

KASKASKIA COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES #501
February 23, 2026 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, February 23, 2026, 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, Bryan Holthaus, Louis Kalert, Linda Stover, and Laura Wedekemper. Student Trustee Meagan Mahlandt was present in person.

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

College staff members attending in person were President George Evans, Madison Althoff, Cary Day, Steven Foutch, Sara Hanks, Kellie Henegar, Chris Holloway, Laura Huges, Traci Masau, Julie Obermark, Staci Palm, Karol Potter, Lisa Ring, Alexis Tate, Jeff Thomas, Kylee Williams, and Amy Zanton.

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 and introduced new employees Nashville Education Center Coordinator Madison Althoff and Workforce Empowerment Initiative Coach/Workforce Partnership Coordinator Alexis Tate.

RESOLUTION 26-08

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) MONTH

Motion by Jim Beasley to adopt Resolution 26-08 to recognize the month of February 1-28, 2026 as “National CTE Month” and to remain committed to ensuring the role the institution plays in providing a qualified and thriving workforce to maintain a strong district economy.

Roll call:

Jim Beasley	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Craig Finke	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Jim Beasley to accept the Consent Agenda which includes the February 3, 2026 regular meeting minutes; financial reports for the period ending January 31, 2026; disbursements and payroll reports for January 2026; and the personnel, Friends of Fine Arts, Kaskaskia College Foundation, and Administrative Reports for February 2026.

Roll call:

Jim Beasley	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Craig Finke	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

OLD UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Jim Beasley to enter Closed Session in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, and pursuant to Section 2(c) of the Act, the specific reasons for conducting an executive session meeting were as follows:

Discussions regarding performance, discipline, dismissal, or hiring of a specific named employee or legal counsel; 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1); and

Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

Roll call:

Jim Beasley	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Craig Finke	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved and the meeting entered closed session at 6:35 p.m.

Motion by Laura Wedekemper to end closed session and resume open session.

Roll call:

Jim Beasley	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Craig Finke	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved, closed session ended, and open session resumed at 6:48 p.m.

RESOLUTION 26-09

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TUITION AND FEE RATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027 (FISCAL YEAR 2027)

Motion by Linda Stover to adopt Resolution 26-09 approving tuition and fees rates for fiscal year 2026-2027 (beginning Summer 2026) as follows:

1. In-District Tuition will be maintained at \$140.00 per credit hour with Mandatory fees at \$26.00 per credit hour for a total in-district tuition and fee credit hour rate of \$166.00.
2. Out-of-District Tuition be maintained at \$239.00 per credit hour with Mandatory Fees at \$26.00 per credit hour, for a total Out-of-District credit hour rate of \$265.00.
3. Out-of-State and International Tuition be maintained at \$399.00 per credit hour with Mandatory Fees at \$26.00 per credit hour, for total Out-of-State and International credit hour rate of \$425.00.
4. Out of district, out-of-state, and international online tuition will be \$150.00 per credit hour with mandatory fees at \$26.00 per credit hour for a total rate of \$176.00.

Roll call:

Jim Beasley	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Craig Finke	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

RESOLUTION 26-10

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A USED CARGO VAN WITH PURCHASE TO BE RATIFIED AT A SUBSEQUENT BOARD MEETING (3-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN)

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to adopt Resolution 26-10 authorizing the purchase of a used cargo van at a price not to exceed \$40,000 with the purchase to be ratified at a subsequent Board meeting.

Roll call:

Jim Beasley	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Craig Finke	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

RESOLUTION 26-11

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION SOFTWARE (100% INSTITUTIONALLY FUNDED)

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to adopt Resolution 26-11 authorizing the Information Technology Department renew the AwardSpring Scholarship Management Platform for a three-year contract from AwardSpring, Chicago, IL, in an amount not to exceed \$30,144.30.

Roll call:

Jim Beasley	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Craig Finke	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

RESOLUTION 26-12

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF ANTI-VIRUS SOFTWARE (100% INSTITUTIONALLY FUNDED)

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to adopt Resolution 26-12 authorizing the Information Technology Department renew ThreatDown Anti-Virus Software for a one-year term at a cost not to exceed \$37,118.00, purchased from Insight Public Sector, Chandler, AZ.

