

KASKASKIA COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES #501
November 24, 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, November 24, 2025, at 7:13 p.m. in LC114/LC115 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 and Student Trustee Meagan Mahlandt.

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

College staff members attending in person were President George Evans, Lisa Baro, Joe Basch, Alan Boerngen, Jennifer Brink, Mike Christensen, Shawn Connelly, Levi Cross, Cary Day, Tena Elliott, Joy Fitts, Steven Foutch, Terri Freeman, Nathan Gibbs, Maurya Gill, Brian Hancock, Sara Hanks, Mike Hargis, Kellie Henegar, Chris Holloway, Chris Hottes, Laura Huge, Mitch Koester, George Kriss, Colten Leidner, Traci Masau, Nancy Mattson, Kali Michael, Julie Obermark, Staci Palm, James Patrick, Connor Pollmann, Karol Potter, Kim Rahar, Shawn Richards, Lisa Ring, Kendra Ripperda, Robyn Rohrscheib, Craig Roper, Garland Simmons, Josie Spihlmann, Scott Steward, Kelsey Tate, Jeff Thomas, Tabatha Thomas, Cheryl Twenhafel, Lindsey Utech, Rachel Varel, Chris Wellen, Nathan Wilkins, Kylene Williams, Fran Windler, Tina Winkeler, and Amy Zanton.

Members of the public attending the meeting in person were Steve Adams, Kyle Anderson, Kelly Bennett, David Hanks, Madison Johnson, Tom Kane, Deanna Purcell, and Gordon Moore.

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 Steve Adams of PMA Securities, Kyle Anderson from the Leadership Council of Southwest Illinois, and Deanna Purcell and Tom Kane from Relation Insurance Services.

Kyle Anderson of the Leadership Council of Southwest Illinois addressed the Board regarding the importance of Kaskaskia College to the region and how the College's interaction has helped to spur multiple growth alliances in Southwestern Illinois.

Steve Adams, Director of Public Finance with PMA Securities, presented information regarding the College's Moody's Credit Upgrade.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to accept the Consent Agenda which included the October 27, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, financial reports for the period ending October 31, 2025; disbursements and payroll reports for October 2025, and personnel, Foundation, Friends of Fine Arts, and Administrative Reports for November 2025.

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

None

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was held.

RESOLUTION 25-62

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025 TAX LEVY – FISCAL YEAR 2027

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to adopt Resolution 25-62 approving the College's 2025 levy request totaling \$14,674,438 and the taxable property of Community College District #501 be levied for this request as provided for under the laws of the State of Illinois, for the year 2025 and received in the College's fiscal year 2027 to be allocated as follows:

Education	4,977,471
Operations & Maintenance	2,149,362
Additional Education and Maintenance (Equity Tax)	791,870
Liability, Protection & Settlement, Workers Compensation, Unemployment Insurance purposes and Risk Management Purposes	2,158,000
Social Security and Medicare	232,000
Audit	90,000
Protection, Health, and Safety	1,442,335
Subtotaling	11,841,038
Bond and Interest	2,833,400
Total	14,674,438

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 25-63

RESOLUTION TO ABATE THE TAX LEVY FOR SERIES 2018 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE) FOR 2025 LEVY, FISCAL YEAR 2027

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to adopt Resolution 25-63 approving the tax levied for the year 2025 for General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2018 bonds, be abated in its entirety.

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 25-64

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AND CASUALTY PACKAGE, WORKERS' COMPENSATION, AND EXCESS EARTHQUAKE COVERAGE (100% LIABILITY, PROTECTION AND SETTLEMENT FUNDING/FUND 12)

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to adopt Resolution 25-64 approving the College insurance coverage through Relations Insurance Services for the year December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2026, as follows:

1. 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 Liability, and Excess Liability coverage package through Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) at an annual premium of \$364,110; and
2. Workers' Compensation coverage through (ICRMT) at an annual premium of \$129,935; and
3. Excess earthquake coverage of \$20 million through the Insurance Company of the West at an annual premium of \$89,740.

The total cost for the annual renewal is \$583,785.

