

**Kentucky Association of Career and Technical Education  
Board of Directors Minutes  
FFA Leadership Training Center  
August 29, 2025**

The KACTE Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by KACTE President Angela Gott at the FFA Leadership Training Center on Friday August 29, 2025. Members present were

President Angela Gott called the KACTE Board of Directors' meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. CST. Refer to the Board Study Package for the written reports covered at the meeting.

Present: President Angela Gott; President-Elect Shane Norris; Business Education Vice-President Dana Baker; Family and Consumer Sciences Vice-Presidents Susan Dews and Stephanie Phillips; Marketing Vice-President Amy Wisdom; Teacher Educator Vice-President Lauren Williams; Membership Chair Cody Mooneyhan; Legislative Liaison Kiley Whitaker; 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. Guest included Jeff Busick from McCarthy Strategic Solutions.

Absent: Treasurer Dexter Knight; Agriculture Service Area Vice-Presidents Kaitlin Elliott and Brian Welch; Trade and Industry Service Area Vice President Greg Ash; Engineering and Technology Education Service Area Vice President Andy Stephenson; Bylaws Chair Steve Stubbs, Historian Sarah Raikes, Leadership Committee Co-chairs Katy Disney and J.T. Payne, and Resolutions Committee Chair Tina Excellent.

Present by proxy: Stephanie Phillips served as proxy for Secretary Sharon Collins; Shane Norris served as proxy for Past-President Christi Hack; Susan Dews served as proxy for ACTE Region II Representative Kelli Norman; Lauren Ervin served as proxy for Administration Service Area Vice President Jeff Blythe; Lauren Williams served as proxy for Agriculture Service Area Vice President Thomas Poole; Amy Wisdom served as proxy for Guidance Service Area Vice President Mitzi Holland; Dana Baker served as proxy for Health Service Area Vice-President Joyce Parker.

A quorum was present.

President Angela Gott asked if there were any corrections to the Agenda. Kiley asked to remove member survey update and membership cinematography proposal. Agenda was approved (no motion).

President Angela Gott directed members to the minutes in the packet and asked for corrections. Hearing none minutes were filed. (no motion)

President's remarks: Angela Gott expressed appreciation to all members for service to the organization and the leadership of the board. She encouraged the board members to continue with the theme to Empower, Engage, and Elevate KACTE. Angela presented a thank you from Cindy Clyde at Bernheim, for the excellence in the KACTE Summer Program and a moment of thanks and recognition for Kelsey Chadwick.

Shane Norris, President-Elect, brought greetings to the board and encouraged growth and membership in the organization. Brought concerns of maintaining the legislative program.

Jeff Busick reported the legislators are currently in the Interim session and moving into the budget session in 2026. They are in the process of closing the last fiscal year. 3.5 individual tax, currently not lowering because the legislation missed the point. Spoke about uncertainty from the federal level, and we do not know how that will impact us on a state level, potentially in a significant way. Busick expects it to be a difficult budget session. Fortunately the rainy day fund is in good shape for one time investments versus recurring increases within the budget. Audit of KDE released 6 weeks ago, findings related to state ATC's with procurement, state employees and competitiveness of teacher pay and older buildings that need focus. Representative Calloway from Louisville reached out to McCarthy to help Bullitt build a new ATC and she may be moving forward with legislation for this. CTE Task force assisted with CTE funding and deliverance of funds to be allocated to both ATC's and local programs, but it is time to revisit and build those conversations. Opened the floor for questions. Question (Shane) - With Perkins moving from Dept of Ed to Dept of Labor how will this impact? Jeff Busick does not feel that state legislation even has this on radar. No one publicly talking about other ways to spend Perkins funding. Mike Stone inquired about putting together documentation for the General Assembly before they meet for the budget session and if we should be more involved earlier. Jeff responded that the way they do the budget has changed for now, maybe with a new Governor, there will be a difference but we will likely continue to see the current trend. If we want to provide a list of needs, or if we recommend maintaining, we should get the word out now; no downside in getting that to the legislation now. Putting numbers around workforce needs and how we are meeting those needs through KACTE was a recommendation for data to tie into these documents. Kendrah asked about postsecondary Perkins funds transferring and spoke to her concerns on the issue that new equipment would no longer be funded at the post-secondary level with the Perkins funding and how it will affect the CTE programs to stay current with industry. She expressed concerns about registered apprenticeships and how that funding will impact post-secondary.