Roll call:

Jim Beasley	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Craig Finke	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF NEW POSITION OF NURSING FACULTY

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to approve the advertising and recruitment of an Assistant Professor of Nursing at a base salary consistent with the KCFT salary scale. This position will be eligible for applicable fringe benefits.

Roll call:

Jim Beasley	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Craig Finke	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF RETIREMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to accept the retirement of Linda Still as Administrative Assistant Career & Technical Education effective June 30, 2026.

Roll call:

Jim Beasley	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Craig Finke	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF RECLASSIFICATION OF VACANT BUILDINGS & GROUNDS POSITION FROM 30 HOURS TO 40 HOURS

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to approve the replacement of a 30-hour Building and Grounds Technician position with a 40-hour position with an hourly wage of \$17.42. This is a Carpenters union position and is eligible for fringe benefits.

Roll call:

Jim Beasley	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Craig Finke	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS TECHNICIAN (REPLACEMENT POSITION)

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to approve the employment of Robert Meyer for the position of Buildings & Grounds Technician at a rate of \$17.42 per hour with a tentative start date of March 23, 2026, pending reference and background checks. This position is a Carpenters' union position and is eligible for fringe benefits.

Roll call:

Jim Beasley	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Craig Finke	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF WAGE ADJUSTMENT RECOMMENDATION FOR BUILDINGS & GROUNDS TECHNICIANS

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to increase the Buildings & Grounds Technician pay to \$17.42/hour effective March 23, 2026, for the following employees: Janelle Lyons and Cameron Meredith to a new base salary from \$17.22/hour to \$17.42/hour and Jeff Howe and Geonesa Yaco-Lange to a new base salary from \$16.72/hour to \$17.42/hour. These full-time positions are members of the Carpenter’s Union and are eligible for fringe benefits.

Roll call:

Jim Beasley	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Craig Finke	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION OF PROBATIONARY FACULTY MEMBER

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to accept the resignation of Marcus Abston as Assistant Professor of Biology effective May 18, 2026.

Roll call:

Jim Beasley	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Craig Finke	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Resolution to Approve the Purchase of Plasma Table (100% Perkins Leadership Grant Funded) (March)
- B. Restructure of Professor of Construction Occupations Position

TRUSTEE AND PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

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

- A free welcome back breakfast with various clubs setting up tables to help students connect and get involved was held on February 12, 2026.
- A Mental Health and Wellness Student Huddle was held on February 17, 2026. Attendees were provided with information on campus mental health resources and access to the counselor.
- A High School Art Show where students showcased their projects to the public was held on February 19, 2026.

- Fellowship of Christian Athletes hosted a free praise concert featuring a performance by The 618 on February 22, 2026.
- Phi Theta Kappa and the Standing Ovation Society are collaborating on a joint fundraiser benefiting the Bond County Humane Society.
- During Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Week, FBLA students hosted Carlyle High School FBLA for a session featuring President Evans as the speaker.
- The Ag Club attended the Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Conference in Peoria on February 6–7, 2026 participating in breakout sessions, networking, and leadership development.
- The dental assisting program attended a midwinter dental convention in Chicago and organized a fundraising raffle during the welcome breakfast.
- The welding department has begun practice sessions for the annual high school building competition.
- Multiple students received awards at the Spring Illinois PAS Conference at Heartland Community College.
- Students are excited to propose a new Ecology Club which would develop ideas to enhance campus scenery and create ideas for the campus ecological system.
- The Turning Point USA Club kicks off its club activities with a watch party for the State of the Union address on February 24, 2026.
- Explore KC Day is scheduled for February 27, 2026. High school students and prospective students are invited to main campus for information sessions, a complimentary lunch, and guided campus tours.
- Student Trustee Mahlandt attended the National Legislative Summit in Washington D.C. at the beginning of February. Student Trustees met and discussed problems facing college students on both the state and national legislative level. Ms. Mahlandt will share key takeaways at the next Student Congress meeting.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

