

**KASKASKIA COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES #501**  
**March 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, March 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 Bill Hawley, Bryan Holthaus, Louis Kalert, Linda Stover, and Laura Wedekemper. Trustees Jim Beasley and Craig Finke were absent. Student Trustee Meagan Mahlandt was absent.

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

College staff members attending in person were President George Evans, Lesley Brower, Cary Day, Christena Elliot, Joy Fitts, Lyle Gross, Sara Hanks, Chris Holloway, Laura Huge, Tammy Lyons, Kali Michael, Julie Obermark, Staci Palm, Karol Potter, Kerri Richards, Shawn Richards, Lisa Ring, Jeff Thomas, Nathan Wilkins, and Kylee Williams.

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 in attendance and introduced Kerri Richards as the Future Business Leaders of America club sponsor, recognizing the group for its recent achievements at the Illinois State Leadership Conference. Mrs. Richards then introduced the members in attendance, Gabriella Curtner, Calvin Endres, and Gracie Lowery, who each addressed the Board regarding their individual accomplishments.

President Evans also welcomed Club Sponsor Lesley Brower and club members who attended the meeting in support of the proposed Ecology Club. Club members present included Gabriella Curtner, Judaea Dahney, Grace Donnelly, Brennon Frkovich, Andrew Latham, and Haylee Olive.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to accept the Consent Agenda which included the February 23, 2026 regular meeting minutes; financial reports for the period ending February 28, 2026;

disbursements and payroll reports for February 2026; and the personnel, Friends of Fine Arts, Kaskaskia College Foundation, and Administrative Reports for March 2026.

Roll call:

Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Louis Kalert	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

## **OLD UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **CLOSED SESSION**

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

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:

Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Louis Kalert	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

Motion was approved and the meeting entered closed session at 6:38 p.m.

Motion by Louis Kalert to end closed session and resume open session.

Roll call:

Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Louis Kalert	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved, closed session ended, and open session resumed at 6:57 p.m.

## **RESOLUTION 26-13**

### **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FY27 CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST**

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to adopt Resolution 26-13 authorizing the College President to enter into any application, partnerships, or commitments necessary that are consistent with all applicable state and federal requirements for the successful implementation of this

congressional appropriation. The approved resolution shall be entered into the official records of the Kaskaskia College Board of Trustees and communicated to all relevant entities as evidence of the College's full endorsement and governing board approval.

Roll call:

Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Louis Kalert	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

#### **RESOLUTION 26-14**

##### **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF PLASMA CUTTING TABLE SYSTEM (100% PERKINS LEADERSHIP GRANT FUNDED)**

Motion by Linda Stover to adopt Resolution 26-14 approving the purchase of one new Torchmate© 4510 CNC Plasma Cutting Table from Stumpf Welding Supplies from Mascoutah, IL in the amount of \$49,610.85.

Roll call:

Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Louis Kalert	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

#### **RESOLUTION 26-15**

##### **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTERS (27.48% PERKINS GRANT FUNDED & 72.52% INSTITUTIONAL FUNDED)**

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to adopt Resolution 26-15 approving the purchase of desktop computers in an amount not to exceed \$73,849.20, funded through \$20,300 in Perkins funds and \$53,549.20 in institutional funds, in accordance with the College's four-year refresh cycle and to avoid substantial vendor-confirmed price increases effective March 31, 2026.

Roll call:

Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Louis Kalert	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

#### **RESOLUTION 26-16**

##### **RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE PURCHASE OF A USED CARGO VAN**

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to adopt Resolution 26-16 ratifying the purchase of the cargo van from Ford Square in Mt. Vernon, Illinois in the amount of \$38,526.00.

Roll call:

Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Louis Kalert	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

### **RESOLUTION 26-17**

#### **RESOLUTION FOR DISPOSITION OF COLLEGE PROPERTY**

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to adopt Resolution 26-17 declaring the equipment listed as no longer needed for College purposes, and approving College administration dispose of such equipment in accordance with College Policy #2.6001.

Roll call:

Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Louis Kalert	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

#### **APPROVAL OF NEW STUDENT CLUB CHARTER – ECOLOGY CLUB**

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to approve the charter and formation of the Kaskaskia College Ecology Club.

