

LAKE COUNTY TECH CAMPUS
Lake County Area Vocational System
Board of Control Meeting
November 13, 2025
Tech Campus Boardroom
Grayslake, Illinois

The Board of Control of the Lake County Area Vocational System met in Regular Session on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at the Tech Campus in the Boardroom, Grayslake, Illinois.

Call to Order: Dr. Gallt, Board President, called the meeting to order at 10:04 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 *arrived 10:19 am*
Dr. Jason Nault, District 12
Dr. Jeff Feucht, District 117
Mrs. Tiffany Elswick, District 19
Dr. Chala Holland, District 113 *arrived 10:06 am*
Dr. Marc Schaffer, District 128
Dr. Jeremy Schmidt, District 124
Dr. Mikkel Storaasli, District 127
Dr. Eric Twadell, District 125*
Dr. Danny Woestman, District 121
Dr. Theresa Plascencia, District 60*
Dr. Matthew Montgomery, District 115*
Dr. Sebastian Kapala, Executive Director and Board Secretary

*** Alternates Present:** Dr. Erin Lenart, District 115
Dr. Wendy Custable, District 125
Mr. Eduardo Cesario, District 60

Members Absent: Dr. Donn Mendoza, District 116
Dr. John Price, District 187
Dr. Todd Leden, District 118
Dr. Michael Karner, Regional Supt.
Dr. Corey Tafoya, District 120
Dr. Tom Lind, District 157

Also Present: Mr. Derrick Burress, Principal
Ms. Joanne Hughes, Business Manager/CSBO
Mr. Alex Escareno, Assistant Principal of Curriculum
Ms. Laura Emmerling, Assistant Principal of Student Services
Ms. Danielle Friedlieb, Assistant Principal
Ms. Francesca Hanson, Executive Assistant
Mr. Stu Mendelsohn, Union President
Ms. Ali O'Brien, CLC

**Comments from
Citizens:**
Agenda Item 1.2

Dr. Galt asked if there were any comments from citizens, there were none.

CONSENT AGENDA:
Agenda Item 2

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

1. October 16, 2025 Regular Session Meeting Minutes
2. October 16, 2025 Closed Session Meeting Minutes
3. Request to Accept Donation(s)

Roll call vote.

Aye: D19, D117, D113, D124, D127, D12, D115, D95, D128, D125, D121, D60
Nay: None

The motion carried.

Information Items
Agenda Item 3

Financial Highlights
Agenda Item 3.1

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 6 million.

EFE Updates
Agenda Item 3.2

Associate Principal, Danielle Friedlieb reported on the EAC meeting held on September 25, 2025. Districts will receive a copy of their current approved programs and their CTE SIS data with teacher assignments to review. Site visits to Waukegan and Lake Zurich are planned for the Spring semester.

**Strategic Plan Action
Plans**
Agenda Item 3.3

Assistant Principal for Curriculum, Alex Escareno presented on Strategic Plan Updates. Progress updates can be viewed on the Tech Campus website.

Policy Audit Plan
Agenda Item 3.4

Executive Director, Sebastian Kapala presented on the policy audit plan. The plan is to work with legal and policy committee to ensure policies align better with our home schools. Policy updates will be presented for first reading in early 2026.

**2026-2027 Proposed
School Calendar**
Agenda Item 3.5

Executive Director, Sebastian Kapala presented the 2025-2026 school calendar for final review.

Recommendations
Agenda Item 4

**Tech Campus Bills
for Payment, Payroll
& Liabilities, and
Financial Statements**
Agenda Item 4.1

A motion was made by Dr. Lenart and seconded by Mrs. Elswick 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 4.2

A motion was made by Dr. Schaffer 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.

Maintenance Grant
Agenda Item 4.3

A motion was made by Dr. Schaffer and seconded by Dr. Woestman to accept the Maintenance Grant as presented.

Roll call vote

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

**2026-2027 School
Calendar**
Agenda Item 4.4

A motion was made by Dr. Schaffer and seconded by Dr. Woestman to adopt the 2026-2027 School Calendar as presented.

Roll call vote

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

**Administrative
Reports**
Agenda Item 5

Principal's Report
Agenda Item 6.1

Tech Campus will hold its annual open house on November 13th. The Tour of Tech is always well received and we are excited for the programmatic projects going on in each of our areas. This is a great opportunity for not only current parents and students to see our school, but also prospective students to get a chance to discover CTE. We

expect well over 1,700 attendees at this event.

**Associate Principal
Report**
Agenda Item 5.2

Middle School EventsFuture Quest, our 7th and 8th grade career exploration, will be held on April 7-8-9, 2026.

All middle schools have received a copy of the Lake County Area Vocational Career Guide to assist in guiding conversations with parent, counselors and students on narrowing down likes and dislikes as they enter high school. This magazine highlights options locally in Lake and the surrounding counties.

CTE Grants Update

Grants are in full swing and we are beginning reimbursements of Perkins and CTEI activities. We have received reimbursements for 19% of the Perkins funds and 17% of CTEI as of our October ask date. We would like to see 50% of the funds reimbursed by the end of December 2025 with a goal of everything being reimbursed by June 1, 2026.

Closed Session
Agenda Item 6

Enter Closed Session
Agenda Item 6.1

A motion was made by Dr. Storaasli and seconded by Dr. Woestman to enter Closed Session at 10:28 a.m. for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. No action will be taken in Closed Session.

Roll call vote.

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

**Return to Regular
Session**

A motion was made by Mrs. Elswick and seconded by Dr. Nault to return to Regular Session at 10:36 a.m. No action was taken in Closed Session.

Voice vote.

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

Adjournment
Agenda Item 7

A motion was made by Dr. Storaasli and seconded by Dr. Woestman to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Voice vote.

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

The minutes approved on January 15, 2026.



President



Secretary