KASKASKIA COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES #501
September 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes
Greenville Education Center
209 North Third Street
Greenville, IL 62246

ROLL CALL
Chair Bill Hawley convened a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees (Board) on Monday, September 28, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in Rooms G104/G107 of the Greenville Education Center.

APPOINTMENT OF PRO-TEMPORE SECRETARY
Chair Bill Hawley appointed Bryan Holthaus as Pro-Tempore Secretary in the absence of Laura Wedekemper.

ATTENDANCE
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 Andolini Gray was present.

Matt Gardner, Legal Counsel from Robbins Schwartz attended the meeting in person.

College staff members attending in person were President George Evans, Alan Boerngen, Levi Cross, Scott Crothers, Joy Fitts, Sara Hanks, Chris Holloway, Laura Huge, George Kriss, Julie Obermark, Staci Palm, Karol Potter, Shawn Richards, Jeff Thomas, Kylee Williams, and Amy Zanton.

College Legal Counsel, Matt Gardner from Robbins Schwartz attended the meeting in person.

Media attending in person was Steven Stilt of WJBD.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Chairman Hawley led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION
President Evans welcomed everyone in attendance and recognized the members of President's Cabinet present, as well as Director of Information Technology Kylee Williams, Professor and Bond County resident Scott Crothers, Steven Stilt from WJBD, and Matt Gardner from Robbins Schwartz.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Associate Professor of Philosophy Scott Crothers gave commendation to Kellie Henegar, Dean of Arts and Sciences, upon her retirement. Having worked with Mrs. Henegar as an

administrator, colleague, and direct report, Professor Crothers described Mrs. Henegar as a model of kindness, consistency, and generosity throughout her career. She will be deeply missed by her colleagues and the faculty she has supported.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Louis Kalert to accept the Consent Agenda which includes the August 24, 2026 regular meeting minutes; the financial reports for the period ending August, 2026; disbursements, payroll, and personnel reports for August 2026; and the Kaskaskia College Foundation, Kaskaskia College Friends of Fine Arts, and the Administrative Reports for September 2026.

Roll call:

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

Motion was approved.

OLD UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION
A closed session was not held.

APPROVAL OF FY2027 STRATEGIC PLAN ACTION ITEMS
Motion by Louis Kalert to approve the FY2027 Strategic Plan Action items as presented.

President Evans reported that the action items reflect initiatives currently underway as part of the strategic plan approved by the former Board. The plan continues to evolve as new initiatives are added to support ongoing improvement. The College is focusing on enrollment growth in targeted areas, engaging eighth-grade students, and conducting feasibility studies for potential new academic programs.

President Evans reported that the proposed lineman program has been placed on hold due to Lincoln Land Community College's planned $8–$10 million expansion of its existing program. To avoid duplicating a neighboring institution's offerings and to support regional collaboration, Kaskaskia College will redirect its resources toward other strategic initiatives.

Roll call:

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

Motion was approved.

RESOLUTION 26-45
RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
Motion by Linda Stover to adopt Resolution 26-45 approving the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget as presented.

Roll call:

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

Motion was approved.

RESOLUTION 26-46
RESOLUTION FOR TRANSFER OF WORKING CASH FUND INTEREST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027
Motion by Louis Kalert to adopt Resolution 26-46 authorizing the Vice President of Administrative Services / Treasurer of Kaskaskia College to transfer investment earnings from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund in Fiscal Year 2027.

Roll call:

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

Motion was approved.

RESOLUTION 26-47
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE AXIOM BUDGETING & FORECASTING AGREEMENT (100% INSTITUTIONAL FUNDING)
Motion by Bryan Holthaus to adopt Resolution 26-47 approving a one-year extension of the Axiom Budgeting & Forecasting Software agreement with Strata Decision Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, in the amount of $43,564.00 for Fiscal Year 2027.

Roll call:

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

Motion was approved.

RESOLUTION 26-48
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FIRM TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL MARKETING SERVICES
Motion by Louis Kalert to adopt Resolution 26-48 approving the FY2027 Marketing and Strategic Communications Agreement with BAM Marketing Agency, St. Louis,

Missouri, in an amount not to exceed $335,000 and authorizing the President of the College, or his designee, to execute the agreement and all related documents necessary to implement the services considered. Any eligible expenditures funded through grant resources shall be subject to grant approval and authorization for use.