Roll call:

Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Louis Kalert	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

#### **APPROVAL OF MACHINING TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATE (INDT.0533.CERT)**

Motion by Louis Kalert to approve the Machining Technology Certificate as Permanent Career and Technical Education Curriculum effective for the Fall 2026 Semester.

Roll call:

Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Louis Kalert	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

#### **APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT OF ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF DENTAL ASSISTING**

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to approve the employment of Michelle Hill into the Assistant Professor of Dental Assisting position, at a base salary of \$72,145 with eligibility for fringe benefits (according to the Collective Bargaining Agreement salary scale of L.T.M. Level 20) and a start date of May 1, 2026.

Roll call:

Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Louis Kalert	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

#### **APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT OF ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF RESPIRATORY THERAPY**

Motion by Louis Kalert to approve the employment of Tara Garner into the Assistant Professor of Respiratory Therapy position at a base salary of \$57,648 with eligibility for fringe benefits (according to the Collective Bargaining Agreement salary scale of L.T.M. Level 9) and a start date of July 20, 2026.

Roll call:

Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Louis Kalert	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

#### **APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRIO PROGRAM**

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to accept the resignation of Nick Rahar as the Director of TRiO Program effective April 3, 2026.

Roll call:

Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Louis Kalert	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

#### **APPROVAL OF RETIREMENT OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS TECHNICIAN**

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to accept the retirement of Tammy Lyons as Buildings and Grounds Technician effective April 30, 2026.

Roll call:

Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Louis Kalert	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

#### **RECOMMENDATION TO RESCIND AND REVISE RETIREMENT DATE OF PROFESSOR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to approve the last day of employment for Kenneth Ingersoll is revised from August 3, 2026, to July 31, 2026. No students or staff activities will be disrupted by the change of retirement date.

Roll call:

Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes	Laura Wedekemper	yes
Louis Kalert	yes	Meagan Mahlandt	yes

Motion was approved.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Restructure of Professor of Construction Occupations Position
- B. Approval of Employment of Professor of Criminal Justice (Replacement Position)
- C. Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement between KC BOT and KCFT
- D. Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement between KC BOT and St. Louis Carpenters' Union
- E. Presentation and Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2025 Financial Statement Audit (CliftonLarsonAllen, Sara Hanks, Laura Huger) (April)
- F. Recommendation for Providing Athletic and Student Transportation
- G. Reappointment of Professional/Managerial Employees and Executive/Managerial Employees

### **TRUSTEE AND PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

#### **STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT**

Student Trustee Meagan Mahlandt was absent.

#### **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

- The legislative session is underway. There is still a lot of activity with the Community College Baccalaureate. A proposed funding formula for community colleges has been developed, and the technical modeling has been completed. The Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) will be voting on the recommendations on Friday, March 27, 2026. A decision will be made on whether to align the proposed recommendations with the universities funding bill that is already on the floor or to create a separate bill in the next couple of years and lobby for it. The ICCB Spring 2026 Illinois Community College Opening Enrollment Report highlights the community college system's success and the volume of students it serves, even though it remains the most underfunded system in the State of Illinois.
- The College is close to finalizing negotiations with the Kaskaskia College Federation of Teachers (KCFT) and expects to have an agreement to submit to the Board for approval at the April meeting. President Evans commended the KCFT membership and KCFT President Nathan Wilkins for making it a pleasure to collaborate with them.
- Negotiations with the St. Louis-Kansas City Carpenters' Regional Council will begin in the next week or so with a goal of having that agreement ready to submit to the Board for approval at the April meeting.
- The ribbon cutting ceremony and court dedication for the John W. "Bill" Hawley Court and grand opening of the new Gymnasium is scheduled for April 25, 2026.

