

Governing Board Meeting

James Hixson Board Room
Thursday, August 14, 2025
6:00pm

Present: Cindy Payton, Business Manager, Central Nine Career Center; Dr. William Kovach, Executive Director; Dawn Downer, Franklin Township Community School Corporation; Becky Nelson, Franklin Community School Corporation; Linda Polesel, Clark Pleasant Community School Corporation; Scott Alexander, Center Grove Community School Corporation; Brian Downard, Beech Grove City Schools; Chris Lewis, Perry Township Schools; Ed Harvey, Nineveh Hensley Jackson United School Corporation; Sheila Martin, Greenwood Community School Corporation

1 Pledge and Welcome

Dawn Downer, President

This meeting is a meeting of the Governing Board in public for the purpose of conducting the Career Center's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There will be time for public participation as indicated by a specified agenda item.

Mission Statement: To engage, support, and empower students by providing active, career-based learning in an experiential environment.

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m. by Mrs. Dawn Downer, President. Mrs. Downer welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance: Mike Quaranta, Assistant Director; Michelle Davis, Adult Education Director; and Laura Showalter, Executive Assistant/Benefits Coordinator.

Dr. Kovach requested an addition to the agenda of Item 7.1 Adult Education Budget Update.

Scott Alexander moved for approval of the addition to the agenda. Becky Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

2 Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Minutes:

Linda Polesel moved for approval of the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Ed Harvey seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

2.1 Financial Report and Claims

Attachments:

[CHECK DATE 07-04-2025.pdf](#)

[CHECK DATE 07-18-2025.pdf](#)

[Financial 1.pdf](#)

[Financial 2.pdf](#)

[Financial 3.pdf](#)

[Financial 4.pdf](#)

2.2 Personnel Recommendations

Attachments:

[HS Personnel Report 8.14.25.pdf](#)

2.3 Minutes for Approval

Attachments:

[Minutes 7.10.25.pdf](#)

2.4 Donations

Attachments:

[Ivy Tech Donation.pdf](#)

3 Items of Action - ACTION

3.1 Request Approval of MOU with University of Southern Indiana

Minutes:

Dr. Kovach shared the MOU with University of Southern Indiana. He explained that this is a continuation from previous years. He stated that the language is the same and only the dates have changed.

Ed Harvey moved for approval of the MOU with the University of Southern Indiana. Brian Downard seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

Attachments:

[Central Nine v2.pdf](#)

3.2 Request Approval to Move Inactive Fund Balances to the Central Nine 50th Year Sponsorship Fund (Fund 22)

- Combining these funds will allow us to install can lights in the Commons and Audio Video Equipment in the LGI for recording Governing Board Meetings based on recent legislation.

Minutes:

Dr. Kovach explained that we had a fund in 2022 that was used to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Central Nine. He is proposing to combine other old funds with a positive balance. He shared that combining these funds will allow us to install can lights in the Commons and audio video equipment in the LGI for recording Governing Board Meetings based on recent legislation.

Ed Harvey moved for approval to move inactive fund balances to the Central Nine 50th Year Sponsorship Fund (Fund 22). Sheila Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

Attachments:

[Transfer of Funds.pdf](#)

3.3 Request Approval to scrap three vehicles from Auto Service that are no longer relevant to the program.

Minutes:

Dr. Kovach requested approval to scrap three vehicles from Auto Service that are no longer relevant to the program. He explained that there is no financial gain in scrapping the vehicles but they are donated vehicles so Central Nine is not out any money.

Brian Downard moved for the approval to scrap three vehicles from Auto Service. Becky Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

Attachments:

[Vehicle Removal.pdf](#)

4 Director's Comments and Items of Information

Dr. Kovach, Director

Minutes:

Dr. Kovach updated the Board that at this time we are not able to move forward with transitioning to the 3 session schedule for the 2026-2027 school year. He explained that after much discussion, at least 3 schools were unable to make the schedule work.

4.1 Upcoming Dates and Events

- September 1, 2025 - Labor Day - No School
- September 11, 2025 - Next Governing Board Meeting - Program Showcase: Landscaping

Minutes:

Dr. Kovach shared the upcoming dates and events (listed above).

5 High School Division Update

Minutes:

Mike Quaranta shared the High School Division Update (attached).

Attachments:

[August 2025 High School Board Report 1 .pdf](#)

6 Adult Education Division Action and Items of Information

6.1 Approval of Adult Education Personnel Report

Minutes:

Michelle Davis requested approval of the Adult Education Personnel Report.

Sheila Martin moved for approval of the Adult Education Personnel Report as presented. Linda Polesel seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

Attachments:

[Adult Education Personnel Report for August 2025 1 .pdf](#)

6.2 Request Approval of the Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children, Inc. MOU

Minutes:

Michelle Davis requested approval of the Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children, Inc. Memorandum of Understanding. She explained that no changes other than dates were made to the memorandum.

Ed Harvey moved for approval of the Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children, Inc. Memorandum of Understanding. Becky Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

Attachments:

[INAEYC MOU PY25-26.pdf](#)

7 Adult Education Monthly Update

Adult Ed Goals 2025-2026

7.1 Adult Education Budget Update

Minutes:

Michelle shared that she received 2 award letters this week regarding her federal funding. She explained that there are requirements tied to the money. She stated that students will need to provide documentation that they are in the United States legally. She said that citizenship is preferred but they are also accepting different types of Visas.

Attachments:

[R5 C-9 PY25 AWARD LETTER IELCE.pdf](#)

[R5 C-9 PY25 ST FED AE Award Letter.pdf](#)

8 Public Comments

Minutes:

None presented.

9 Board Member Comments

Minutes:

A question was presented regarding employee new hires that have a prior conviction on their background check. Dr. Kovach stated that we do complete background checks on new employees. The Board stated that If they have had a prior conviction a supplemental personnel report would need to be presented to the Board for approval. Dr. Kovach shared that in the past, we have had employees that had convictions show up on their background check but we did not decide to go with that individual because we had other strong candidates.

10 Adjournment

Minutes:

With no further business, Scott Alexander moved for adjournment at 7:10 p.m.