

KASKASKIA COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES #501
October 27, 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, October 27, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lifelong Learning Center on the Kaskaskia College (College) main campus.

APPOINTMENT OF PRO-TEMPORE SECRETARY

Chair Bill Hawley appointed Bryan Holthaus as Pro-Tempore Secretary in the absence of Laura Wedekemper.

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

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

College staff members attending in person were George Evans, Levi Cross, Cary Day, Tena Elliott, Joy Fitts, Sara Hanks, Kellie Henegar, Laura Huge, George Kriss, Julie Obermark, Staci Palm Karol Potter, Shawn Richards, Garland Simmons, Josie Spihlmann, Jeff Thomas, Kylee Williams, Nathan Young, 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 Coach Mike Hargis and the Cross Country Team; Ben Frazier from The Family YMCA of Fayette County; and Luke Easton representing the City of Centralia.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Approved 11/24/25

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the Consent Agenda included

September 22, 2025 Bond Hearing Minutes

September 22, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2025 Community Meeting – Salem Education Center

Ratification and approval of disbursements and payrolls for September 2025 which includes travel reimbursements for board members and College employees if any requested reimbursement exceeds maximum allowable costs, Treasurer Report, Budget Report, Personnel Report, Kaskaskia College Foundation Report, Kaskaskia College Friends of Fine Arts Report, and Administrative Reports which include the Executive Services Report, Administrative Services Report, Institutional Support and Technology Services Report, Instructional Services Report, and Student Services Report.

Motion by Louis Kalert to accept the Consent Agenda.

Roll call:

Craig Finke	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes		

Motion was approved.

OLD UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION

A Closed Session was not held.

APPROVAL OF YMCA VANDALIA EDUCATION CENTER AGREEMENT

Motion by Louis Kalert to approve the updated 99-Year Lease Agreement between Kaskaskia College and The Family YMCA of Fayette County thereby restating and replacing the existing 2021 Lease Agreement to now include the additional ten (10) acres of land directly west of the current leased parcel adjacent to the Vandalia Education Center property.

Roll call:

Craig Finke	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes		

Motion was approved.

Approved 11/24/25

APPROVAL OF 2027-2028 ACADEMIC CALENDARS

Motion by Linda Stover to approve the 2027-2028 Academic Calendars as presented.

Roll call:

Craig Finke	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes		

Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF 2026 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING CALENDAR

Motion by Louis Kalert to approve the 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar as presented.

Roll call:

Craig Finke	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes		

Motion was approved.

**GREENVILLE FCI MECHATRONICS & INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM
INACTIVATION**

Motion by Louis Kalert to discontinue the Industrial Technology program at Greenville Federal Correctional Institution effective November 25, 2025, due to the conclusion of the Federal Bureau of Prisons contract and to eliminate the full-time Industrial Technology Instructor position at Greenville Prison effective December 31, 2025.

Roll call:

Craig Finke	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes		

Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF THEATRE PRODUCTIONS ADMISSION

Motion by Louis Kalert to approve charging of admission for all theatre productions beginning Spring 2026. Ticket revenues will be restricted solely to production expenses. Proposed pricing is designed to remain affordable: \$12 for adults (18+), \$10 for seniors (62+), \$5 for children (17 and younger), FREE to Kaskaskia College students with proof of ID and for students enrolled in production coursework. In addition, one theatre production will be marketed as a “pay what you can” performance.

Roll call:

Craig Finke	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes		

Motion was approved.

RESOLUTION 25-54

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A GREENLEE 881 HYDRAULIC BENDER (100% FUNDED BY TRADES SCHOOL PROGRAM GRANT)

Motion by Louis Kalert to adopt Resolution 25-54 approving the purchase of a new Greenlee 881 Hydraulic Bender from Echo Electric from Mount Vernon, Illinois in the amount of \$23,150.00.

Roll call:

Craig Finke	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes		

Motion was approved.

RESOLUTION 25-55

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A USED SKID STEER AND ATTACHMENTS WITH PURCHASE TO BE RATIFIED AT A SUBSEQUENT BOARD MEETING

Motion by Linda Stover to adopt Resolution 25-55 authorizing the purchase of a used skid steer and attachments at a price not to exceed \$75,000, with ratification of the purchase at a subsequent Board meeting.

Roll call:

Craig Finke	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes		

Motion was approved.