- President Evans thanked Vice President of Student Services Amy Zanton and Student Trustee Meagan Mahlandt for representing Kaskaskia College at the National Legislative Summit in Washington D.C.
- The soft opening of the new Gymnasium was held on February 21, 2026, with both the Blue Angels and the Blue Devils basketball teams celebrating their first games in the new facility. The ribbon cutting and grand opening will be held sometime in March or April.
- Referring to the summary of Governor Pritzker's State of the Budget address, President Evans noted that community college funding rose by only 1% over last year. This increase applies to the College's operating budget only. The College will continue directing efforts toward student enrollment to maximize reimbursable credit hours.
- Kaskaskia College and Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC) will be entering into a new partnership designed to expand access to affordable, high-quality agricultural bachelor's degrees to students at Kaskaskia College. The institutions will be signing a celebratory agreement on February 24, 2026. The

degree program courses will be taught by SIUC faculty on the Kaskaskia College main campus and online. The new partnership allows students to transfer to SIUC classes offered at Kaskaskia College while remaining in district and maintaining current employment.

- Explore KC Day scheduled for February 27, 2026 is a 5-year-old initiative that offers prospective students and their families the opportunity to visit the main campus, have lunch, tour the campus, and meet faculty and staff.
- President Evans commended the administrative team for navigating tough financial times and uncertainty, delivering a zero percent increase in tuition and fees. This stands as a testament to the College's commitment to keeping costs affordable for students.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jim Beasley to adjourn. All members voted yes by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Chair, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College

RESOLUTION 26-08

**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT FOR
NATIONAL CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) MONTH**

WHEREAS: National CTE Month is an opportunity to recognize the positive impact CTE education has on Illinois youth, adults, businesses, and the Illinois economy as a whole.

WHEREAS: February 1-28, 2026, has been designated Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month[®] by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

WHEREAS: CTE offers students the opportunity to gain the academic, technical and employability skills necessary for true career readiness; and

WHEREAS: students in CTE programs participate in authentic, meaningful experiences that improve the quality of their education and increase their engagement and achievement; and

WHEREAS: CTE provides students with career exploration opportunities early in their educational experience, which enables them to make informed and beneficial decisions about their academic coursework and pursue established programs of study and career pathways; and

WHEREAS: leaders from business and industry nationwide report increasing challenges related to addressing the skills gap and connecting qualified professionals with careers in critical and growing CTE-related fields, such as advanced manufacturing, cybersecurity, energy, health care, information technology, and transportation; and

WHEREAS: CTE prepares students for these and other fulfilling careers by offering integrated programs of study that link secondary and postsecondary education and lead to the attainment of industry-recognized credentials; and

WHEREAS: CTE programs ensure that employers have access to a qualified and thriving workforce, ensuring our nation is a strong and competitive economy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kaskaskia College Board of Trustees No. 501 recognizes the month of February 1-28, 2026, as “National CTE Month” and remains committed to ensuring the role the institution plays in providing a qualified and thriving workforce to maintain a strong district economy.

Dated this 23rd day of February 2026.

Chair, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College

RESOLUTION 26-09

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TUITION AND FEE RATES
FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2026 - 2027 (FY 2027)**

WHEREAS, Kaskaskia College is committed to providing quality learning opportunities that are affordable and accessible; and

WHEREAS, the College Administration has reviewed tuition and fee alternatives as well as student tuition and fees policies described in 110 ILCS 805/6 of the Public Community College Act and ICCB Rule 1501.505; and

WHEREAS, Kaskaskia College has consistently met its commitments to maintain equitable financial policies and practices and assist students with identifying resources to help meet their financial obligations; and

WHEREAS, based on the above due diligence, an internal review of fiscal year 2026 mid-year results, Illinois Community College peer group tuition rates and tuition rates of community colleges located in Southern Illinois, no increase in the in-district tuition and fee rate effective summer semester 2026 is recommended; and

WHEREAS, the in-district tuition and fee rate will be \$166.00 per credit hour (\$140.00 per credit hour for tuition and \$26.00 mandatory fees); and

WHEREAS, according to the ICCB Administrative Rules, community colleges may set the out-of-district tuition rate for all other credit instruction in Illinois at a minimum of 1.5 times the highest in-district tuition rate of any of their contiguous Illinois community college districts. This rate is \$171.00 at Illinois Eastern, which requires a minimum rate of \$256.50 per credit hour. The College's out-of-district rate will remain at \$265.00 and satisfies this condition; and