Angela Gott moved into Action Agenda with an activity for the board to build teamwork and trust. Members shared out about how they have experienced Empower, Engage and Elevate. Great ideas were generated for the board to move forward this year.

Past President Report - no recommendations beyond board package report on hiring process. September 2, 2025 position will be posted and hiring expected by November 1, 2025.

Advocacy Report - Long legislative session coming, September 24, 2025 joint meeting with KACTE and OCTE to ensure that we are all on the same page for legislative action and moving toward the same CTE goals. Opening the committee to a variety of school districts for representation. The bill is being planned to be filed again with the 60/40 to be 75/25 and switching from 4 incentives to 2 incentives, Kiley plans to dive deeper into this push. Both CTE bills focus on schools to assist with leveling funding between larger districts and smaller districts but there is no data to identify how it would impact school districts. Plans to complete a

video explaining KACTE and Legislative impacts to help members understand what the current issues are and how the advocacy piece works. Focus on marketing videos for social media and newsletter and have students film and create the marketing videos. Potential for a student video contest with rewards for students who win. Recommendations included \$3000 from the budget to allow us to fund the video program and use OCTE CTE Coordinator group to send communication and request. If anyone is doing events in CTE, we can add to the calendar of events where members can search and find events in their area. The Advocacy committee will meet Sept. 16.

Motion was made for \$5000 to be taken from the Reserve Professional Development fund to develop and provide scholarships for the Advocacy Committee by Shane Norris. Seconded by Lauren Ervin. Motion Passes.

A request will be presented to Dr. Beth Hargis for use of the distribution list by Angela Gott.

Membership Report -

Guidance VP Report - given by Angela Gott, no new additions.

Break for Lunch

Reconvene 12:16 p.m.

Scholarship Committee Report- Recommended to continue two students per category \$1000 out of PD reserve. It was recommended by the board members to consider graduate student scholarship for member value. Mike presented an idea of the McMillen Scholarship be amended to include post-graduate study or pre-service the budget would be there. Based on the history the example was given of 6 awarded but budgeted for 10 annually. The conversation was tabled until the November meeting.

Treasurer's Report presented by Kris Stone. Setting up for the new fiscal year, and with the summer program being later, there is a lag in some of the report numbers. \$393,237 in checking \$346,107. This does not include the bill from the Galt House for the CTE Summer Program.

ACTE Region II Report- Region II 2026 meeting with Dustin is underway, the committee has explored Lexington for the location for the conference. It will be in September 2026. There will be another Region II in the Spring of 2027 so that we can cycle with the other regions. The committee will meet again to discuss further planning details. KCTCS offered opportunities for tours if we are interested in utilizing them.

Assistant Executive Directors Report - On summer program - Rated a 4.4 out of 5 for PD, 3.7 for food and beverage, Sched app 84% rated as excellent and it has potential to be developed further moving forward. Tim McDonald through OCTE contacts, developing a leadership program KACTE Education Leadership Conference on September 29, 2025 at KDE and has asked KACTE to handle the logistics for food and beverage and registration as well as

promotional items. The conference will be for anyone in a leadership role, including several virtual leadership options following up afterward.

Executive Directors Report - Gave thanks to the board for the recognition efforts and kindness of the board during summer program. CTE Meeting place exceeded \$60,000 in gross sales which resulted in significant net income for the organization. Participants move to platinum. Issues update was released on Wednesday. Email was sent to staff discussing movement of Perkins funds. The agreement with McCarthy was renewed. CTE learn, fellows is set for September 25-26, 2025 in Bowling Green with 12 in the cohort. SLD will be February 10, 2026 in Frankfort. Region II. Will be presenting a session entitled, "Lessons of 25 Years" at Region II ACTE.

#### Service Area VP Report Comments

Kendra Pearson said that work ready scholarships for KCTCS has been grandfathered for business, and will not be available for business after. Lauren Williams said that she did not send in a report.

#### Committee Reports

##### Liaison Representative Reports

Tom Thompson said that Nathan Lytle is available to come to events for marketing with the link for such on his board report.

Kendrah Pearson said that KCTCS is available if you ever need it for event space please reach out to her.

#### Old Business

No old business was brought.

#### New Business

No new business was brought.

#### Next Meeting November

Next meeting online via zoom

Meeting adjourned by Angela Gott at 1:01 PM CST.