

KASKASKIA COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES #501
December 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes
27210 College Road
Centralia, IL 62801

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE

Chair Bill Hawley convened a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees (Board) on Monday, December 15, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lifelong Learning Center on the Kaskaskia College (College) main campus.

Trustees present at the meeting in person were Jim Beasley, Craig Finke, Bill Hawley, Louis Kalert, and Laura Wedekemper. Student Trustee Meagan Mahlandt was present. Trustees Bryan Holthaus and Linda Stover were absent.

Kevin Noll, Legal Counsel from Robbins Schwartz attended the meeting remotely.

College staff members attending in person were President George Evans, Alan Boerngen, Cary Day, Joy Fitts, Steven Foutch, Sara Hanks, Chris Holloway, Traci Masau, Julie Obermark, Staci Palm, Karol Potter, Jeff Thomas, Kylee Williams, and Amy Zanton.

Nursing Student Jenna Waggoner attended the meeting in person.

Media attending in person was Steven Stilt of WJBD radio.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Hawley led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION

President Evans welcomed everyone present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Jim Beasley to accept the Consent Agenda which included the November 24, 2025, Truth in Taxation Hearing minutes, the November 24, 2025 regular meeting minutes, financial reports for the period ending November 30, 2025; disbursements and payroll reports for November 2025, and personnel, Foundation, Friends of Fine Arts, and Administrative Reports for December 2025.

Roll Call:

Jim Beasley	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Craig Finke	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

OLD UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was held.

MASTER FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN (MFIP) UPDATE

President Evans spoke briefly regarding the Master Facilities and Improvement Plan (MFIP) update provided by Chris Holloway, Executive Director of Campus Operations. This document outlines the College's planning for short-term, medium-term, and long-term deferred maintenance and institutional maintenance projects and includes funding sources for those projects.

President Evans announced a minimum 5–6-week delay in the opening of the new Gymnasium. The floor was substantially damaged by the bleacher installers. The floor must be fully re-sanded and refinished. Repair costs are being shared between the contractor and the bleacher installer; the College will incur no cost. It is likely that no events will be scheduled in the new gymnasium until March.

LAB FEE CHANGES FOR 2026-2027 - INFORMATIONAL ONLY

The document outlining proposed changes in course lab fees for 2026-2027 was submitted for review. The proposed changes will be presented for approval at the January 2026 meeting.

RESOLUTION 25-66

FIRST-YEAR PROBATIONARY FACULTY TO SECOND-YEAR STATUS, SECOND-YEAR PROBATIONARY FACULTY TO THIRD-YEAR STATUS, THIRD-YEAR PROBATIONARY FACULTY TO TENURED STATUS, AND CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT OF TENURED FACULTY

Motion by Jim Beasley to approve the following recommendations of Julie Obermark, Provost & Vice President of Instructional Services, and George Evans, President of Kaskaskia College:

The following first-year probationary faculty member is recommended for second-year probationary employment effective with the 2026 calendar year, which begins January 7, 2026.

Career and Technical Education

- Kevin Wheeler

The following second-year probationary faculty members are recommended for third-year employment effective with the 2026 calendar year, which begins January 7, 2026.

Arts and Sciences

- Stephanie Burgher

Health Sciences

- Kendra Mueller
- Katy Knolhoff

The following third-year probationary faculty members are recommended tenured employment effective with the 2026 calendar year, which begins January 7, 2026.

Arts and Sciences

- Sarah Foley

Health Sciences

- Shelby Guthrie

The following tenured faculty be granted continued employment effective with the 2026-27 academic year, which begins August 12, 2026.

Arts and Sciences:

- Christena Elliott
- Bill Mathena
- Brad Odum
- John Orlet

Health Sciences:

- Lisa Barrow
- Rebecca McElhose
- Candace Sloat

Career and Technical Education:

- Angenien Huffstutler
- Kelli Malone
- Alexis Myers
- William Waggoner

Industrial Trades:

- Lyle Gross

Roll Call:

Jim Beasley	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Craig Finke	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

RESOLUTION 25-67

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SALE AND TRANSFER OF COLLEGE PROPERTY

Motion by Jim Beasley to adopt Resolution 25-67 approving the Asset Purchase Agreement and authorizing the President to finalize and execute the sale of a wireless spectrum license under the call sign WNC291 for the amount of \$225,000 and the use of ten free cellular hotspots for 5 years.

Roll Call:

Jim Beasley	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Craig Finke	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

RESOLUTION 25-68**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXCESS EARTHQUAKE COVERAGE PREMIUM CHANGE AND ADDITIONAL CYBER SECURITY COVERAGE PREMIUM (100% LIABILITY, PROTECTION, AND SETTLEMENT FUNDING/FUND 12)**

Motion by Craig Finke to adopt Resolution 25-68 approving the College insurance coverage premium increase through Relations Insurance Services for the year December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2026, as follows:

1. Cyber Security portion of the Property, General Liability, Equipment Breakdown, Mobile Equipment and Miscellaneous Articles, Crime, Inland Marine, Auto Liability and Physical Damage, Educators Legal Liability, Law Enforcement Liability, Violent Event Response, Cyber Security, and Excess Liability coverage package through Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) at an annual premium increase of \$7,614; and
2. Excess earthquake coverage of \$20,000,000 through the Insurance Company of the West with the annual premium increase of \$6,090.