WHEREAS, according to the ICCB Administrative Rules community colleges may set the out-of-state and international tuition rate at a minimum of 1.67 times the College's in-

district rate. This calculation establishes a minimum out-of-state rate of \$277.22. The College's out-of-state rate will remain at \$425.00 and satisfies this condition; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Kaskaskia College, Community College District #501, Kaskaskia College's tuition and fees rates for fiscal year 2026-2027 (beginning Summer 2026) and are as follows:

1. In-District Tuition will be maintained at \$140.00 per credit hour with Mandatory fees at \$26.00 per credit hour for a total in-district tuition and fee credit hour rate of \$166.00.
2. Out-of-District Tuition be maintained at \$239.00 per credit hour with Mandatory Fees at \$26.00 per credit hour, for a total Out-of-District credit hour rate of \$265.00.
3. Out-of-State and International Tuition be maintained at \$399.00 per credit hour with Mandatory Fees at \$26.00 per credit hour, for total Out-of-State and International credit hour rate of \$425.00.
4. Out of district, out-of-state, and international online tuition will be \$150.00 per credit hour with mandatory fees at \$26.00 per credit hour for a total rate of \$176.00.

Dated this 23rd day of February 2026

Chair, Board of Trustees

Secretary, Board of Trustees

RESOLUTION 26-10

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A USED CARGO VAN WITH
PURCHASE TO BE RATIFIED AT A SUBSEQUENT BOARD MEETING
(3-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN)**

WHEREAS, the College 3-Year Capital Plan has dedicated funds to secure a cargo van to replace aging equipment; and

WHEREAS, the existing Dodge Truck (manufactured year: 2000) currently has approximately 175,000 miles and has exceeded its useful life expectancy, presenting safety and reliability concerns, including the inability to shift into park, and has multiple rust holes throughout the body; and

WHEREAS, during preliminary conversations with several potential dealerships, the College has learned that the daily inventory in the used car market makes it difficult to hold in-stock vehicles for board approval after a vehicle has been located at a vendor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Illinois Public Community College Act (110 ILCS 805/3-27.2 (i)), the purchase of used equipment is exempt from the requirement for bidding. However, purchases in excess of \$25,000 still require Board approval; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of used equipment must be timely as dealership inventories are subject to change daily. It is anticipated that a used cargo van will exceed \$25,000.

WHEREAS, for the reasons indicated above, it is requested that the Board authorize the purchase of a used cargo van with ratification of the purchase at a subsequent Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, minimum specifications for evaluation will be developed to include, but not be limited to overall condition, applicable warranty, prior maintenance information, dealer's inspection and repairs, and price; and

WHEREAS, the 3-Year Capital Plan allocation for this purchase is \$40,000, therefore, the purchase of a used cargo van will not exceed this amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF KASKASKIA COLLEGE, COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT #501, that the Board authorizes the purchase of a used cargo van at a price not to exceed \$40,000 with the purchase to be ratified at a subsequent Board meeting.

Dated this 23rd day of February 2026

Chair, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College

RESOLUTION 26-11

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIP SOFTWARE
(100% INSTITUTIONAL FUNDING)**

WHEREAS, AwardSpring is the College’s scholarship management platform that streamlines the entire scholarship application, review, and award process for both students and staff, automating scholarship matching, eliminating redundant data entry, and integrating directly with Ellucian Colleague to ensure accurate and efficient processing; and

WHEREAS, the College’s scholarship management process has evolved from a paper-based system prior to 2020, to the SurveyMonkey Apply platform from 2020–2024, and now to AwardSpring, each stage representing increased digitization, improved efficiency, and enhanced student access; and

WHEREAS, the previous platform, SurveyMonkey Apply, required the College to purchase the highest-tier licensing due to the number of scholarships and reviewers, resulted in redundant data entry for students, required complex criteria to be configured twice per scholarship, and lacked the ability to manage multiple deadlines or integrate with Ellucian Colleague; and

WHEREAS, AwardSpring was selected in 2024 as a more cost-effective, integrated, and user-friendly platform, providing enhanced features including a single universal scholarship application, automated matching, Ellucian integration, scholarship-specific deadlines within a single application cycle, real-time award tracking, improved reviewer workflows, and significantly reduced processing time; and