RESOLUTION 25-56

RESOLUTION FOR DISPOSITION OF COLLEGE PROPERTY

Motion by Craig Finke to adopt Resolution 25-56 declaring the equipment as “no longer needed for College purposes” and that the College Administration dispose of such equipment in accordance with College Policy #2.6001.

Roll call:

Craig Finke	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes		

Motion was approved.

Approved 11/24/25

RESOLUTION 25-57

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION TO WELDING PROGRAM

Motion by Linda Stover to adopt Resolution 25-57 accepting the in-kind gift of steel from Freight Car Locomotive Experts (FCLE) with sincere appreciation for their generosity and support of Kaskaskia College students and programs.

Roll call:

Craig Finke	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes		

Motion was approved.

RESOLUTION 25-58

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROTECTION, HEALTH, AND SAFETY (PHS) PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

Motion by Louis Kalert to adopt Resolution 25-58 approving the recommended Protection, Health, and Safety Project for Fiscal Year 2027 for repair and alteration as follows:

Gymnasium Addition Project	\$1,442,335
TOTAL	\$1,442,335

Roll call:

Craig Finke	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes		

Motion was approved.

RESOLUTION 25-59

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLISH NOTICE REGARDING AN INCREASE IN THE 2025 AGGREGATE TAX LEVY AS REQUIRED BY THE TRUTH IN TAXATION ACT

Motion by Louis Kalert to adopt Resolution 25-59 approving the following:

1. A public hearing shall be held by Kaskaskia College, Community College District #501 on the 24th day of November, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wedekemper Boardroom in the Lifelong Learning Center Building at Kaskaskia College, located at 27210 College Road, Centralia, Illinois, with respect to the district’s intention to adopt an aggregate tax levy for calendar 2025 in an amount greater than 105% of the amount of property taxes levied for 2024, plus any amount abated, exclusive of election costs.
- b. That notice of such hearing shall be published not more than 14 days nor less than 7 days prior to the date of the as prescribed in Chapter 35, ILCS 200, Section 18-80 of the Truth in Taxation Act, in a newspaper of general circulation published in each county in which any part of Community College District #501 is located, and it shall be posted on the Kaskaskia College website.

Approved 11/24/25

- c. The aggregate amount of money estimated to be levied for the calendar year 2025, exclusive of election costs, is \$14,899,438, which is more than 105% of the aggregate amount levied in 2024.

Roll call:

Craig Finke	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes		

Motion was approved.

RESOLUTION 25-60

RESOLUTION ON INTENT TO LEVY AN EQUITY TAX PURSUANT TO SECTION 3-14.3 OF THE ILLINOIS PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACT

Motion by Craig Finke to adopt Resolution 25-60 approving the intent to levy for purposes of a combined educational and operations and maintenance rate of 27.80 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation in accordance with the provisions of 110 ILCS 805, Section 3-14.3, which represents an equity rate of 2.80 cents as stipulated in the terms set forth in the letter of eligibility received from the Illinois Community College Board authorizing the Board to levy an equity tax pursuant to 110 ILCS 805, Section 3-14.3 of the Illinois Public Community College Act.

Roll call:

Craig Finke	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes		

Motion was approved.

RESOLUTION 25-61

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EXTENDING CENTRALIA TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICT #3

Motion by Louis Kalert to adopt Resolution 25-61 supporting the City of Centralia’s request to extend it Downtown Tax Increment Financing District #3 for an additional twelve (12) years to generate development within the TIF area and the ability to be competitive in efforts to attract new development

Roll call:

Craig Finke	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes		

Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF RETIREMENT OF STAFF ACCOUNTANT II

Motion by Louis Kalert to accept the retirement of Misty Pawlisa as Staff Accountant II effective December 31, 2025.

Roll call:

Approved 11/24/25

Craig Finke	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes		

Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF RECLASSIFICATION OF CULINARY SERVICES ASSISTANT POSITION FROM 30 HOURS TO 40 HOURS

Chair Hawley noted a correction to clarify the recommended action is to replace a current 30-Hour Culinary Services Assistant Cafeteria/Catering position with a 40-Hour Culinary Services Assistant Cafeteria/Catering position upon the retirement of the individual currently occupying the 30-Hour position effective February 13, 2026.

Motion by Linda Stover to approve the replacement of a 30-Hour Culinary Services Assistant Cafeteria/Catering position with a 40-hour Culinary Services Assistant Cafeteria/catering position with an hourly wage of \$19.05 effective February 13, 2026. This position is a member of the of the Carpenter’s Union and is eligible for fringe benefits.

Roll call:

Craig Finke	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes		

Motion was approved.

