

**KACTE Board of Directors Minutes**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**April 17, 2025**

President Christi Hack called the KACTE Board of Directors' meeting to order at 5:31 EDT, 4:31 CDT. Refer to the Board Study Package for the written reports covered at the meeting.

Present were President Christi Hack; President-Elect Angela Gott; Treasurer Dexter Knight; Secretary Sharon Collins; Past-president Josh Mitcham; ACTE Region II Representative Kelli Norman; Administration Vice-President Jerri Rowland; Agriculture Vice-Presidents Thomas Poole; Rebecca Hawk and Shane Norris; Family & Consumer Sciences Vice-Presidents Cody Mooneyhan and Susan Dews; Marketing Vice-President Amy Wisdom; Teacher Educator Vice-President Kelsey Chadwick; Awards Chair Laura Spiegelhalter; Scholarship Chair Ryan Deal; Constitution and Bylaws Chair Steve Stubbs; Historian Sarah Raikes; Membership Chair Sarah Tanner; Advocacy Chair Kiley Whitaker; Leadership Co-Chair J.T. Payne; Communications Chair Lauren Ervin; Department of Education Administrative Liaison Tom Thompson; KCTCS Administrative Liaison Kendrah Pearson; Postsecondary Student Liaison Emily Pike; Executive Director Mike Stone; and Assistant Executive Director Kris Stone.

Absent were Guidance Vice-President Mitzi Holland; Business Education Vice-President Dana Baker; Trade and Industry Vice-President Greg Ash; Resolutions Chair Tina Excellent; Leadership Co-Chair Katy Disney.

Present by proxy: Family and Consumer Sciences Vice-President Susan Dews, proxy assigned to Cody Mooneyhan; Health Vice-President Joi Jones, proxy assigned to Mitzi Holland; Engineering and Technology Vice-President Andy Stephenson, proxy assigned to J.T. Payne.

A quorum was present.

Norris moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Norman. Motion carried.

Mitchum moved to approve the January 23, 2025, minutes from the KACTE board meeting. Seconded by Norman. Motion carried.

Hack welcomed everyone and was appreciative of the date change. She reported on the success of 2024 ACTE VISION and the CTSO competition season being underway.

Gott welcomed everyone.

Legislative Agent Jeff Busick shared the General Assembly session ended on March 28, 2025. There were 148 bills passed and 17 joint resolutions. There was HB 190 on advanced coursework and there were amendments made to the bill to make it more neutral and support CTE. HB 241 was the calamity bill that allowed schools some additional ways to make up their days due to natural disasters. HB 240 added a kindergarten screener. Senate bill 207 dealt with the schools of innovation. It was vetoed by the Governor.

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Busick encouraged KACTE to determine what items and budget priorities need to be covered in the next session. Whitaker shared concern over the funding formula and encouraged OCTE to ask for additional funding to cover the ATC's without hurting the local districts. Busick shared they worked with OCTE closely regarding the funding formula. Busick shared there is a request for upgrades to their buildings. Pearson requested information on the DEI bill, but there were no specifics provided. The interim joint committees will start meeting on June 1. The task force has not been approved at this time.

### **Action Agenda:**

Knight reported the investment account is close to \$500,000. In Feb, there were three McMillan scholarships given as well as money for the entrepreneurship contests. For the 2026 budget it is difficult to determine due to the hiring of a new executive director.

Norman moved to approve the 2025-2026 budget. Seconded by Mitchum. Motion carried.

Advocacy Committee Report: Whitaker reported that most of the Advocacy Committee's cinematography efforts have been cancelled for the spring due to the weather. He does hope there will be students at the CTE Summer Program to do some filming, but there will be no video at the opening session due to the inability to film due to weather.

Raikes shared historical data that was started by Donnalie Stratton. Raikes wants to know what the history should include. She instructed members to go to the KACTE website and look under history. Listed are the presidents and a legacy. Honorary life membership is considered an award. Award winners will be added to the history information. Mike can provide highlights of items that have happened since 1999-2000.

Resolutions were developed by Christi Hack. See the board study package. Norman moved to place the resolutions on the Annual meeting agenda. Seconded by Raikes, proxy for Holland. Motion carried.

Mitchum recommended that Knight remain as treasurer. Mitchum received two nominations for President-Elect as well as some names of people interested in serving on committees.

Raikes recommended the Past-President be in charge of the Nominations Committee as well as History chair.

Raikes, as proxy for Holland, moved to add the duties of the Historian to the duties of the Past-President. Seconded by Mitchum. Motion carried. Raikes and Collins will make the edits to the Handbook.

Spiegelhalter reported the KACTE website has been updated with the award forms.

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Pike reported the Postsecondary Student Task Force would like to recommend a standing committee be formed to inform the Teacher Educator VP and Postsecondary Student Liaison about current events and communications. There would be two sections, one for postsecondary educators and one for postsecondary students. The goal is to improve communication between all parties.

Stone reported there is a section in the Bylaws with a committee list. This would need to be sent out to the membership. It was suggested to have an Ad-hoc committee. Hack appointed Emily Pike, Angela Gott, Kelsey Chadwick, Kendrah Pearson, and Lauren Ervin to the Task Force.

Norman provided the guidance report. The Kentucky Advising Academy led the work to create the Kentucky Postsecondary Advising Framework that aligned key advising milestones for all students in grades 6-12 in the following areas: Career Exploration, Postsecondary Opportunities, Financial Aid and Literacy and Essential Skills. A new education and career exploration website, Futuriti, has been launched, and it is available for students.

Hack shared the membership message sent from M. Stone. Gott, Mitchum, Mooneyhan and Ervin will help with the membership efforts. They will be meeting to determine next steps for membership incentives.

Raikes, proxy for Holland, moved to allocate \$1,000 for note cards and postsecondary membership recruitment efforts. Seconded by Gott. Motion carried.

Mooneyhan was appreciative of KACTE providing scholarship opportunities to attend professional development and the national policy seminar. She suggested providing a prize with certain tasks such as first five to register for a conference or reading the e-blast or participating in an activity on social media.

Assistant Executive Director K. Stone reported membership is at 591. The process for collecting dues has changed. John Mitchell is running the ACTE membership portal. There are two divisions - Agriculture and Family and Consumer Sciences collect unified dues. There will be a database to turn in the dues. Registration for the conference is at 1383. KACTE is sponsoring the Belle of Louisville event. City BBQ will be catering. There are three McMillan scholarships that will be mailed.

M. Stone received a request from the Indiana Health Education Network regarding a national conference in Lexington. There was no support.

Deal reported there will be two Perkins Assistance scholarship recipients, one high school and one college. The paperwork will be sent out the last week of April and decisions will be announced in May. Based on the number of applicants and available budget, the number of scholarships will be increased to two in each category.

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M. Stone reported on Thompson's report.

M. Stone reported that everyone will be invited to the awards program on Monday, July 28, 2025. There will be no cost to board members.

The next meeting is July 2025 at the KACTE Summer Program.

Mooneyhan moved to adjourn the meeting. Collins seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Collins, KACTE Secretary