

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

*Members Present*

Beecher-Jack Gaham & Ashley Belt  
Bradley-Matt Vosberg & Jennifer Edmonds  
Central- Matthew Maxwell & Shonna Beckman  
Herscher- Richard Decman  
Kankakee-Gabrielle Garrett  
Momence- Shannon Anderson  
Regional Office-Patty High

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

*Absent: Grant Park, Peotone, St. Anne*

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, 2025 at 6:06 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approve the Consent Agenda including Minutes of November KACC/KARVES Executive Board Session Meetings. A motion was made by Dr. Decman seconded by Dr. Gaham at 6:37 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Kelley introduced the guest speaker, KACC Multimedia Production Instructor, Michael Bozek. Mr. Bozek presented on the following:

- a) Mr. Bozek described his personal experience with 15 years experience with his most recent being with the American Lung Association.
- b) Mr. Bozek described his class as a package. Creating professional portfolios, digital media, and over 109,500 current jobs available. This is a great class to break into the industry.
- c) Showed final exam of Multimedia students that was filmed with welding students. Great editing skills, media literacy. Truly looking at the business side of things. Shows students both Mac and Microsoft operating systems since many organizations are 50/50.

KCC UPDATE

Dr. Sewell updated on the following:

- a) KCC had a team that headed to Houston to an AI convention.

- b) KCC is hosting a two-hour non-credit class on how to raise chickens. This is a \$10 fee to the community
- c) Dr. Sewell covered high level each department including new C.N.A. classes with two cohorts starting and the increase in citizens classes.
- d) KCC is looking to expand the course offerings to weekend classes. They are also looking to continue direct relationships with schools including KACC and direct pipeline.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 4) Mr. Kelley thanked everyone for being at the meeting and welcomed everyone. Mr. Kelley also presented on the following:
- a) EFE Meaning Education for Employment-Described the relationships and experience that students have had and where their experience with KACC has taken them.
  - b) Currently working on Aviation offering for next year and really excited for this. D14 has secured a spot at Kankakee Airport and a classroom, will be getting into this in May to start working on the classroom.
  - c) Last month, went to Washington DC to discuss aviation along with Governor State University. Looking to have a 501(c)3 created to funnel funding regionally. Also meeting soon with elected officials to discuss the opportunities.
  - d) Middle school principals meeting was last week and looking forward to hosting 8<sup>th</sup> grade day with 1300 students.
  - e) Cyber Security will have AP course work for next year which is very exciting.
  - f) Working on a strategic plan and beginning in May looking to have an outline and map out next years meeting.
  - g) Save the date-June 2<sup>nd</sup> KACC Golf outing.

#### KARVES INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- 6) 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 on NTHS and inducted 73 new students. Great ceremony.
  - b) Signing Day is in May and looking forward to a great event.
- 7) Special Projects Coordinator/Dean of Students: Mr. Papineau spoke of his activities from the Dean of Students' perspective and the Special Projects Coordinator . Highlights include:
- a) Mr. Papineau joked about being the last time he ever spoke about fiber optics. The project is now complete, but not after a long time coming
  - b) Assistant Principal meeting is coming up and will be working with different schools to discuss the policies and planning for next year.
  - c) Dual Credit-Just about 500 students will be receiving dual credit from KCC and Prairie State College. The ultimate goal will be to have students receive a semester of college.
- 8) Career Services Department: Ms. Rattin spoke on the following:
- a) Currently have 35 interns that are out and in the community, and over 75 by the end of the year.
  - b) Riverside partnership has been great and currently have 36 students who have expressed interest in the summer internship program at Riverside. Interviews will begin soon and approximately 25 students will have an opportunity to have a summer internship, attend the KCC Phlebotomy program, and C.N.A. employment.
  - c) Currently working with students on scholarships. Looking forward to SkillsUSA in April!

#### ADJOURN:

There being no further business a motion was made by Dr. Gaham, seconded by Ms. Edmonds at 7:06 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, 2025 6:00 p.m., Brickstone.

As Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Edmonds  
KARVES Board Secretary

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Uthe  
KARVES Board Chairman