FIRST READING – REVISIONS TO AND RENAMING OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES BUDGET POLICY TO CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS BUDGET POLICY 5.4401

The First Reading of revisions to and the renaming of Student Activities Budget Policy to Clubs and Organizations Budget Policy 5.4401 was presented. The final reading and approval will be at the November 2025 meeting.

SECOND READING – REVISIONS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS BYLAW 1.1000

Motion by Louis Kalert to approve the final reading of revisions to Board of Trustees Meetings Bylaw 1.1000 as presented.

Roll call:

Craig Finke	yes	Louis Kalert	yes
Bill Hawley	yes	Linda Stover	yes
Bryan Holthaus	yes		

Motion was approved.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Master Facilities and Improvement Plan (MFIP) Update (November)
- B. Truth in Taxation Hearing (November)
- C. Resolution to Approve the 2025 Tax Levy – Fiscal year 2027 (November)
- D. Resolution to Abate the Tax Levy for Series 2018 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) for 2025 Levy, Fiscal year 2027 (November)

Approved 11/24/25

- E. Resolution to Approve Commercial Property and Casualty Package, Workers' Compensation, and Excess Earthquake Coverage (100% Liability, Protection and Settlement Funding/Fund 12)

TRUSTEE AND PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Student Trustee Meagan Mahlandt was not present to report.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

- President Evans advised legislators will be transitioning to the end of the veto session this week. There are potential amendments to the Higher Education Act; however, legislation is still pending. If there is changing litigation or legislation that does pass the house or senate, there may be a need to schedule a special board meeting to pass a policy before January 2026; however, a lot of things will have to happen before that can occur.
- The annual Enduring Freedom celebration is scheduled for November 5, 2025. Guests from Land of Lincoln Honor Flight will be the key-note speakers.
- The annual winter gala sponsored by the Kaskaskia College Foundation is scheduled for November 15, 2025. The Foundation has moved away from a casino theme and will be hosting Dueling Pianos for the event.
- President Evans referenced the upcoming Truth and Taxation hearing and the information provided to the Board for review. The seven different levies represent only 20-22% of the overall funding for the institution.
- President Evans mentioned the recently published Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) breakdown of fall enrollment overall as a community college system. Enrollment in the community college system is up again for the sixth or seventh semester. Kaskaskia College's numbers continue to look good. While the number of high school graduates in the district is expected to decline over the next several years, the College will continue to pursue its market share of high school graduates as well as those non-traditional students. Overall, both the College and the Illinois community college system are in good shape enrollment wise.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Louis Kalert to adjourn. All members voted yes by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Chair, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College

Approved 11/24/25

RESOLUTION 25-54

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A GREENLEE 881 HYDRAULIC BENDER
(100% FUNDED BY TRADES SCHOOL PROGRAM GRANT)**

WHEREAS, Kaskaskia College has been awarded a Trade School Grant from the Illinois Community College Board to enhance instructional capabilities at the Trenton Education Center; and,

WHEREAS, the Greenlee 881 Hydraulic Bender is recognized as the industry standard for bending conduit, essential for the Residential and Commercial Electricity program; and,

WHEREAS, the acquisition of this equipment aligns with employer expectations and enhances student readiness for the workforce by providing hands-on training with tools commonly used in the electrical trade; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to publishing a legal notice in the August 30, 2025, edition of the Centralia Morning Sentinel, the following vendors were emailed a copy of the invitation to bid document:

Vendor	City/State
Springfield Electric	Mt. Vernon, IL
Kirby Risk	Mt. Vernon, IL
Butler Supply	Centralia, IL

And,

WHEREAS, a solicitation of bids was conducted, and the following sealed bid were received:

Vendor	Bid Price	Shipping/ Delivery	Total Bid Price
Echo Electric	\$23,150.00	\$0	\$23,150.00
Kirby Risk	\$25,285.43	\$0	\$25,285.43
Butler Supply	Did Not Bid	N/A	N/A

WHEREAS, funding for this purchase will be sourced from the Trades School Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Kaskaskia College Board of Trustees of Kaskaskia College District 501** hereby approves the purchase of one Greenlee 881 Hydraulic Bender from Echo Electric of Mount Vernon, Illinois in the amount of \$23,150.00.