The total cost for the updated annual renewal is \$597,489 and the total premium increase for the updated coverage is \$13,704.

Roll Call:

Jim Beasley	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Craig Finke	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

RESOLUTION 25-69**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF COLLEGENET 25LIVE SOFTWARE**

Motion by Jim Beasley to adopt Resolution 25-69 approving the purchase of CollegeNET 25 Live software from CollegeNET, Portland, OR, in an amount not to exceed \$27,973.00.

Roll Call:

Jim Beasley	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Craig Finke	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

RESOLUTION 25-70**RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL AND NEED TO KEEP CONFIDENTIAL CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

Motion by Jim Beasley to adopt Resolution 25-70 approving the resolution determining that with regard to closed session minutes from the June 23, 2025 and July 28, 2025, meetings, the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or part of those minutes and such minutes shall remain confidential.

Roll Call:

Jim Beasley	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Craig Finke	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

RESOLUTION 25-71

RESOLUTION FOR ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION AUDIO RECORDINGS

Motion by Jim Beasley to adopt Resolution 25-71 approving the destruction of the audio recording from the August 28, 2023 meeting; and authorizing the Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Karol Potter, to destroy such recording, pursuant to normal procedures.

Roll Call:

Jim Beasley	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Craig Finke	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF RECLASSIFICATION OF TWO CURRENT CULINARY SERVICES ASSISTANT POSITIONS FROM 30 HOURS TO 40 HOURS

Motion by Jim Beasley to approve the transition of both Susan Weibley and Sandra Griffin from a 30-hour part-time Culinary Services Assistant Cafeteria/Catering position to a 40-hour position with an hourly wage of \$19.82 effective January 1, 2026. This position is part of the Carpenter's Union and is full-time benefit eligible.

Roll Call:

Jim Beasley	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Craig Finke	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT OF CULINARY SERVICES ASSISTANT (REPLACEMENT POSITION)

Motion by Jim Beasley to approve the hiring of Amanda Miller as a full-time Culinary Services Assistant Cafeteria/Catering effective January 12, 2026 at an hourly salary of \$19.50. This position is part of the Carpenter's Union and is benefit eligible.

Roll Call:

Jim Beasley	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Craig Finke	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

SECOND READING – NEW CAMPUS SAFETY & TRESPASS POLICY 2.2000

Motion by Louis Kalert to approve the final reading of the new Campus Safety & Trespass Policy 2.2000.

Roll Call:

Jim Beasley	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Craig Finke	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

SECOND READING – NEW RIGHT TO PROTEST POLICY 2.2001

Motion by Louis Kalert to approve the final reading of the new Right to Protest Policy 2.2001.

Roll Call:

Jim Beasley	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Craig Finke	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Lab Fees for Fiscal Year 2027
- B. Resolution to Approve the Purchase of Medical Ultrasound Equipment (100% PATH Grant Funded)
- C. Resolution to Approve the Purchase of Plasma Table (100% Perkins Leadership Funded)

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Student Trustee Meagan Mahlandt presented an oral report to the Board which summarized the following:

- The annual Christmas dress-up days were held the first two weeks of December.
- The music and theatre showcase was held on December 3, 2025. Santa visited campus and handed out candy canes that day.
- The combined Christmas concert with the band and choir was held on December 4, 2025. The video is available to watch on Facebook.
- One student dressed as Buddy the Elf and delivered candy canes and sang to students and staff.
- Maya Leslie was recognized as Student of the Month in November.
- Engineering students presented semester projects at the start of the month.
- The Engineering Club received newly designed t-shirts, and they are making progress on their arcade punching machine project.
- The Ag Club is selling apparel. The store link is available on their Facebook page.
- All clubs held their final meetings for the semester.
- Eric Howard, Joy Fitts, and Mark Kohen participated in a pie-in-the-face event after Student Congress held their food drive where 140 pounds of food were collected for the snack station.

- At the Annual Illinois Farm Bureau Meeting in Chicago, Grace Sperandio and Rachel Donoho accepted Kaskaskia College's award for second place Top Overall Contributor and Top Chapter Dollars Donated for 2024–2025.
- The volleyball team visited grade school classrooms to read books and served as role models for younger students
- Finals are over!

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

- President Evans announced Cory Wellen, Associate Professor of Welding, has been recognized as Educator of the Year by the Metro East American Welding Society.
- Members of the College's senior staff and agricultural representatives met with officials from Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIU-C) last week to explore the potential for developing baccalaureate programs in the Agricultural field in partnership with SIU-C.
- President Evans commended Cody Paul and Nathan Young on the wonderful Christmas concert. Musicians from the Centralia area performed on stage along with KC students.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jim Beasley to adjourn. All members voted yes by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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