KARVES Administrative Board of Control Meeting
Thursday, August 13, 2026
Brickstone, 6:00 p.m.

Members Present
Bradley- Jennifer Edmonds
Central-Bri Whybrew, Chris Gibson
Grant Park-Jerry Loitz, Sean McNichols
Herscher- Richard Decman, Jacqueline Reick
Kankakee-Jenny Way
Momence- Shannon Anderson, Ashley Luft
KCC-Dr. Sewell

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

Absent: Beecher, Manteno, 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, August 13 2026 at 6:18 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT
KCC Update

Dr. Sewell gave updates on the following: Students had the opportunity to travel to China with Gotion this summer, great opportunity. Auto lab is up and running and purchased a new tesla. AI courses and certificates are now being offered. Summer CNA courses were a success and all 48 students passed with 100%. Currently 40 RN students signed up for the program and offering CNA classes at night which have been full. Renovation has begun on the third floor.

CONSENT AGENDA

1-3) Approve the Consent Agenda, including Minutes of May KARVES Executive Board Session Meetings, Accounts Payable, and Financial Reports. A motion was made by Central seconded Momence at 6:19 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

4) Approve the final reading of KARVES and KACC Preliminary Annual Budget. A motion was made by Central, seconded by Herscher at 6:29 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
5) Approve the hire C.N.A. Lab Instructor, Ashley Goodman. A motion was made by Herscher, seconded by Central at 6:31pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
6) Approve the final reading of Press Plus 122. A motion was made by Grant Park, seconded by Kankakee at 6:32 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS

7) Mr. Kelley thanked everyone for being at the meeting and welcomed everyone. Mr. Kelley also presented on the following:
   a) Mr. Kelley spoke about the completion of the strategic plan. Several surveys have been sent and gathered for the information.
   b) Recently presented to the state leadership on CTE, great opportunity to speak on our transcripts and diploma we are offering.
   c) Tying CTE and business together into the community as a shared commitment. Last year, four students became pipefitters graduating from KACC. A lot of opportunities for students. Thanks to Ms. Rattin and her team for the work they do with resumes, portfolios, and interview skills. Finding a pathway, purpose, and a plan.

KARVES INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

8) Principal's Report: Mr. Richards welcomed everyone and expressed his appreciation for everyone Mr. Richards reported for both the Principal's report:
   a. First Day of School was great, you could feel the energy. Mr. Richards let the board know that if there is anything you need from him, please communicate that.

8) Special Projects Coordinator/Dean of Students:
   a. Mr. Papineau spoke about policies and procedures and looking into the hand books of each schools to ensure alignment and expectations.
   b. Currently working through the IEP/504 coming through.

5) Career Services Department: Ms. Rattin spoke on the following:
   a) Ms. Rattin spoke about the excitement of having the team back together for another great year.
   b) Ms. Rattin highlighted Aubrey Schaumburg who went to Skills this summer, and placed 13th out of 32. Gotion Summer Internship and 7 of our students attended. Riverside Internship-6 students completed this program and are all employed at Riverside.
   d) Ms. Rattin told the board if there are any opportunities to present at your school or open houses please let her know.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business a motion was made by Grant Park, seconded by Herscher at 7:03 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 November 12, 2026 6:00 p.m., Brickstone.

As Recorded By: _____
Louie Farber
KARVES Board Secretary

Attested: _____
Jennifer Edmonds
KARVES Board Chairman