Roll call:

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

Motion was approved.

RESOLUTION 26-49
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW BUS FOR ATHLETIC & STUDENT TRANSPORTATION (100% INSTITUTIONAL FUNDING)

Motion by Linda Stover to adopt Resolution 26-49 approving the purchase of a new bus from Southern Bus & Mobility, of Breese, Illinois, in the amount of $136,455.00, including stainless-steel wheel liners and locking nuts and approving the acceptance of the $1,000.00 trade-in allowance for the College's 2005 Ford E450 Turtle Top bus, resulting in a net purchase price of $135,455.00; and authorizing the administration to finalize financing terms, execute all necessary purchase and financing documents, and complete payment arrangements in accordance with applicable laws, and College policies.

Roll call:

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

Motion was approved.

RESOLUTION 26-50
RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATION OF EQUIPMENT FOR BOARD ROOM REMOTE TELECONFERENCING UPGRADE

Motion by Linda Stover to adopt Resolution 26-50 expressing sincere gratitude to Extron for the contribution of specialized technical equipment to improve the teleconferencing capabilities in the Wedekemper Board Room, and authorizing college administration to complete the receipt and installation of the equipment.

Roll call:

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

Motion was approved.

RESOLUTION 26-51
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF ADULT EDUCATION LAPTOPS & TABLETS (100% ADULT EDUCATION DIGITAL INSTRUCTION GRANT)
Motion by Louis Kalert to adopt Resolution 26-51 authorizing the purchase of Adult Education laptops and tablets through the Adult Education Digital Instruction Grant from the lowest responsible vendor, Data Center Warehouse, and authorizing expenditures in an amount not to exceed $45,773.82, which includes a ten percent (10%) contingency allowance for potential price fluctuations, with any unused contingency not to be expended.

Roll call:

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

Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF RETIREMENT OF DEAN OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Motion by Louis Kalert to accept the retirement of Kellie Henegar as the Dean of Arts and Sciences with a final day of employment of June 30, 2027 and a retirement effective date of July 1, 2027.

President Evans commended Kellie for her dedicated service to the College and faculty, having served under three presidents and led through challenging periods, including a budget impasse and the pandemic. She was recognized as a respected and gracious advocate for faculty and wished well in her retirement and new role as a grandparent.

Roll call:

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

Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF RETIREMENT OF SYSTEMS MANAGER
Motion by Louis Kalert to accept the retirement of Michael Stone as Systems Manager with a final day of employment of November 30, 2026, and a retirement effective date of December 1, 2026.

Roll call:

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

Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION OF HUMAN RESOURCES BUSINESS PARTNER

Motion by Louis Kalert to accept the resignation of Jyron Oliver as Human Resources Business Partner effective September 15, 2026.

Roll call:

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

Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CONSTRUCTION OCCUPATIONS

Motion by Louis Kalert to accept the resignation of Caleb Willman as Assistant Professor of Construction Occupations effective December 14, 2026.

Roll call:

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

Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF RESTRUCTURE OF CAMPUS OPERATIONS DIRECTOR TO EVENT MANAGER

Motion by Louis Kalert to approve the restructure of the position of Director of Campus Operations to the position of Event Manager at a salary range of $60,000 to $79,000 with eligibility for fringe benefits.

Roll call:

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

Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT OF ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT (REPLACEMENT OF STAFF ACCOUNTANT II POSITION)

Motion by Linda Stover to approve the employment of Robin Sanders as an Accounting Assistant effective October 5, 2026 at a salary of $21.00 per hour, 40 hours per week, for an annual wage of $43,680.00 with eligibility for full-time benefits.

Roll call:

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

Motion was approved.

SECOND READING - NEW NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT (NICU) POLICY 4.3052
Motion by Louis Kalert to approve the final reading of the new Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Policy 4.3051 as presented.

Roll call:

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

Motion was approved.

