LAKE COUNTY TECH CAMPUS
Lake County Area Vocational System
Board of Control Meeting
August 20, 2026
Tech Campus Boardroom
Grayslake, Illinois

The Board of Control of the Lake County Area Vocational System met in Regular Session on Thursday, August 20, 2026 at the Tech Campus in the Boardroom, Grayslake, Illinois.

Public Hearing – FY27 Technology Campus Budget:	Dr. Rodriguez, Board President, opened the public hearing at 9:02 am. There were no comments from the public on the proposed 2027 Tech Campus Budget.
Agenda Item I.1	Dr. Rodriguez adjourned the public hearing at 9:03 am.

Public Hearing – FY27 LCAVS Budget:	Dr. Rodriguez, Board President, opened the public hearing at 9:03 am. There were no comments from the public on the proposed 2027 LCAVS Budget.
Agenda Item I.2	
	Dr. Rodriguez adjourned the public hearing at 9:04 am.

Call to Order:	Dr. Rodriguez, Board President, called the meeting to order at 9:05 am and the
Agenda Item 2.1	following roll call was taken:

Members Present:	Dr. Jesse Rodriguez, District 126
	Dr. Donn Mendoza, District 116
	Dr. Jason Nault, District 12
	Dr. Jeff Feucht, District 117 *arrived 9:10 am*
	Dr. Danny Woestman, District 121
	Dr. Kelley Gallt, District 95
	Dr. Brian Wegley, District 118
	Dr. Chala Holland, District 113
	Mrs. Tiffany Elswick, District 19
	Dr. Marc Schaffer, District 128
	Dr. Jeremy Schmidt, District 124 *arrived 9:08 am*
	Dr. Theresa Plascencia, District 60*
	Dr. Corey Tafoya, District 120
	Dr. Mikkel Storaasli, District 127
	Dr. Michael Karner, Regional Supt. *arrived 9:18 am*
	Dr. Matthew Montgomery, District 115* *arrived 9:08 am*
	Dr. Sebastian Kapala, Executive Director and Board Secretary

* **Alternates Present:**	Dr. Erin Lenart, District 115
	Dr. Eduardo Cesario, District 60

Members Absent:
Dr. Constance Collins, District 187
Dr. Wendy Custable, District 125
Dr. Tom Lind, District 157

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
Ms. Randi Pauly, Dean of Students
Ms. Francesca Hanson, Executive Assistant
Mr. Stu Mendelsohn, Union President

Comments from Citizens:
Agenda Item 2.2

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

Closed Session
Agenda Item 3

Enter Closed Session
Agenda Item 3.1

A motion was made by Dr. Schaffer and seconded by Dr. Storaasli to enter Closed Session at 9:05 am for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors, or specific volunteers of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor, or a volunteer of the District or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. No action was taken in Closed Session.

Roll call vote.

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

Return to Regular Session

A motion was made by Dr. Woestman and seconded by Ms. Elswick to return to Regular Session at 9:56 am. No action was taken in Closed Session.

Voice vote.

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:
Agenda Item 4

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

1. May 14, 2026 Regular Session Meeting Minutes
2. May 14, 2026 Closed Session Meeting Minutes
3. Personnel
4. Request to Accept Donation(s)
5. Annual LCTC Joint Agreement Renewal
6. FOIA Request
7. Tech Campus Bills for Payment & Liabilities, and Financial Statements
8. System Bills for Payment/Financial Statements

Roll call vote.

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

Information Items
Agenda Item 5

Committee Reports
Agenda Item 5.1

The Finance committee met before the Board meeting. Business Manager Joanne Hughes reported on expenses and a fund transfer from the Education Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.

FY27 Tech Campus Budget
Agenda Item 5.2

Business Manager, Joanne Hughes highlighted some of the particulars of the Tech Campus budget. A fund transfer will occur in FY27.

FY27 LCAVS Budget
Agenda Item 5.3

Business Manager, Joanne Hughes highlighted some of the particulars of the System budget.

