

LAKE COUNTY TECH CAMPUS
Lake County Area Vocational System

Board of Control Meeting

February 5, 2026

Tech Campus Boardroom

Grayslake, Illinois

The Board of Control of the Lake County Area Vocational System met in Regular Session on Thursday, February 5, 2026 at the Tech Campus in the Boardroom, Grayslake, Illinois.

Call to Order: Dr. Gallt, Board President, called the meeting to order at 10:02 am and the following
Agenda Item 1.1 roll call was taken:

Members Present: Dr. Kelley Gallt, District 95
Dr. Jesse Rodriguez, District 126*
Dr. Jason Nault, District 12
Dr. Jeff Feucht, District 117
Dr. Marc Schaffer, District 128
Dr. Jeremy Schmidt, District 124
Dr. Donn Mendoza, District 116
Dr. Chala Holland, District 113*
Mrs. Tiffany Elswick, District 19
Dr. John Price, District 187*
Dr. Brian Wegley, District 118
Dr. Tom Lind, District 157
Dr. Michael Karner, Regional Supt.
Dr. Danny Woestman, District 121 *left at 11:00 am*
Dr. Sebastian Kapala, Executive Director and Board Secretary

*** Alternates Present:** Mr. Andrew Stout, District 126
Mr. Matthew Glanzman, District 187
Dr. Karen Ritter, District 113

Members Absent: Dr. Mikkell Storaasli, District 127
Dr. Corey Tafoya, District 120
Dr. Theresa Plascencia, District 60
Dr. Eric Twadell, District 125
Dr. Matthew Montgomery, District 115

Also Present: Mr. Derrick Burress, Principal
Ms. Joanne Hughes, Business Manager/CSBO
Mr. Alex Escareno, Assistant Principal of Curriculum
Mr. Ken Ellefson, Technology Director
Ms. Laura Emmerling, Assistant Principal of Student Services
Ms. Danielle Friedlieb, Assistant Principal
Ms. Francesca Hanson, Executive Assistant
Mr. Stu Mendelsohn, Union President
Mr. Devereaux Johnson, Observation

**Comments from
Citizens:**
Agenda Item 1.2

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

CONSENT AGENDA:
Agenda Item 2

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

1. January 15, 2026 Regular Session Meeting Minutes
2. January 15, 2026 Closed Session Meeting Minutes
3. Personnel
4. Verification of E-Learning Program

Roll call vote.

Aye: All
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 6.6 million.

FY27 Tuition
Agenda Item 3.2

Business Manager, Joanne Hughes proposed that Regular Tuition and Adult Cosmetology rates increase by 2.5% and Cosmetology Tuition increase by the true-up for FY27.

2026 Renovations Bid
Agenda Item 3.3

Business Manager, Joanne Hughes discussed awarding the 2026 renovations bid to Stuckey Construction of Waukegan, IL in the amount of \$1,231,000.00.

Enrollment Update
Agenda Item 3.4

Principal, Derrick Burress gave the Board an update on enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year. As of today, 2881 students are enrolled.

FOIA Request
Agenda Item 3.5

A FOIA request was received from CT Mills of Public Info Access LLC requesting records, policies, schedules, or tables that identify dollar thresholds requiring approval. This request was fulfilled on January 26, 2026.

**Agreement for Mutual
Assistance in
Response to Crises in
the Public Schools of
Lake County, Illinois**
Agenda Item 3.6

Executive Director, Sebastian Kapala discussed the agreement for Mutual Assistance in Response to Crises. The purpose of this agreement is to develop and implement programs designed to provide mutual aid in crises.

Recommendations

Agenda Item 4

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

Agenda Item 4.1

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

Roll call vote.

Aye: D95, D126, D12, D117, D128, D124, D116, D113, D19, D187, D118, D157, and Regional Superintendent

Nay: None

The motion carried.

System Bills for Payment/Financial Statements

Agenda Item 4.2

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

Roll call vote.

Aye: D95, D126, D12, D117, D128, D124, D116, D113, D19, D187, D118, D157, and Regional Superintendent

Nay: None

The motion carried.

FY27 Tuition

Agenda Item 4.3

A motion was made by Dr. Feucht and seconded by Dr. Nault to accept the FY27 Tuition as presented.

Roll call vote

Aye: D95, D126, D12, D117, D128, D124, D116, D113, D19, D187, D118, D157, and Regional Superintendent

Nay: None

The motion carried.

Agreement for Mutual Assistance in Response to Crises in the Public Schools of Lake County, Illinois

Agenda Item 4.4

A motion was made by Dr. Lind and seconded by Dr. Mendoza to accept the Agreement for Mutual Assistance in Response to Crises in the Public Schools of Lake County, Illinois as presented.

Roll call vote

Aye: D95, D126, D117, D128, D124, D116, D113, D187, D118, D157, D121

Nay: None

The motion carried.

2026 Renovations Bid A motion was made by Mrs. Elswick and seconded by Dr. Wegley to accept the 2026
Agenda Item 4.5 Renovations Bid as presented.

Roll call vote

Aye: All

Nay: None

The motion carried.

**Administrative
Reports**
Agenda Item 5

Principal's Report Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month
Agenda Item 5.1 February 2026 | Events & Activities

Throughout February, we will celebrate Career and Technical Education Month by showcasing the hands-on learning, industry partnerships, and career pathways that prepare our students for success in college, trade school, and the workforce. Individual events will be highlighted in our next school newsletter and on social media. Month long events include:

- Automotive Services Raffle Car Promotion
- CTE-focused Social Media Spotlights highlighting students, programs, and partners
- Give Me TEN + TECH 50 Work-Based Learning Placements
- CTE Month Features and Highlights in the School Newsletter
- School-wide Window Decorating Showcase Project celebrating CTE programs, career pathways, and student creativity

**Associate Principal
Report**
Agenda Item 5.2

Reports and Fiscal Information

51% FY26 Perkins funds have been received from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) as of January 2026. CTEI has distributed 745% of funds for FY26.

48% of the College and Career Pathway Endorsement Coordinator Grant has been received as well. This is the last year of the CCPEC Grant.

We are working very hard with your districts to make sure that 75% of grant funds in each grant are expended by March 31, 2026.

Educator Advisory Council (EAC)

Please remind your business managers to submit a copy of the single audit for FY25 to the LCAVS for yearly grant review.

Also, this time of year we review approved pathways and courses. Please remind your schools to send a copy of the 26-27 course guide for review, or have them make an

appointment with us to sit down and go through fundable programs of study.

Career Expos

All students will have an opportunity to participate in a building-wide career exp. The expo will be in conjunction with the eco-System (Lake County Partner, Lake County Workforce and College Lake County). The date of the expo is March 19, 2026. We are very excited to welcome our business partners back to Tech Campus.

Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment

As of this writing, the CLNA has yet to open. As soon as it opens, districts will be notified. This is a review and modifications year so the process is relatively easy. We will have to create a completely new document in 2028.

Closed Session

Agenda Item 6

Enter Closed Session

Agenda Item 6.1

A motion was made by Dr. Feucht and seconded by Dr. Woestman to enter Closed Session at 10:39 am 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 Dr. Karner and seconded by Dr. Schaffer to return to Regular Session at 11:02 am. 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 Mrs. Elswick and seconded by Dr. Wegley to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 am.

Voice vote.

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

The minutes approved on March 12, 2026.

President

Secretary