

LAKE COUNTY TECH CAMPUS
Lake County Area Vocational System
Board of Control Meeting
March 12, 2026
Tech Campus Boardroom
Grayslake, Illinois

The Board of Control of the Lake County Area Vocational System met in Regular Session on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at the Tech Campus in the Boardroom, Grayslake, Illinois.

Call to Order: Dr. Gallt, Board President, called the meeting to order at 10:03 am and the following
Agenda Item 1.1 roll call was taken:

Members Present: Dr. Kelley Gallt, District 95
Dr. Jason Nault, District 12
Dr. Jeff Feucht, District 117
Dr. Mikkel Storaasli, District 127
Dr. Corey Tafoya, District 120
Dr. Donn Mendoza, District 116*
Dr. Matthew Montgomery, District 115*
Dr. Chala Holland, District 113
Dr. Theresa Plascencia, District 60*
Dr. John Price, District 187*
Dr. Eric Twadell, District 125*
Dr. Sebastian Kapala, Executive Director and Board Secretary

*** Alternates Present:** Mr. Matthew Glanzman, District 187
Dr. Wendy Custable, District 125
Dr. Eduardo Cesario, District 60
Dr. Eric Apgar, District 116
Dr. Erin Lenart, District 115

Members Absent: Dr. Jesse Rodriguez, District 126
Dr. Jeremy Schmidt, District 124
Dr. Marc Schaffer, District 128
Mrs. Tiffany Elswick, District 19
Dr. Todd Leden, District 118
Dr. Tom Lind, District 157
Dr. Michael Karner, Regional Supt.
Dr. Danny Woestman, District 121

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
Ms. Jen Porreca, EET Instructor for Tech Campus
Mr. John Drinkall, FF Instructor for Tech Campus
Ms. Sharon Goodman, Admin Assistant for Tech Campus

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

Closed Session
Agenda Item 2

Enter Closed Session
Agenda Item 2.1

A motion was made by Dr. Storaasli and seconded by Dr. Glanzman to enter Closed Session at 10:05 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. Feucht and seconded by Dr. Custable to return to Regular Session at 10:21 am. No action was taken in Closed Session.

Voice vote.

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

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

1. February 5, 2026 Regular Session Meeting Minutes
2. February 5, 2026 Closed Session Meeting Minutes
3. Personnel

Roll call vote.

Aye: D117, D127, D12, D115, D95, D120, D187, D116, D125, D60

Nay: None

The motion carried.

Information Items

Agenda Item 4

CLC's Dual Credit Teacher of the Year

Agenda Item 4.1

Firefighting instructor Mr. Drinkall has been recognized as the College of Lake County's Dual Credit Teacher of the Year for the 2025–2026 school year.

Those Who Excel Award Recipients

Agenda Item 4.2

Ms. Jennifer Porreca, Early Education and Teaching instructor, has received the Illinois State Board of Education Award of Excellence in the Classroom. Also, Sharon Goodman, Administrative Secretary and Receptionist at Tech Campus, was nominated for the Student Support Personnel Award by the Illinois State Board of Education as part of the Those Who Excel & Teacher of the Year Awards.

Financial Highlights

Agenda Item 4.3

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 7.7 million.

Enrollment Update

Agenda Item 4.4

Principal, Derrick Burress gave the Board an update on enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year. As of today, 2838 students are enrolled.

ROE Teacher Institute

Agenda Item 4.5

Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction, Alex Escareno, presented at the Teacher Institute on how the Tech Campus develops and supports new CTE instructors for the purpose of retention.

FOIA Request

Agenda Item 4.6

A FOIA request was received from Devereaux Johnson of Indiana, Illinois & Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting requesting Bid tabulation and correspondence regarding 2026 Renovations project. This request was fulfilled on February 3, 2026. A second FOIA request was received on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act and the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, from Matt Cosenza of Construction Inc., requesting copies of all public records related to the Tech Campus 2026 Classroom Renovations project. This request was fulfilled on February 18, 2026

CLC Roundabout

The College of Lake County will begin construction of a roundabout on Lancer Lane in

Agenda Item 4.7

April (weather-dependent), with an anticipated reopening in June (weather-dependent). Traffic patterns will change with the entrance through University Lane becoming unavailable. Communication has been sent to parents and staff.

