

KARVES Administrative Board of Control Meeting  
Thursday, March 12, 2026  
Brickstone, 6:00 p.m.

*Members Present*

Beecher-Jack Gaham, Ashley Belt  
Bradley-Matt Vosberg, Jennifer Edmonds  
Central-Chris Gibson  
Grant Park-John Palan, Jerry Loitz  
Herscher- Richard Decman  
Kankakee-Jenny Way  
Momence- Lynette Thrasher  
Regional Office-Jon Sikma  
St. Anne- Louie Farber  
KCC-Dr. Sewell

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

*Absent: Manteno & Peotone*

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, March 13, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT  
KCC

Dr. Sewell thanked everyone for being there and spoke about the weather situation. She states KCC will be On Monday. Academic affairs: December 2025 was 100% pass rate, RN Graduate in May, 2<sup>nd</sup> section added for C.N.A., Hiring 2<sup>nd</sup> C.N.A. Instructor, Adding evening and Saturday's, Registration is now open, Spring, Explore KCC in July.

- Value feedback
- New director of continuing Ed
- New offerings on Friday night & Saturday Classes

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approve the Consent Agenda, including Minutes of November KARVES Executive Board Session Meetings. A motion was made by Mr. Farber seconded Beecher at 6:20 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2) Mr. Kelley thanked everyone for being at the meeting and welcomed everyone. Mr. Kelley also presented on the following:
- a) KCC Dual Credit Meetings: Law KCC Credit talk, Nursing day at KCC is huge for our students, replicate with manufacturing day April 17<sup>th</sup> with Auto, Welding, and Construction
  - b) CTE Diploma: Final product complex, Thank you, Lucas for the work, Taking skills to next steps and show credit hour to KCC to pathways, value young people and willing to help.
  - c) Community Healthcare Worker: Tangible, looking into this. IDPH & ISBE have new initiative around this.
  - d) Initiatives: Counselors, principals meeting prior to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade day. Currently have 1400 students attending the event.
  - e) Strategic Plan: Still ongoing with timeline, surveys, discussion, regional goals, LaDonna Russel has provided data, present in May. Regional Career Platforms, CTE passport.
  - f) Regional KARVES Data: Per school, action plans created, ROE coaching.

KARVES INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- 3) 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 NTHS induction- 64 Students, portfolio builder & boost
  - b) Prelim numbers are 950-with C.N.A. numbers very high at 200.
  - c) 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Day & Sophomore Day-Sparked a lot of interest, would love for all students in this grade to attend.
  - d) Program meetings this month
  - e) Skills USA-49 students to compete.
- 4) Special Projects Coordinator/Dean of Students: Mr. Papineau spoke about Dual Credit currently 414 students will receive dual credit. He also spoke about parchment and ready to run trial and files that have been delivered.
- 5) Career Services Department: Ms. Rattin spoke on the following:
- a) Ms. Rattin spoke about Internships: 25 students (Foundations of Ed, Construction, sand Automotive)
  - b) Job Shadows: 21 Students (welding, Gotion (construction, Cyber, Eng & Design,) Eng & Design (Carlie, F5D, and Restoration Works)
  - c) Riverside Internship: 12 students applying for C.N.A. positions, 16 competing for 6 spots for General Overview of Health Careers, and 1 student applying for Phlebotomy.
  - d) Events coming up 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Day (March 13), Emerging Workforce (April 10<sup>th</sup>), Signing Day (April 29<sup>th</sup>)
  - e) Career Coaching Curriculum Development: Midland State Bank (financial literacy), scholarship essay writing, and letters of resignation, end of the year surveys from students.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business a motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Kankakee at 7:04 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 May 14, 2026 6:00 p.m., Brickstone.

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

Louie Farber  
KARVES Board Secretary

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_

Jennifer Edmonds  
KARVES Board Chairman