Dated 27th day of October 2025

Chair, Board of Trustees

Kaskaskia College

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Kaskaskia College

RESOLUTION 25-55

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A USED SKID STEER AND ATTACHMENTS WITH PURCHASE RATIFIED AT A SUBSEQUENT BOARD MEETING

WHEREAS, the College 3 Year Capital Plan has dedicated funds to secure a skid steer and necessary attachments to support Campus Operations; and

WHEREAS, the skid steer will provide Campus Operations with a high versatile piece of equipment that enhances efficiency by supporting tree removal, snow and ice management, sidewalk and parking lot cleaning, and a wide range of other essential tasks; and

WHEREAS, the necessary attachments are white non-marking tracks (allows use on concrete without leaving black marking), forks (acting as a secondary forklift), grapples (allows moment of bulky or irregular materials such as logs), snow box (snow removal), and broom (sidewalk, fitness trail and parking lot clean up); 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 inventory is subject to change on a daily basis. It is anticipated that a skid steer and necessary attachments will exceed \$25,000.

WHEREAS, for the reasons indicated above, it is requested that the Board authorize the purchase of a skid steer and necessary attachments with the purchase ratified at a subsequent Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, minimum specifications for evaluation will be developed to include, but not 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 \$75,000, so the purchase of a used skid steer and necessary attachments 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 skid steer and necessary attachments at a price not exceeding \$75,000 with purchase ratified at a subsequent Board meeting.

Dated this 27th of October 2025

Chair, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College

RESOLUTION 25-56

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 this 27th day of October 2025

Chair, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College

**SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR DISPOSAL – ACTIVE LIST
OCTOBER 2025**

ITEMS TO BE AUCTIONED

Item Description	Quantity	Property Tag #	Manufacturer	Model #	Serial #
272 Gravely Mower	1	22295	Gravely	992160	002523
Snow Blower	1	23352	MTD	31AH6YEG795	IL220B40620
Cheetah Zero-Turn Mower	1	27130	SCAG	SCZ72V-34CV- EFI	K1100261

ITEMS TO BE SALVAGED

Item Description	Quantity	Property Tag #	Manufacturer	Model #	Serial #

ITEMS TO BE DONATED

ITEM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	PROPERTY TAG #	MANUFACTURER	MODEL #	SERIAL #
Marching Quad Drums	2	N/A	Evans	N/A	N/A
Quad Drum Stands	2	N/A	Stadium Hardware	N/A	N/A
Marching Snare Harness	8	N/A	XL Lite	N/A	N/A
Marching Bass Drum (XS)	1	N/A	Yamaha	N/A	N/A
Marching Bass Drum (S)	1	N/A	Yamaha	N/A	N/A
Marching Bass Drum (M)	1	N/A	Yamaha	N/A	N/A
Marching Bass Drum (L)	1	N/A	Yamaha	N/A	N/A
Marching Bass Drum (XL)	1	N/A	Ludwig	N/A	N/A
Marching Snare Drums	4	N/A	Ludwig	N/A	N/A

RESOLUTION 25-57

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN IN-KIND GIFT FROM FREIGHT CAR LOCOMOTIVE EXPERTS (FCLE)

WHEREAS, the Kaskaskia College Foundation has received an in-kind gift from Freight Car Locomotive Experts (FCLE) of Centralia, Illinois, consisting of miscellaneous metal pipe and fittings to be used as instructional supplies for the Kaskaskia College Welding Department; and

WHEREAS, the donated items have value to the Kaskaskia College Welding Program and are in good condition, as determined by the donor; and

WHEREAS, the gift will directly benefit Kaskaskia College students by enhancing instructional resources and supporting hands-on training in the Welding Program; and

WHEREAS, this gift has been reviewed and recommended for acceptance in accordance with Kaskaskia College Foundation and College policy regarding in-kind gifts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kaskaskia College Board of Trustees formally accepts this in-kind gift from Freight Car Locomotive Experts (FCLE) with sincere appreciation for their generosity and support of Kaskaskia College students and programs.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Trustees of Kaskaskia College this 27th day of October, 2025.