2026-2027 Proposed Board Meeting Schedule

Agenda Item 4.8

Executive Director, Sebastian Kapala, proposed the board meeting schedule for the 2026-2027 school year. The schedule will be brought back for approval at the April Board 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. Cesario and seconded by Dr. Holland 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 Dr. Cesario and seconded by Dr. Holland to accept the System Bills for Payment/Financial Statements as presented.

Roll call vote.

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

Part-Time Non-Tenured Licensed Staff Recommended for Renewal

Agenda Item 5.3

A motion was made by Dr. Cesario and seconded by Dr. Holland to accept the Part-Time Non-Tenured Licensed Staff Recommended for Renewal as presented.

Roll call vote

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

Part-Time Non-Tenured Licensed Staff Recommended

A motion was made by Dr. Cesario and seconded by Dr. Holland to accept Part-Time Non-Tenured Licensed Staff Recommended for Reduction in Force as presented.

for Reduction in Force (RIF)

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Roll call vote

Aye: All

Nay: None

The motion carried.

Full-Time Non-Tenured Licensed Staff Recommended for (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Year) Probationary Status (for the 2026-2027 School Year)

Agenda Item 5.5

A motion was made by Dr. Cesario and seconded by Dr. Holland to accept Full-Time Non-Tenured Licensed Staff Recommended for (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Year) Probationary Status (for the 2026-2027 School Year) as presented.

Roll call vote

Aye: All

Nay: None

The motion carried.

Full-Time Staff Recommended for Contractual Continued Service (Tenure)

Agenda Item 5.6

A motion was made by Dr. Cesario and seconded by Dr. Holland to accept the Full-Time Staff Recommended for Contractual Continued Service (Tenure) as presented.

Roll call vote

Aye: All

Nay: None

The motion carried.

Administrative Reports

Agenda Item 6

Principal's Report

Agenda Item 6.1

Countywide In-Service

On February 13, 2026, Tech Campus staff attended the countywide professional development day at Lake Zurich High School. Tech Campus was pleased to have staff members as presenters at the in-service day. Alex Escareno, our Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction, presented at the in-service on how the Tech Campus develops and supports new CTE instructors for the purpose of retention. Laura Emmerling, Assistant Principal for Student Services, and Elizabeth Del Rio, College and Career Pathway Endorsement Coordinator, presented on the Tech Campus' Climate and Culture and how it helps build community within our school. The in-service was well received by all of our staff and we look forward to continued participation next year.

**Associate Principal
Report**

Agenda Item 6.2

Reports and Fiscal Information

51% FY26 Perkins funds have been received and reimbursed from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). 77% of FY26 CTEI funds have been received with 45% being expended. We would like districts to have submitted 75% of their allotment reimbursements by March 31, 2026.

LCAVS

It is that time of year where we collect FY25 Single Audits. All grant managers have been notified to send a copy to us.

Career Expos

All students will have an opportunity to participate in an in-person career expo this school year. All career pathways will be done on one day, Thursday March 19, 2026. The expo will be in conjunction with the Eco-System (Lake County Partner, Lake County Workforce and College of Lake County).

Future Quest

Future Quest, our middle school career exploration program, will be held April 7-8-9, 2026. Several regional middle schools have registered to attend. Feel free to reach out if you would like to know if any of your feeder districts will be in attendance, or if you would like more information to provide to your feeder middle schools.

Adjournment

Agenda Item 7

A motion was made by Dr. Feucht and seconded by Dr. Lenart to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 am.

Voice vote.

Aye: All

Nay: None

The motion carried.

The minutes approved on April 16, 2026.

President

Secretary