion was made by Dr. Mendoza and seconded by Dr. Custable to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

1. August 21, 2025 Regular Session Meeting Minutes
2. Personnel
3. Request to Accept Donation(s)
4. Administrator and Teacher Salary Benefits

Roll call vote.

Aye: All

Nay: None

The motion carried.

## Information Items

### Agenda Item 4

#### **Auditors Report**

##### Agenda Item 4.1

Auditor, Kevin Smith from Eccezion, discussed recent audit work. There are no issues to report. The FY2025 Audit will be brought back for approval in November to be placed on file with the Regional Superintendent of Schools.

#### **Celebration of Partnerships**

##### Agenda Item 4.2

Principal, Derrick Burress presented on Celebration of Partnerships held on October 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a school advisory day where business and industry leaders come to the Tech Campus to assist in preparing students and utilizing the best equipment possible to prepare our students for their careers after high school and college.

#### **Student Success**

##### Agenda Item 4.3

Principal, Derrick Burress presented on data regarding student enrollment at the Tech Campus. Today's PowerPoint presentation and their individual district data sheets have been sent out to district liaisons and principals.

#### **Student Tuition**

##### Agenda Item 4.4

Business Manager, Joanne Hughes reported on the Student Tuition. The tuition rate for FY27 will stay at 2.5%, as approved at the April 11, 2024 Board of Control meeting.

#### **Financial Highlights**

##### Agenda Item 4.5

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 6.2 million.

#### **Maintenance Grant**

##### Agenda Item 4.6

Business Manager, Joanne Hughes spoke to the Board on submission for the School Maintenance Grant. This is a matching grant up to \$50,000.

#### **Capital and Building Improvement Plan**

##### Agenda Item 4.7

Business Manager, Joanne Hughes reviewed future planning of the Capital and Building Improvement plan. Projects include Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement rooms, staff offices, media center, Auto Service/Auto Collision Repair and Welding.

#### **EFE Updates**

##### Agenda Item 4.8

This item will be moved to November's Board of Control meeting.

#### **Policy Updates – Second Reading and Adoption**

##### Agenda Item 4.9

Executive Director, Sebastian Kapala reported in the second reading for policies. These policy revisions are from the April (issue #118) and June (issue #119) PRESS policy issues and are recommended by IASB.

#### **2026-2027 Proposed School Calendar**

##### Agenda Item 4.10

Executive Director, Sebastian Kapala presented the 2026-2027 school calendar for review. The calendar will be presented again for approval at the November meeting.

**FOIA Request**  
Agenda Item 4.11

A FOIA request was received from Aimee Johnson of Winthrop Harbor, IL requesting all email and correspondence from Tech Campus staff regarding student Tristan E. Johnson. This request was fulfilled on October 15, 2025.

**Strategic Plan Action Plans**  
Agenda Item 4.12

This item will be moved to November's Board of Control meeting.

**Recommendations**  
Agenda Item 5

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

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

Roll call vote.

Aye: D117, D113, D124, D127, D12, D115, D95, D128, D120, D116, D125, D118, D126

Nay: None

The motion carried.

**System Bills for Payment/Financial Statements**  
Agenda Item 5.2

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

Roll call vote.

Aye: D117, D113, D124, D127, D12, D115, D95, D128, D120, D116, D125, D118, D126

Nay: None

The motion carried.

**Fund Transfer**  
Agenda Item 5.3

A motion was made by Dr. Storaasli and seconded by Dr. Leden to adopt the Fund Transfer as presented.

Roll call vote

Aye: D117, D113, D124, D127, D12, D115, D95, D128, D120, D116, D125, D118, D126

Nay: None

The motion carried.

**Strategic Plan Action** A motion was made by Dr. Feucht and seconded by Dr. Mendoza to adopt the

**Plans**  
Agenda Item 5.4

Strategic Plan Action Plans as presented.

Roll call vote

Aye: D117, D113, D124, D127, D12, D115, D95, D128, D120, D116, D125, D118, D126

Nay: None

The motion carried.

**CTEI Grant**  
Agenda Item 5.5

A motion was made by Dr. Schaffer and seconded by Dr. Nault to approve the CTEI allocations as presented during the August 21, 2025 Board meeting.