- The College has secured a couple of sponsors for the scoreboards, and their names will be displayed on the boards in the coming weeks.
- The graduation ceremony at the Centralia Correctional Center will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Louis Kalert to adjourn. All members voted yes by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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Chair, Board of Trustees  
Kaskaskia College

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Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Kaskaskia College

**RESOLUTION 26-13**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING  
FY27 CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION**

**WHEREAS**, Kaskaskia College remains firmly committed to delivering high-quality education, workforce training, and community development throughout its district; and

**WHEREAS**, the College continually pursues opportunities to expand and enhance its programs, facilities, technology, and partnerships to support student success and meet the evolving needs of the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees recognizes the critical importance of securing external funding, including federal, state, and private grant opportunities, to advance institutional priorities and accelerate transformational initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed renovations and upgrades to the John D. Cavaletto Agricultural Center, to be supported through the FY-27 Community Project Funding request with the assistance of the United States Congress align with Kaskaskia College’s mission, strategic plan, and long-standing commitment to serving students, employers, and communities across the district; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board affirms that this project serves the best interests of the College, its students, and the broader region by strengthening workforce development, expanding educational access, and fostering long-term economic growth.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Community College District #501 hereby expresses its full support for the proposed FY-27 Community Project Funding application for FY27 Congressional Appropriation and authorizes the College President, or their designee, to submit all required documentation, applications, and funding requests to federal, state, or other appropriate agencies; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board authorizes the College President to enter into any agreements, partnerships, or commitments necessary for the successful implementation of the project, consistent with all applicable state and federal requirements, should funding be awarded; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall be entered into the official records of the Kaskaskia College Board of Trustees and communicated to all relevant entities as evidence of the College’s full endorsement and governing board approval.

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Chair, Board of Trustees  
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Secretary, Board of Trustees  
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**RESOLUTION 26-14**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF PLASMA CUTTING TABLE SYSTEM  
(100% FUNDED BY PERKINS LEADERSHIP GRANT)**

**WHEREAS**, Kaskaskia College has been awarded a Perkins Leadership grant that provides 100% funding for instructional equipment purchases, including the plasma cutting table to be used at the Crisp Technology Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of the plasma cutting table was identified as needed equipment in the 3-year capital plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the plasma cutting table will enhance instructional delivery and align with the College’s commitment to hands-on, competency-based training across multiple programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the equipment will support an innovative classroom environment, incorporate industry-standard technology, expedite fabrication processes, reduce waste, and introduce students to Lean Manufacturing principles and methodologies; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase meets one of the bidding exemptions under the Illinois Public Community College Act (110 ILCS 805/3-27.1), yet the College elected to proceed with the formal bidding process to maintain transparency and accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, the Torchmate© 4510 CNC Plasma Table with the CAD CAM Educational Package was the selected model to solicit bids; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to publishing a legal notice in the February 7, 2026, edition of the Centralia Morning Sentinel, the following vendors were emailed a copy of the invitation to bid document:

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>City/State</b>
Cee Kay Supplies	O’Fallon, IL
ILMO Products Company	Mt. Vernon, IL
Stumpf Welding Supplies	Mascoutah, IL

And,

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the solicitation of bids, the following sealed bid was received:

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Bid Price</b>	<b>Shipping/ Delivery</b>	<b>Total Bid Price</b>
Stumpf Welding Supplies	\$47,010.85	\$2,600.00	\$49,610.85

And,

**WHEREAS**, the plasma cutting Table has a two-year part and lifetime technical support by phone.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the **Kaskaskia College Board of Trustees of Kaskaskia College District 501** hereby approves the purchase of one new Torchmate© 4510 CNC Plasma Cutting Table from Stumpf Welding Supplies from Mascoutah, IL in the amount of \$49,610.85.

Dated 23rd day of March 2026

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Chair, Board of Trustees

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**RESOLUTION 26-15**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTERS  
(27.48% PERKINS FUNDING/ 72.52% INSTITUTIONAL FUNDING)**

**WHEREAS**, the Information Technology Department maintains a four-year technology refresh cycle as part of the College’s IT Strategic Plan, ensuring that instructional and administrative technology remains current, reliable, and aligned with programmatic needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the College requires the purchase of new desktop computers to support the PC Lab and Drafting Lab, both of which require up-to-date systems to meet instructional requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, these computers were originally scheduled for purchase in July 2026, but the College’s vendor partners have formally notified IT that significant price increases impacting multiple computer manufacturers will take effect on March 31, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, systems being replaced will be consolidated to establish a new computer lab in the Cavaletto Agricultural Center, while non-viable equipment will be recycled following appropriate component salvage; and