Chair, Kaskaskia College Board of Trustees

Secretary, Kaskaskia College Board of Trustees

RESOLUTION 25-58

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
PROTECTION, HEALTH, AND SAFETY (PHS) PROJECTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Illinois Public Community College Act and rules of the Illinois Community College Board, Kaskaskia College, Community College District #501 (“College”), is authorized to complete necessary projects dealing with the protection, health and safety of students, employees, or visitors; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for repair and alteration of certain facilities of the College that meet the PHS criteria and have been prioritized through the development of a Master Facilities and Improvement Plan (MFIP); and

WHEREAS, Section 3-20.3.01 of the Public Community College Act and Section 1501.601 – 608 of the Administrative Rules of the Illinois Community College Board authorize the Board of Trustees, by proper resolution which specifically identifies the projects, to levy a tax for project(s) that meet the PHS criteria on the equalized assessed value (EAV) of all the taxable property of the district at a rate not to exceed \$.05 per \$100 of EAV per year for a period sufficient to finance such project(s); and

WHEREAS, the College has identified in conjunction with a licensed architect and engineer the following projects at Kaskaskia College which require repair or alterations as defined in Section 1501.601 of the Administrative Rules; and

WHEREAS, the project recommended for repair and alterations is

Gymnasium Addition Project	\$1,442,335
TOTAL	\$1,442,335

And,

WHEREAS, the Board certifies the project also meet the requirements of Section 110 ILCS 805/3-20.3.01 of the Illinois Public Community College Act and Section 1501.601 – 608 of the Administrative Rules of the Illinois Community College Board and are necessary projects for energy conservation, health and safety, environmental protection, or handicapped accessibility and not routine maintenance projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Kaskaskia College, Community College District #501, as follows:

1. The physical facilities described in the projects set forth above require qualifying alterations or repairs and have been identified as priorities in the Master Facilities and Improvement Plan.
2. There are not sufficient funds available in the Operations and Maintenance Fund of Kaskaskia College to complete the project set forth above.

3. The cost of each of the projects set forth above, as determined in the estimate of a licensed architect or engineer, are each not less than \$25,000, and shall be financed in accordance with Section 3-20.3.01 of the Public Community College Act and Section 1501.601 – 608 of the Administrative Rules of the Illinois Community College Board, as stated above, in the total dollar amount of \$1,442,335.

Dated this 27th day of October 2025.

Chair, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College

RESOLUTION 25-59

**RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLISH NOTICE
REGARDING AN INCREASE IN THE 2025 AGGREGATE TAX LEVY
AS REQUIRED BY THE TRUTH IN TAXATION ACT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees Kaskaskia College, Community College District #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 of property taxes levied in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Truth in Taxation Act requires each taxing district to disclose by public notice and to 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 extended upon the final aggregate levy extensions, plus any amount abated, exclusive of election costs, and exclusive of the taxes necessary to meet the bond principal and interest requirement, for the preceding year, which notice must be published no more than 14 days or less than 7 days prior to the date of public hearing; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the annual budget of the College for the fiscal year 2025-2026; continual increases in assessed valuations of property; persistent inflation necessitating the need for compensation adjustments; 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, will exceed 105% of the amount of property taxes extended upon the final aggregate levy extensions of fiscal year 2026, plus any amount abated; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the College to levy an additional tax, the equity tax, as provided for in Chapter 110, Illinois Compiled Statutes (ILCS) 805, Section 3-14.3 of the Illinois Public Community College Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 501, ascertain that the 2025 taxes be levied as follows:

Levy Category	Estimated 2025 Tax Levy	2024 Tax Levy
Education	\$ 4,977,471	\$ 4,343,065
Operations and maintenance	\$ 2,149,362	\$ 1,861,313
Equity	\$ 791,870	\$ 923,211
Liability, Protection, and Settlement Fund	\$ 2,615,000	\$ 1,296,000
Audit	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000
Operations and maintenance-restricted (public, health, safety/PHS)	\$ 1,442,335	\$ 1,240,876
Bond	\$ 2,833,400	\$ 2,774,025
Total Aggregate Tax Levy	\$14,899,438	\$12,528,490

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Kaskaskia College, Community College District #501, as follows:

1. A public hearing shall be held by Kaskaskia College, Community College District #501 on the 24th day of November, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wedekemper Boardroom in the Lifelong Learning Center Building at Kaskaskia College, located at 27210 College Road, Centralia, Illinois, with respect to the district’s intention to adopt an aggregate tax levy for calendar 2025 in an amount greater than 105% of the amount of property taxes levied for 2024, plus any amount abated, exclusive of election costs.

2. That notice of such hearing shall be published not more than 14 days nor less than 7 days prior to the date of the as prescribed in Chapter 35, ILCS 200, Section 18-80 of the Truth in Taxation Act, in a newspaper of general circulation published in each county in which any part of Community College District #501 is located, and it shall be posted on the Kaskaskia College website.

3. The aggregate amount of money estimated to be levied for the calendar year 2025, exclusive of election costs, is \$14,899,438, which is more than 105% of the aggregate amount levied in 2024.

