

Kentucky Association of Career and Technical Education

Board of Directors Minutes

Virtual Meeting
November 20, 2025

Refer to the Board Study Package for the written reports covered at the meeting.

[KACTE Board Study Package 11-20-25.pdf](#)

The KACTE Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by KACTE President Angela Gott on Thursday, November 20, 2025. Members present were:

Present: President Angela Gott; President-Elect Shane Norris; Treasurer Dexter Knight; Secretary Sharon Collins; Past President Christi Hack; Business Education Vice-President Dana Baker; Family and Consumer Sciences Vice-President Stephanie Phillips; Health Vice-President Joyce Parker; Marketing Vice-President Amy Wisdom; Engineering and Technology Education Service Area Vice President Andy Stephenson; Scholarship Chair Ryan Deal; Constitution and Bylaws Chair Steve Stubbs; Historian Sarah Raikes; Membership Chair Cody Mooneyhan; Legislative Liaison Kiley Whitaker; Communications Chair Lauren Ervin; Department of Education Administrative Liaison Tom Thompson; KCTCS Administrative Liaison Kendrah Pearson; Executive Director Mike Stone; and Assistant Executive Director Kris Stone. Guest included Jeff Busick from McCarthy Strategic Solutions.

Present by proxy: Lauren Ervin served as proxy for ACTE Region II Representative Kelli Norman; Steve Stubbs served as proxy for Administration Service Area Vice President Jeff Blythe; Kiley Whitaker served as proxy for Family and Consumer Sciences Vice-President Susan Dews.

Absent: Agriculture Service Area Vice-Presidents Kaitlin Elliott, Brian Welch and Thomas Poole; Guidance Vice-President Mitzi Holland; Teacher Educator Vice-President Lauren Williams; Trade and Industry Vice-President Greg Ash; Awards Chair Laura Spiegelhalter; Resolutions Chair Tina Excellent; Leadership Co-Chairs J.T. Payne and Katy Disney; and Student Liaison Emily Pike.

A quorum was present.

President Angela Gott asked for approval of the August 29, 2025 minutes.

Kiley questioned the amount approved for advocacy in the minutes - \$5000 vs \$3000. Motion was made and approved at the Aug. 29, 2025, Board Meeting for \$5000 to be taken from the Reserve Professional Development fund to develop and provide scholarships for the Advocacy Committee.

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Shane Norris moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Lauren Erwin, proxy for Kelli Norman. Motion passed.

Angela Gott expressed her thoughts and appreciation regarding this being Mike and Kris Stone's last board meeting and introduced Dexter Knight as the new Executive Director.

Shane expressed his appreciation to Mike and Kris Stone as well as Thanksgiving.

Christi has been the chair of the hiring committee for the Executive Director position. There were four applicants and the decision was to hire Dexter Knight as the new Executive Director. Jeff Busick recommended an attorney to update the Executive Director's contract.

Hack moved to ratify the vote of the executive officers that we enter into a contract with an attorney to create a contract for the executive director with funds to be taken from contingency.

Seconded by Shane Norris. Motion passed.

Hack moved that we ratify the vote of the executive officers to enter into a contract with Dexter Knight to serve as the Executive Director of KACTE

Seconded by Steve Stubbs proxy for Jeff Blythe.

Busick reported the interim joint committee session is complete. There will be a couple of committees meeting to finalize work. The 60-day session will begin January 6, 2026. This is a budget session. There is a forecast of a shortfall in revenue. The revenues will be used for the next two years. Other topics are unclear. The Republican Caucus occurred this week. Doesn't expect policy issues since this is a budget year. Advocacy for groups will be different due to limited space and the capital building being shut down due to renovations.

Whitaker followed up with Busick. Whitaker, Stone and Knight attended the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Legislative Preview Conference. This will be a tight budget year. There may be some one-time funding opportunities. Comments expressed were disappointment in education by the leaders of the Senate and House. Legislation will not help Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) nor Fayette. Preparation for workforce development was positive. The Advocacy Committee met. A six-open-ended question survey will be sent out to membership. There are some opportunities for one-time funding. There may be additional funding opportunities, but will base the request from the survey responses. Knight expressed that news reports indicate NAPE assessment is negative, so if we ask for funding it needs to be very detailed and how it can benefit students. Whitaker said he had a finalized contest for a CTE skit and script contest. A scholarship will be given to one high school student and one post-secondary student. The advocacy committee will determine the winners. There will be \$2000 in scholarships and \$3000 for filming/production in this contest. The students entering should be in a CTE pathway or a CTE major.

Ervin reported for Cody Mooneyhan on membership. Looking at ways to improve the social media presence. Mooneyhan wants to use \$750 for social media campaigns and use the money that is budgeted - the Thankful for You and the 12 Days of Christmas campaign.

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Another consideration was to provide two registration fees for the KACTE summer program. With most schools providing the registration cost, it was then suggested to consider covering two KACTE membership fees. This will be explored further as the board looks into organizational memberships.

Lauren Ervin, proxy for Kelli Norman, moved for the board to approve the Thankful for You and the Twelve Days of Christmas social media campaigns that will amount to \$750 in rewards. Seconded by Hack. Motion passed.

Ervin has researched Google accounts and gmail, but there are fees attached. Hack expressed that Knight may be able to obtain a Google for Non-profit free account. The Google drive and gmail account for non-profits will be tabled to the next January 22nd board meeting. This item should be placed on the agenda.

With Dexter Knight being named the new Executive Director, he has turned in his resignation as treasurer. Applications to fill the unexpired term of KACTE treasurer were sent out to the membership, but no applicants to applied. Hack moved that Kiley Whitaker be elected as Treasurer for the remainder of Knight's vacated term till July 2027. Seconded by Stephenson. Motion passed.

With Whitaker vacating the legislative liaison position, the Nominating Committee recommends Leslie Slaughter to fill the vacancy of the Advocacy Committee chair. Angela Gott will make this appointment.

Kylie Whitaker moved to have Christi Hack as the second signature on the KACTE checks with the retirement of Mike Stone as Executive Director and Dexter Knight elected as Executive Director. Seconded by Shane Norris. Motion passed.

Knight gave his last treasurer's report. (See the Board Package) From the 2025 CTE Summer Program, there was a net of \$39,525.36. Recommendations for allocation of the funds in Resere Fund line items were made in a memo from Mike Stone (see Board Package). Hack moved to accept the recommendations. Whitaker seconded. Motion passed.

Knight signed an MOU with the Campbell House for the Region II ACTE Conference to be held September 8-11 2026. We are waiting on a signed MOU with ACTE. Knight has been in discussion with other states to organize the Region II ACTE Conference.

Kris Stone reported that the 990 Tax Forms have been signed and sent to the IRS. See the Board Study package for the complete report.

Mike Stone reported that he will be wrapping up his job duties. He has had two transition meetings with Dexter Knight as he takes over the role of Executive Director. There will be one more following ACTE VISION.

See the Board Study Package for the Service Area Vice-Presidents reports.

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Raikes reported that she has developed a document of the past award winners. There are some missing early 1990's winners. Nora Sweatt was a finalist in Region II. Hack will need to include the legacy from 2025. There is a two-year time lag from Kentucky to Nationals.

Deal wants an action item for the next meeting regarding the Perkins Scholarship. He would like to offer four scholarships.

Thompson reported that Jermaine Poynter will be the new SkillsUSA advisor.

Kendrah Winters Pearson reported students will be eligible for PELL grants and how it may affect others.

Whitaker moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting concluded at 6:58 p.m. EST

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Collins, Secretary