**WHEREAS**, this purchase will be funded through \$20,300 in Perkins funds and \$53,549.20 in institutional funds, for a total amount not to exceed \$73,849.20; and

**WHEREAS**, this purchase supports the College’s mission under Institutional Goal 5: Ensure Operational Effectiveness, Priority 5.3: Optimize processes to ensure effective operation of the institution; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase 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 purchase of computers in an amount not to exceed \$73,849.20, funded through Perkins and institutional sources as outlined above, and purchased ahead of schedule to prevent substantial cost increases.**

Dated this 23rd day of March 2026

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Chair, Board of Trustees  
Kaskaskia College

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Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Kaskaskia College

**RESOLUTION 26-16**

**RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE PURCHASE OF A USED CARGO VAN**

**WHEREAS**, the College 3-Year Capital Plan has dedicated funds in the amount of \$40,000 to secure a cargo van to replace an aging truck in need of replacement to support the Campus Operations Departments; 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 learned that the daily inventory in the used car market makes it difficult to locate and purchase a used cargo van due to the high demand and short supply on hand at dealerships; and

**WHEREAS**, in as much as the purchase was expected to exceed \$25,000, the Board was asked at the February 23, 2026 Board of Trustees meeting to authorize the ratification of the purchase of a used cargo van; and

**WHEREAS**, minimum specifications for purchase were 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 College has purchased a used 2023 Ford Transit T-250 cargo van in the amount of \$38,526.00 and comes with the remaining original limited warranty of three years or 36,000 miles.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF KASKASKIA COLLEGE, COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT #501**, that the Board ratifies the purchase of the cargo van from Ford Square of Mt. Vernon, Illinois in the amount of \$38,526.00.

Dated 23rd of March 2026

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Chair, Board of Trustees

Kaskaskia College

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Secretary, Board of Trustees

Kaskaskia College

**RESOLUTION 26-17**

**RESOLUTION FOR DISPOSITION OF COLLEGE PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Illinois Public Community College Act, 110 ILCS 805/3-41, the Board is authorized “to sell at private or public sale any personal or real property not needed for community college purposes”; and

**WHEREAS**, a written accounting of such personal property is identified in the accompanying list of equipment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of Kaskaskia College, Community College District #501, that the equipment listed be declared as “no longer needed for College purposes” and that the College Administration dispose of such equipment in accordance with College Policy #2.6001

Dated 23rd day of March, 2026

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**ITEMS TO BE AUCTIONED**

Item Description	Quantity	Property Tag #	Manufacturer	Model #	Serial #

**ITEMS TO BE SALVAGED**

ITEM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	PROPERTY TAG #	MANUFACTURER	MODEL #	SERIAL #
Bear 2 Volume Ventilator	1	10301	N/A	N/A	7556Z
Ohio Pediatric Aerol Tent	1	Property of	N/A	N/A	N/A
MA1 Respiration Unit	1	No Tag	N/A	N/A	35459L
Radiometer ABL520 Blood Gas Machine	1	21647	N/A	ABL520	126R0250N02
Bennett US1 Ultrasound Nebulizer	1	9370	N/A	N/A	760383
Devilbiss Ultrasound Nebulizer	1	9367	N/A	N/A	37523
Gomco Suction	1	9365	N/A	N/A	19990216020
Ultra Sound Machine	1	27414	Siemens Acuson	Sequoia 512	59279
Ultra Sound Machine	1	22300	Siemens Acuson	Sequoia 512	60748
Black and White Printer	2	No TAG #	Sony Video Graphic	UP-895MD	93733 60107
ATD Tools Abrasive Blaser	1	23702 F1449	ATD	N/A	N/A
Xyron 2500 25" Cold Process Laminator	1	23637	Xyron	XM2500	N/A
Amalgamator	1	4549	Vivadent	Silamat – S3	1819766
Double B Trailer	1	27456	N/A	N/A	MT168160
Dodge Ram Truck	1	No Tag	Dodge	Ram Truck	1B7KF232241J196212