WHEREAS, AwardSpring consolidated the Foundation, Department, Allied Health, and Vocational scholarship processes into one application window, allowing continuous access from October 1st through August 30th, contributing directly to a record 586 applications in its first year, including 204 applications submitted between February and August, a period previously inaccessible to students; and

WHEREAS, the platform’s integration with Ellucian Colleague allows current students to log in using existing KC credentials and auto-populates key data fields such as GPA and program of study, reducing manual entry for students and accuracy verification for staff; and

WHEREAS, AwardSpring reduced scholarship setup time from 30–45 minutes to 10–15 minutes per scholarship, provided real-time award totals, and reduced first-round notification time from two weeks to approximately 30 minutes; and

WHEREAS, the College received a favorable multi-year pricing proposal from AwardSpring, offering a 10% annual discount in exchange for a three-year commitment, resulting in the following costs:

License	Description	Cost
YEAR 1 2/1/26 TO 1/31/27		
AwardSpring Pro Subscription	Scholarship Management Platform	\$10,048.10
YEAR 2 2/1/27 TO 1/31/28		
AwardSpring Pro Subscription	Scholarship Management Platform	\$10,048.10
YEAR 3 2/1/28 TO 1/31/29		
AwardSpring Pro Subscription	Scholarship Management Platform	\$10,048.10
	3-Year Total Cost	\$30,144.30

WHEREAS, the AwardSpring platform supports the College’s mission under Institutional Goal 2: Strengthen and Evolve Programs that Support Student Success, Priority 2.2: Strengthen student success initiatives that address non-academic barriers to success, as well as Institutional Goal 5: Ensure Operational Effectiveness, Priority 5.3: Optimize processes to ensure effective operation of the institution; and

WHEREAS, this software meets one of the bidding exemptions under the Illinois Public Community College Act (110 ILCS 805/), and therefore formal competitive bids were not solicited;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Kaskaskia College – Community College District 501, that the Board hereby authorizes the Information Technology Department to renew the AwardSpring Scholarship Management Platform for a three-year contract from AwardSpring, Chicago, IL, in an amount not to exceed \$30,144.30.

Dated this 23rd day of February 2026

Chair, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College

RESOLUTION 26-12

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THREATDOWN ANTI-VIRUS SOFTWARE
(100% FUND 12)**

WHEREAS, the College utilizes ThreatDown as its comprehensive cybersecurity platform to safeguard all institutional computers and servers from digital threats; and

WHEREAS, ThreatDown provides four essential security functions: anti-virus protection, endpoint protection, vulnerability assessment, and patch management, each of which is critical to maintaining the security and reliability of College systems; and

WHEREAS, the College has successfully relied upon ThreatDown for the past six years to protect sensitive student records, financial data, and operational systems from cyberattacks, ransomware, and data breaches; and

WHEREAS, over the past 30 days ThreatDown has detected an average of 640 risks per day, or approximately 27 per minute, preventing incidents that could have resulted in significant financial loss, reputational damage, or service disruption; and

WHEREAS, community colleges that experience ransomware attacks may incur recovery costs exceeding \$500,000, underscoring the critical need for continued protection; and

WHEREAS, the College obtained quotes from three authorized vendors as part of a due diligence process, with the following results:

Vendors	Description	Cost
Insight Public Sector	ThreatDown Advanced Protection 1yr	\$37,118.00
Xerox IT Solutions	ThreatDown Advanced Protection 1yr	\$40,162.60
SecureData Technologies	ThreatDown Advanced Protection 1yr	\$45,117.50

WHEREAS, the proposed renewal supports Institutional Goal 5: Ensure Operational Effectiveness, and Priority 5.3: Optimize processes to ensure effective operation of the institution; and

WHEREAS, this software qualifies for a bidding exemption under the Illinois Public Community College Act (110 ILCS 805/), and therefore, formal competitive bids were not required;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Kaskaskia College – Community College District 501, that the Board hereby authorizes the Information

Technology Department to renew ThreatDown Anti-Virus Software for a one-year term at a cost not to exceed \$37,118.00, purchased from Insight Public Sector, Chandler, AZ.

Dated this 23rd day of February 2026

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