Dated this 27th day of October 2025.

Chair, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College

RESOLUTION 25-60

**RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO LEVY AN EQUITY TAX PURSUANT TO
110 ILCS 805, SECTION 3-14.3 OF THE ILLINOIS PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ACT**

WHEREAS, 110 Illinois Compiled Statutes (ILCS) 805, Section 3-14.3 of the Illinois Public Community College Act authorizes the board of a community college district to levy an equity tax upon the taxable property of the district in any year in which the Illinois Community College Board issues a letter of eligibility to do so; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-14.3 states that the equity tax may be used to increase the total taxing authority of the district to the most recently reported statewide average actual levy rate for educational and operations and maintenance purposes as certified by the Illinois Community College Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Kaskaskia College, Community College District No. 501, Counties of Bond, Clinton, Fayette, Jefferson, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, St. Clair, and Washington, State of Illinois, has received from the Illinois Community College Board a letter of eligibility to levy an equity tax pursuant to Section 3-14.3; and

WHEREAS, said letter of eligibility states that the Board is eligible to levy at a combined educational and operations and maintenance purposes rate up to and including 27.80 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation in accordance with the provisions of Section 3-14.3, which represents an equity rate of 2.80 cents; and

WHEREAS, a copy of said letter of eligibility is attached to this Resolution and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-14.3 requires the Board to publish this resolution after its passage in order to give district voters an opportunity to request a referendum on the equity tax levy proposed herein; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Kaskaskia College students and the district for the Board to state its intent to levy an equity tax under Section 3-14.3; and

WHEREAS, this equity tax will be levied upon taxpayers for calendar year 2025, billed to taxpayers in calendar year 2026, and recognized as revenue by Kaskaskia College in its fiscal year 2027.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Kaskaskia College, Community College District No. 501:

1. The Board has received a letter of eligibility from the Illinois Community College Board authorizing the Board to levy an equity tax pursuant to 110 ILCS 805, Section 3-14.3 of the Illinois Public Community College Act.
2. Kaskaskia College has met all the eligibility requirements of Section 3-14.3.
3. The Board herewith states its intent to levy for purposes of a combined educational and operations and maintenance rate of 27.80 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation in accordance with the provisions of Section 3-14.3, which represents an equity rate of 2.80 cents as stipulated in the terms set forth in the letter of eligibility.
4. The Chairman of the Board and the Secretary are authorized to publish the notice to district voters as required by Section 3-14.3.
5. A certified copy of the Resolution, accompanied by the letter of eligibility, shall be filed in the office of the County Clerks of Bond, Clinton, Fayette, Jefferson, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, St. Clair, and Washington.

Dated this 27th Day of October 2025.

Chair, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College

RESOLUTION 25-61

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A TWELVE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE CITY OF CENTRALIA'S TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT #3

WHEREAS, the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act (65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-1 et seq.) enables municipalities to establish Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts as a financing mechanism to promote the investment in and redevelopment of blighted areas that otherwise may not occur in order to restore and enhance the property tax base of that area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Centralia's TIF District was created in 2003. Since its creation, the City of Centralia has worked with several developers in an attempt to generate development within the TIF area; and

WHEREAS, while some minor success has been achieved such as the acquisition of several downtown parcels for a future mixed-use development, recent disruption to development progress caused by a global pandemic has set back the effectiveness of TIF because of lost time; and

WHEREAS, the City of Centralia wishes to extend its Downtown TIF District #3 for an additional twelve (12) years to generate development within the TIF area and the ability to be competitive in efforts to attract new development; and

WHEREAS, the TIF extension is vital to the City's ability to be competitive in its efforts to attract new development. Without an extension, there is little chance of expanding Centralia's existing tax base to financially support the long-term future needs of all taxing bodies; and

WHEREAS, this extension requires an act of the Illinois State Legislature and the support of the taxing bodies affected by the TIF; and

WHEREAS, the Kaskaskia College Board of Trustees supports its municipal partners in their economic development efforts and understands the long-term direct and indirect benefits the City of Centralia TIF will have on the County as a whole, and in consideration of the overall public best interest, desires to support this extension request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, Kaskaskia College, Community College District #501, hereby supports the City of Centralia's request to extend its Downtown Tax Increment Financing District #3 for an additional twelve (12) years to generate development within the TIF area and the ability to be competitive in efforts to attract new development; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute a certified copy of this Resolution to the City of Centralia's Administrator.

Dated this 27th day of October 2025

Chair, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Kaskaskia College