Future Agenda Items

A. Institutional Succession Policy and Procedure
B. Approval of 2028-2029 Academic Calendars
C. Renewal of Prairie Creek Apartment Bed Reservation Agreement
D. Revisions to Vacation Leave for Grant-Funded Employees Policy 4.3105 (Policy 4.3105 will be further revised and presented for a new First Reading at a later date.)
E. Resolution to Approve Protection, Health, and Safety (PHS) Projects for Fiscal Year 2028 (October)
F. Approval of Board of 2027 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar (October)
G. Approval of Assistant Professor of Cybersecurity and Network Administration (October)
H. Resolution on Intent to Levy an Equity Tax Pursuant to Section 3-14.3 of the Illinois Public Community College Act (November)
I. Resolution to Approve the 2026 Tax Levy – Fiscal Year 2028 (November)
J. Resolution to Abate the Tax Levy for Series 2018 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) for 2026 Levy, Fiscal Year 2028 (November)
K. Resolution to Approve Commercial Property and Casualty Package, Workers' Compensation, and Excess Earthquake Coverage (100% Liability, Protection and Settlement Funding/Fund 12) (November)
L. Reappointment of Probationary Faculty (December)
M. Lab Fee Changes for 2027-2028 - Informational Only (December)

TRUSTEE AND PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT
Student Trustee Andolini Gray presented an oral report to the Board which summarized by date as follows:

- An ice cream social was held for students on September 2, 2026.
- The Theatre Guild held auditions for the Hitchcock play on September 14, 2026. Practices have begun and the show dates will be November 20-22, 2026.

- National Voters Registration Day was held on September 15, 2026. Students who registered were entered to win an iPad mini with keyboard, a JBL party box, Beats headphones, a printer, and squishies.
- On September 17, 2026, LPN students shared their community health projects which included topics on energy drinks, alcohol and substance abuse, birth control methods, kidney disease, heart health, brain health, and stress management.
- The fall picnic was held on September 22, 2026, and featured a variety of activities, including karaoke, an impairment-simulation goggle line-walking challenge, a doughnut toss, tours of the Mobile Manufacturing Lab, inflatable axe throwing, and a bouncy house obstacle course. Lunch was provided for all attendees.
- A writing workshop will be held on September 29, 2026.
- A free praise concert hosted by Fellowship of Christian Athletes and The618 will be held on October 18, 2026.
- A pumpkin-decorating contest for Kaskaskia College students will take place in October. Students may pick up pumpkins to carve from October 5 through 9, 2026, and must submit a photo of their completed entry by October 23, 2026. All submissions will be posted on the College's Facebook page, where community members will vote for first-, second-, and third-place winners. The winners will be announced on October 30, 2026.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

- The final anchor sponsor for the scoreboard was secured last week. Appreciation was expressed to Amy Zanton, Mike Christianson, and everyone who contributed to obtaining the sponsors. The College financed the scoreboard through a loan that is being repaid through eight anchor sponsorships, each providing $5,000 annually for three years, totaling $120,000. The College will now pursue $3,000 sponsorships, with the goal of generating ongoing revenue for the athletic programs after the scoreboards are fully paid for.
- The dedication of Classroom L104 as the Joseph H. Heimann Classroom was held on September 23, 2026. The classroom is on the first floor of the Library Building. Joseph Heimann was the first Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the College.
- There is an opportunity for the College to explore enhancements to its plumbing and pipe fitters program. Joy Fitts and other College representatives are coordinating a meeting with the local union in Belleville, continuing the progress on initiatives discussed in July.
- President Evans requested a special meeting of the Board be scheduled before the October regular meeting to discuss the potential naming rights for the gymnasium. Discussions with a prospective honoree are in their final stages among the Foundation, Foundation Board, and College. The proposed contribution exceeds $1 million and would be paid over 15 years. A portion would support the Foundation's unrestricted funds, while approximately two-thirds would fund the KC Now program. This investment could generate an ongoing revenue stream for the program beyond the 15-year payment period. The Board retains final approval

authority, following the established naming rights policies and procedures. The special meeting would be informational only with no Board action taken.

- President Evans reported the College was fortunate enough to receive a Manufacturing Academy Grant from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity in the amount of $6 million. For the first time in its history, the College is constructing a purpose-built manufacturing center rather than renovating a donated facility. The center will directly address the workforce needs of the district.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Louis Kalert to adjourn. All members voted yes by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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Chair, Board of Trustees Kaskaskia College	Secretary, Board of Trustees Kaskaskia College