

KARVES Administrative Board of Control Meeting  
Thursday, November 13, 2025  
Brickstone, 6:00 p.m.

*Members Present*

Beecher-Jack Gaham, Ashley Belt  
Bradley-Matt Vosberg, Jennifer Edmonds  
Grant Park-Jerry Loitz  
Herscher- Richard Decman  
Kankakee-Jenny Way  
Momence- Ashley Luft, Shannon Anderson  
Peotone-Brandon Owens  
Regional Office-Jon Sikma  
St. Anne-Charlie Stegall, Louie Farber

Executive Director – Matthew Kelley  
Assistant Director /Principal – Timothy Guerin  
Dean/Special Projects Coordinator – Lucas Papineau  
Recording Secretary –Amy Gorecki

*Absent: Central, Manteno*  
Minutes

The regular meeting of the Kankakee Area Regional Vocational Education System (KARVES) Administrative Board of Control, Kankakee County, State of Illinois called to order on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Edmonds thanked all of the Veterans in the room for their service and Mr. Kelley thanked Mr. Uthe for his time and service through the years being the KARVES Board Presidents

**GUEST SPEAKER**

- Welcome Angela Morrey from the Economic Alliance. The mission at Economic Alliance is to grow economic base, working on workforce and going to work.
- EDO Economic Development Organization: Includes business for retention, workforce board, connecting with KCC: Different partnerships; Community Stakeholders/leaders, local state lawmakers, State of IL-EDC, Utility Partnerships, Education Institutes, Workforce Board.
- Workforce & Education: From August: 5.7% unemployment (Kankakee County), 4.7% unemployment in Illinois, 4.5% unemployment in the United States.
- Kankakee County has a diverse workforce. High in healthcare, food, and production.
- If you have the opportunity to tour with Gotion, do so! Great to tour 200 plus students and teachers.
- Thrive Magazines are out and great to see what Kankakee County has to offer

## CONSENT AGENDA

1-3 ) Approve the Consent Agenda including Minutes of August KACC/KARVES Executive Board Session Meetings, October Accounts Payable. A motion was made by Dr. Decman seconded by Dr. Vosberg at 6:39 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

## DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

4) Approve the nomination of board president, Jennifer Edmonds and secretary Louie Farber. A motion was made by Dr. Decman, seconded by Dr. Gaham at 6:41p. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5) Mr. Kelley thanked everyone for being at the meeting and welcomed everyone. Mr. Kelley also presented on the following:

- a) Collaboration with Economic Alliance and several other local businesses
- b) Local needs assessment that is completed yearly will be live November 17<sup>th</sup>. Once all 10 schools have completed this, we will complete the comprehensive needs assessment.
- c) Strategic Plan: survey results as of today:
  - a. Working with economic and workforce board, opportunities for employment, continue to focus on teachers and professional development (mentoring program with ROE)
  - b. Continuing to have students engage with business and industry. Looking for future programs and opportunities,
- d) KARVES-Since July 1<sup>st</sup> we have brought in about \$20,000 from state, we did bring in an additional check yesterday, which is not included in this number.
- e) KACC-Is need of a new roof looking into these options. Mr. Guerin will be retiring June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

## KARVES INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- 8 ) Principal's Report: Mr. Guerin welcomed everyone and expressed his appreciation for everyone Mr. Guerin reported for both the Principal's report:
  - a) Mr. Guerin spoke about how well Aviation is going this year and three other Career Centers will be mirroring our program.
  - b) Partnering with the Regional Office to work with the SALT program. Students will have the opportunity to attend KACC to work towards entry-level jobs. Working through the logistics still.
  - c) Over 160 students will be attending KCC nursing program to get hands on learning and details about what KCC offers for nurses/medical field.
- 7) Special Projects Coordinator/Dean of Students: Mr. Papineau was not in attendance. Mr. Guerin spoke about dual credit opportunities and continuing the culture.
- 8) Career Services Department: Ms. Rattin spoke on the following:
  - a) Ms. Rattin spoke about Career Services Department. Currently working towards college/trades/military day.
  - b) Continuing community partnerships. Currently have a great partnership with Nucor and connecting students with careers. Great at supporting initiatives especially positive incentives such as food for the students.
  - c) Students are currently starting internship opportunities in construction, auto, foundations, emt, and law enforcement. There are 21 students who will be going out for this opportunity right now.
  - d) Workplace excellence is going well (soft skills) currently 193 students are exempt, last year there was 176. Great to see this growth.

e) Emerging workforce will be held in the spring time and this is a great opportunity for students to make connection with employers. Sophomore Day was a huge success with over 1100 students with 15 different schools who attended.

f) Students and a few teachers toured Gotion and great opportunity to see the potential for jobs in the future for many students.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business a motion was made by Dr. Decman, seconded by Dr. Gaham at 7:14 p.m to adjourn the meeting of the Kankakee Area Regional Vocational Education System's Administrative Board of Control and Kankakee and Kankakee Area Career Center's Executive Committee. Motion carried by unanimous voice-vote.

Note: The next meeting of the KARVES Administrative Board of Control/KACC Executive Committee will be held on March 12, 2025 6:00 p.m., Brickstone.

As Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Louie Farber  
KARVES Board Secretary

Attested:

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Jennifer Edmonds  
KARVES Board Chairman