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 25-65

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A REACH LIFT TRUCK PERSONAL SIMULATOR (100% CENTRALIA CORRECTIONAL CENTER EDUCATION PROGRAM CTEI FUNDING)

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to adopt Resolution 25-65 approving the purchase of a new Reach Lift Truck Personal Simulator from Moss Enterprises of Johnston, IA, in the amount of \$53,898.00.

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.

APPROVAL OF RESTRUCTURE OF WORKFORCE EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE GRANT LEAD

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to approve the restructure of the current SEALS Coach/Academic Advisor position to Director of Workforce Empowerment Initiative (WEI) at an annual salary of \$66,661.12 effective December 16, 2025.

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 NASHVILLE EDUCATION CENTER COORDINATOR

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to approve the hire of Madison Althoff as Nashville Education Center Coordinator effective December 1, 2025 at an hourly rate of \$19.82.

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.

FIRST READING - NEW CAMPUS SAFETY & TRESPASS POLICY 2.2000

The First Reading of the new Campus Safety & Trespass Policy 2.2000 was presented. The final reading and approval will be at the December 2025 meeting.

FIRST READING – NEW RIGHT TO PROTEST POLICY 2.2001

The First Reading of the new Right to Protest Policy 2.2001 was presented. The final reading and approval will be at the December 2025 meeting.

SECOND READING - REVISIONS TO AND RENAMING OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES BUDGET POLICY TO CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS BUDGET POLICY 5.4401

Motion by Bryan Holthaus to approve the final reading of revisions to and renaming of Student Activities Budget Policy to Clubs and Organizations Budget Policy 5.4401.

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. Master Facilities and Improvement Plan (MFIP) Update (December)
- B. Lab Fee Changes - Informational Only (December)
- C. Continued Employment of Probationary and Tenured Faculty (December)

TRUSTEE AND PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

- Basketball season is officially underway. The Blue Devils opened with a strong win against Oakland City University.
- Former Kaskaskia College student Blake Twendhafel was just named National Winner for American Star in Agribusiness.
- The Music Department hosted its “*Vox Animals*” concert on the November 4, 2025. A recording of the concert is available to watch on Facebook.
- Student Congress has been hosting a food drive this month to help stock the College’s free snack station. The faculty/staff member who receives the most votes from the food drive will get a pie in the face.
- Last month, 15 KC Now students toured North American Lighting, Intermountain Electronics, and Bettendorf Stanford to explore local career opportunities.
- Students enjoyed a variety of evening activities throughout the month, including kickball, dodgeball, wiffle ball, and volleyball.
- The Theatre Department presented its play *Blind Date* from November 21-23, 2025.
- The ACE is starting to offer several festive activities to kick off the holiday season, including bag decorating, puzzles, and a coat drive.
- A Student Huddle was held on November 18, 2025, giving students a chance to share feedback and suggestions for improving the College.
- On November 6, 2025, students took part in a Student-Professional Mixer, where they practiced networking and learned directly from industry professionals.
- On the November 14, 2025, the Business Club visited Excel Bottling in Breese, met with the President and CEO Bill Meier, and toured the facility.
- The Industrial and Construction Trades Club is selling hats for \$25 each until November 25, 2025, to raise funds for the Industrial Technology, Welding, HVAC, and Carpentry programs.
- Spring 2026 enrollment is now open.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

- President Evans congratulated Michael Christensen and Kendra Ripperda from the Foundation for a fun and successful gala. The Foundation raised \$79,000.
- President Evans thanked the Board of Trustees for their vision for the College and their continued support.
- The annual Christmas holiday celebration is scheduled for December 12, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Louis Kalert to adjourn. All members voted yes by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Chair, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College

RESOLUTION 25-62

**KASKASKIA COLLEGE
RESOLUTION
Calendar Year 2025 Tax Levy
FISCAL YEAR 2027**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Kaskaskia College, Community College District No. 501 ("College"), Counties of Bond, Clinton, Fayette, Jefferson, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, St. Clair, and Washington, State of Illinois, estimates that its 2025 Tax Levy shall be greater than 105% of the amount extended upon the final aggregate levy extensions of the preceding year; and