Roll call vote

Aye: D117, D113, D124, D127, D12, D115, D95, D128, D120, D116, D125, D118, D60, D126

Nay: None

The motion carried.

**Policy Updates –  
Second  
Reading/Adoption**  
Agenda Item 5.6

A motion was made by Dr. Storaasli and seconded by Dr. Lenart to accept the policy updates as presented.

Roll call vote

Aye: D117, D113, D124, D127, D12, D115, D95, D128, D120, D116, D125, D118, D126

Nay: None

The motion carried.

**LCAVS FY26  
Regional System Plan**  
Agenda Item 5.7

A motion was made by Dr. Storaasli and seconded by Dr. Tafoya to accept the LCAVS FY26 Regional System Plan as presented.

Roll call vote

Aye: D117, D113, D124, D127, D12, D115, D95, D128, D120, D116, D125, D118, D126

Nay: None

The motion carried.

**Administrative  
Reports**  
Agenda Item 6

**Principal's Report**  
Agenda Item 6.1

**Dual/Articulation Credit**

Collaboration continues with the College of Lake County in establishing dual credit courses in the career programs at the Tech Campus. CLC Dual Credit Coordinator, Matt Menning, is in the process of meeting with all classes to discuss the importance of dual credit and next steps in the enrollment process. Tech Campus students will enroll in the dual credit classes by the end of October 2025. Students will earn credits second semester by completing their Tech Campus program. Please see the attached dual credit accomplishment sheet for our students during the 2024-2025 school year.

**9-11 Memorial**

The Fire Fighting and Law Enforcement Programs held our annual 9-11 Memorial Service on September 11th during each session. Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice students conducted an honor guard and Fire Fighting students read names of fallen first responders. This is a humbling experience and impactful way for our students to understand and remember the events of September 11th, 2001, especially since none of our students were alive during this tragic day.

**Tech Campus Counselor, Special Education and Liaison Meeting**

On October 9th, we worked with district counseling teams to help them understand the importance of CTE, our next steps in recruiting and the introduction of our pathways endorsement programs. We are excited to be able to bring these new initiatives to the Tech Campus and look forward to working with our sending school to implement them. We also opened our 2026-2027 Tech Campus application for next year's students.

**Associate Principal  
Report**  
Agenda Item 6.2

**LCAVS Orientation and Educator Advisory Council Meetings**

The first EAC meeting was held on September 25, 2025. Districts received a copy of their current approved programs and their CTE SIS data with teacher assignments to review.

**Reports and Fiscal Information**

The Lake County Area Vocational System has received and expended 100% of FY25 CTEI and Perkins funds. The FY26 CTEI and Perkins Grant Application has been accepted by ISBE and reimbursements can now be requested. It is essential for districts to spend at least 75% of their allotted funds by March 31, 2026.

**Middle School Events**

Future Quest will be held on April 7, 8, and 9, 2026. All 8th-grade students in Lake County have will be receiving copies of the 2024 Lake County Career Guide.

**Recruitment**

Our marketing coordinator, Martin Campos, is currently arranging to go to our high schools for recruitment events as well as providing building tours.

**Adjournment**  
Agenda Item 7

A motion was made by Dr. Karner and seconded by Dr. Nault to adjourn the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

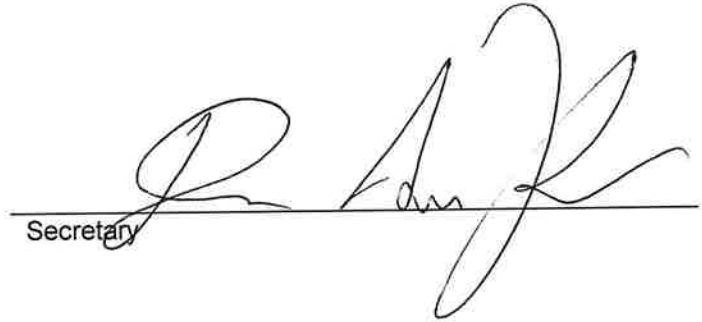
Voice vote.

Aye: All  
Nay: None

The motion carried.

The minutes approved on November 13, 2025.

  
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President

  
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Secretary