SkillsUSA
Agenda Item 5.4

This item has been moved to the September meeting.

SchooLinks
Agenda Item 5.5

Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction, Alex Escareno, reported on how Tech Campus data moves from SchooLinks to partner schools and student profiles.

CLC Intergovernmental Agreement
Agenda Item 5.6

Executive Director, Sebastian Kapala reported on the Intergovernmental Agreement with the College of Lake County, which is recommended for approval at today's board meeting.

CLC Dual Credit MOU and Course Agreement

Executive Director, Sebastian Kapala reported on the CLC Dual Credit MOU. The MOU allows for delivery of dual credit courses that allow eliglible high school students to earn both high school and college credit.

Agenda Item 5.7

2027-2028 Proposed School Calendar
Agenda Item 5.8

This item has been moved to the September meeting.

Recommendations
Agenda Item 6

Adoption of FY27 Tech Campus Budget
Agenda Item 6.1

A motion was made by Dr. Storaasli and seconded by Dr. Tafoya to adopt the FY27 Tech Campus Budget as presented.

Roll call vote

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

Adoption of FY27 LCAVS Budget
Agenda Item 6.2

A motion was made by Dr. Woestman and seconded by Dr. Feucht to adopt the FY27 LCAVS Budget as presented.

Roll call vote

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

CLC Intergovernmental Agreement
Agenda Item 6.3

A motion was made by Dr. Woestman and seconded by Dr. Feucht to accept the CLC Intergovernmental Agreement as presented.

Roll call vote

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

CLC Dual Credit MOU and Course Agreement
Agenda Item 6.4

A motion was made by Dr. Woestman and seconded by Dr. Feucht to accept the CLC Dual Credit MOU and Course Agreement as presented.

Roll call vote

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

Administrative Appointment – Dean of Students
Agenda Item 6.5

A motion was made by Dr. Woestman and seconded by Dr. Feucht to accept the Administrative Appointment of Randi Pauly as Dean of Students.

Roll call vote

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

Administrative Reports
Agenda Item 7

Principal's Report
Agenda Item 7.1

Tech Campus University
For the 2026-2027 school year, Tech Campus has hired nine 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 our four day "Tech Campus University." This orientation has been emulated by the State of Illinois for other CTE schools in the state. Dr. Kapala and Alex Escareno helped spearhead this initiative with the state.

Staff Institute Days
At his year's institute days, Mr. Burress rolled out the them for this year. The theme has been titled, Innovation, Accountability and Professional Growth: Build, Own, Grow. Derrick gave three different sessions on this topic while all other presentations revolved around the Build, Own, Grow model. It was well received by staff as shown in their surveys for the days. We look forward to helping all of our students, staff, stakeholders and admin thrive through this new initiative. The Build, Own, Grow PowerPoint and schedule for the days are attached.

Associate Principal Report
Agenda Item 7.2

FY2026 Regional System
All funds for both Perkins and CTEI have been received and expended for FY26.
FY2027 Regional System

The FY27 CTE Consolidated Grant Application has a due date of August 31, 2026 for a July 1 start date. Districts are to have their submissions by Friday August 14, 2026 for review by the EFE.

The Lake County Area Vocational System will continue to use the Modified Perkins Federal Reimbursement Model for FY2027. 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 24, 2026. This session will focus on the funding formula and the ISBE federal audit findings for Perkins.

Adjournment
Agenda Item 8

A motion was made by Dr. Woestman and seconded by Dr. Feucht to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 am.

Voice vote.

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

The Board of Control reconvened for Closed Session on the afternoon of August 20, 2026, at 1:03 pm.

Enter Closed Session

A motion was made by Dr. Lenart and seconded by Dr. Storaasli to enter Closed Session at 1:03 pm for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors, or specific volunteers of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor, or a volunteer of the District or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. No action was 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. Feucht to return to Regular Session at 1:43 pm. No action was taken in Closed Session.

Voice vote.

Aye: All
Nay: None

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 pm at the end of the closed session.

The minutes approved on September 10, 2026.

President

Secretary