WHEREAS, the Truth in Taxation Act requires each taxing district to disclose by public notice and hold a separate public hearing on its intention to adopt an aggregate tax levy in an amount greater than 105% of the amount of property taxes estimated to be extended upon the final aggregate levy extensions plus any amount abated in prior extensions, exclusive of election costs and exclusive of the taxes necessary to meet the bond principal and interest requirements for the preceding year, which notice must be published no more than 14 days nor less than 7 days prior to the date of public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the College has satisfied the preceding requirements by conducting a truth in taxation public hearing on November 24, 2025, and published a notice in five newspapers with circulation in the district as well as on the College website during the specified time; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the annual budget of Kaskaskia College, Community College District No. 501 for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2025 and the College's strategic plan, it is estimated that the aggregate amount necessary to be levied for fiscal year 2027, exclusive of election costs, and exclusive of the taxes necessary to meet the bond principal and interest requirements, exceed 105% of the amount of property taxes estimated to be extended upon the final aggregate levy extensions, plus any amount abated; and

WHEREAS, the College Board of Trustees has issued bonds, and those obligations were previously submitted to the county clerks to authorize an annual tax levy sufficient to pay the annual principal and interest payments on such bonds; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Kaskaskia College, Community College District #501, that the College's 2025 levy request totals **\$14,674,438**, and the taxable property of Community College District #501 will be levied for this request as provided for under the laws of the State of Illinois, for the year 2025 and received in the college's fiscal year 2027 to be allocated as follows:

Education	4,977,471
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Dated this 24th day of November 2025

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**KASKASKIA COLLEGE
RESOLUTION TO ABATE THE TAX LEVY FOR SERIES
2018 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS
(ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE) FOR 2025 LEVY,
FISCAL YEAR 2027**

RESOLUTION abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2025 to pay debt service on the Series 2018 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), of Community College District No. 501, Counties of Clinton, Bond, Fayette, Jefferson, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, St. Clair and Washington and State of Illinois.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of Kaskaskia College, Community College District No. 501, Counties of Clinton, Bond, Fayette, Jefferson, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, St. Clair and Washington and State of Illinois (the “District”), by resolution adopted on the 18th day of December, 2008 (the “*2008 Resolution*”), did provide for the issue of \$3,300,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2009 (the “*Prior Bonds*”), and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Prior Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board by resolution adopted on the 27th day of August 2018 (the “*2018 Resolution*”), did provide for the issue of \$2,133,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2018, dated September 13, 2018 (the “*Bonds*”) for the purpose of refunding the remaining portion of the District’s outstanding Prior Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds were issued by the District pursuant to the terms of the 2018 Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined and does hereby determine that the Pledged Revenues will provide an amount not less than 1.25 times debt service of all the Bonds in the next succeeding bond year (June 1 and December 1) or alternative funding sources will be identified; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the best interests of the District that the tax heretofore levied for the year 2025 to pay principal and interest on the Bonds be abated; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Trustees of Kaskaskia College, Community College District No. 501, Counties of Clinton, Bond, Fayette, Jefferson, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, St. Clair and Washington and State of Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Abatement of Tax. The tax heretofore levied for the year 2025 for General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2018 bonds, is hereby abated in its entirety.

Section 2. Filing of Resolution. Forthwith upon the adoption of this resolution, the Secretary of the Board shall file a certified copy hereof with the County Clerks of Clinton, Bond, Fayette, Jefferson, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, St. Clair and Washington Counties, Illinois, and it shall be the duty of said County Clerks to abate said tax levied for the year 2025 in accordance with the provisions hereof.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Dated and adopted this 24th Day of November 2025.

Chair, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College

RESOLUTION 25-64

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AND CASUALTY PACKAGE,
WORKERS' COMPENSATION, AND
EXCESS EARTHQUAKE COVERAGE
(100% LIABILITY, PROTECTION, AND SETTLEMENT FUNDING / FUND 12)**

WHEREAS, Kaskaskia College, Community College District #501 ("College") seeks to secure insurance coverage in the areas of commercial property and casualty beginning December 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Kane Insurance Agency in Salem was selected as the College insurance broker in October 2021, and the complexities of the request for proposal process for insurance brokers and coverages is such that this process is not repeated annually; and

WHEREAS, the term of the contract with Kane Insurance Agency includes the option of four (4) subsequent annual renewals; and

WHEREAS, this renewal represents the fourth of four renewal periods; and

WHEREAS, Kane Insurance Agency recently partnered with Relations Insurance Services and, while the name has changed, the staff have remained the same and the College continues to receive great service from the staff; and

WHEREAS, Relations Insurance Services has obtained quotes from Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) and the Insurance Company of the West for insurance coverage that provides the necessary and adequate coverage for the College's needs; and

WHEREAS, renewal rates have been received from ICRMT for coverage levels consistent with prior year including \$5 million of earthquake coverage; and

WHEREAS, ICRMT is only able to provide \$5 million of earthquake coverage as stipulated by their reinsurance carrier, which is common in the industry to prevent carrier financial insolvency, and \$20 million of additional earthquake coverage has been secured with The Insurance Company of the West (ICW) similar to prior years; and

WHEREAS, the premium for the additional \$20 million earthquake coverage represents a 3% increase but if not secured at that level, regaining such coverage in the future is a risk; and

WHEREAS, the total of all premiums reflects a \$53,986 or 11% increase over the prior year; and

WHEREAS, ICRMT is an industry leader in providing insurance for Illinois public

entities and the education industry, respectively. ICRMT is not organized as an insurance company and does not have an AM Best rating assigned; and

WHEREAS, ICW has an AM Best financial strength rating of A for excellent; and

WHEREAS, the premiums for all coverage total \$583,785; and

WHEREAS, College Administration continues to review coverage throughout the year to maintain quality and cost-effective coverages and minimize risk.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Kaskaskia College, Community College District #501, approve the College insurance coverage through Relations Insurance Services for the year December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2026, as follows:

1. 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 Liability, and Excess Liability coverage package through Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) at an annual premium of \$364,110; and
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RESOLUTION 25-65

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF REACH LIFT TRUCK PERSONAL SIMULATOR (100% CENTRALIA CORRECTIONAL CENTER EDUCATION PROGRAM CTEI FUNDED)

WHEREAS, the College's education program at the Centralia Correctional Center (CCC) is continuing to develop the Warehousing program; and

WHEREAS, one aspect of instructional equipment that needs to be purchased includes a Reach Lift Truck Personal Simulator to safely teach material handling skills; and

WHEREAS, Simlog leads the market with the most extensive lineup of simulation software for heavy equipment used in material handling, construction, mining, and forestry; and

WHEREAS, Simlog training products replicate real-world environments for future material handlers that will work in warehouses and distribution centers; and

WHEREAS, Simlog training simulators are designed to engage the student's learning experience and retain information better through interactive simulation; and

WHEREAS, Simlog's Reach Lift Truck Personal Simulator is suitable for OSHA Class 2 operating training programs; and

WHEREAS, per a sole source letter provided by Simlog, Moss Enterprises of Johnston, IA, is the authorized sole source representative in Illinois for Amatrol education and industrial training programs; and

WHEREAS, Moss Enterprises has provided the following price quotation. Additionally, the source of funding for each component has been indicated:

Item Description	Unit Price	Funding Source
Commercial Software License for Simlog's Reach Lift Truck Personal Simulator	\$9,000.00	CTEI Funded
Commercial Software License For Simlog's Simulation Manager	\$2,000.00	CTEI Funded
Industrial Controls for Reach Lift Truck Simulator	\$28,950.00	CTEI Funded
Vibration System for Chair	\$550.00	CTEI Funded
Dell Alienware Gaming Desktop	\$5,449.00	CTEI Funded
4 - Samsung 50" Class Smart TV W/ Cart	\$3,800.00	CTEI Funded
Installation	\$1,999.00	CTEI Funded
Simlog Training	\$500.00	CTEI Funded
Estimated Shipping	\$1,650.00	CTEI Funded
TOTAL PRICE:	\$53,898.00	

And,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Illinois Public Community College Act (110 ILCS 805/3-27.1), this purchase is exempt from the bidding requirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF KASKASKIA COLLEGE, COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT #501, that the Board approves the purchase of a Reach Lift Truck Personal Simulator from Moss Enterprises of Johnston, IA, in the amount of \$53,898.00.

Dated this 24th day of November 2025

Chair, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College