

# Governing Board Meeting

James Hixson Board Room  
Thursday, January 8, 2026  
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

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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 7:00 p.m. by Dawn Downer, President. Mrs. Downer welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance: Dan Fidler, Welding Instructor; Garrett Hodson, Welding Instructor; Alvin Bible, representing the C9TA; Michelle Davis, Adult Education Director; Mike Quaranta, Assistant Director and Laura Showalter, Executive Assistant/Benefits Coordinator.

No additions or changes to the agenda were presented.

## 2 Program Showcase - Welding

Daniel Fidler and Garrett Hodson, Instructors

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## 3 Approval of Consent Agenda Items

### Minutes:

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

### 3.1 Financial Report and Claims

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#### Attachments:

[Payroll 11.29.25.pdf](#)

[Payroll 12.13.25.pdf](#)

[Financial 1.pdf](#)

[Financial 2.pdf](#)

[Financial 3.pdf](#)

### 3.2 Personnel Recommendations

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- No High School Division Personnel Report for January

### 3.3 Minutes for Approval

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**Attachments:**

[Minutes 12.11.25.pdf](#)

## 4 Items of Action - ACTION

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### 4.1 Request Approval of Overnight Travel

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- State Prostart Conference and Competition - February 26-27, 2026 - Muncie, Indiana

**Minutes:**

Dr. Kovach requested approval for overnight travel to attend the State ProStart Conference and Competition.

Linda Polesel moved to approve the request for overnight travel to attend the State ProStart Conference and Competition. Brian Downard seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

**Attachments:**

[State Prostart Conference and Competition - Request for Approval of Out of State Travel - 02 26 2026 - 02 27 2026.pdf](#)

### 4.2 Request Approval of Perkins Reserve Grant

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- \$130,000

**Minutes:**

Dr. Kovach explained that each year, we receive an allotment of Perkins dollars. He then stated that later in the year, there are additional funds available called the Perkins Reserve Grant that schools can apply for. This year, Central Nine applied for additional grant money to purchase a new paint booth. Central Nine was awarded \$130,000 in Perkins Reserve Grant money. The plans for the Perkins dollars are to purchase a new paint booth in Auto Collision Repair. He shared that this will allow us to have 8-12 students paint at the same time. We currently can only have 4 students painting at one time. The Board asked if the \$130,000 would cover the full cost of the paint booth. Dr. Kovach stated that the \$130,000 would cover the cost of the actual paint booth, but additional dollars will be needed to remove the old paint booth, any additional electrical needed to run the paint booth, and any costs incurred during the installation. He assured the Board that we would have the money to cover the cost.

Scott Alexander moved for acceptance of the Perkins Reserve Grant. Sheila Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

## 5 Director's Comments and Items of Information

Dr. Kovach, Director

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I am currently meeting with superintendents individually this month to compile information that will help direct C9 into the future.

Also, next month the C9 board of directors will need to meet to reorganize.

### Minutes:

Dr. Kovach shared the Director's Comments and Items of Information (listed above).

### 5.1 Students of the Month

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#### Minutes:

Dr. Kovach shared the January Students of the Month (attached).

#### Attachments:

[SOTM Rev. January 2026.pdf](#)

### 5.2 Upcoming Dates and Events

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- January 19, 2026 - Martin Luther King Day - No School
- January 29, 2026 - Open House Prospective Students - 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- February 12, 2026 - Next Governing Board Meeting - Program Showcase: Cyber Security

#### Minutes:

Dr. Kovach shared the Upcoming Dates and Events (listed above).

## 6 High School Division Update

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### Minutes:

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

### Attachments:

[January 2026 High School Board Report.pdf](#)

## 7 Adult Education Division Action and Items of Information

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### 7.1 Request Approval of Adult Education Personnel Report

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#### Minutes:

Michelle Davis presented the Adult Education Personnel Report and asked for approval.

Scott Alexander moved for approval of the Adult Education Personnel Report as presented. Brian Downard seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

#### Attachments:

## 7.2 Request Approval to Transfer Expenditures Between Funds

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**Minutes:**

Michelle Davis requested approval to transfer expenditures between funds.

Ed Harvey moved for approval to transfer Adult Education expenditures between funds. Sheila Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

**Attachments:**

[Funds moved - Jan Board meeting.pdf](#)

## 7.3 Request Approval for 10 Adult Education Employees to Attend the Coalition of Adult Basic Education Conference

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- 2026 COABE National Conference, April 12-25, 2026, Indianapolis, Indiana

**Minutes:**

The Board asked Michelle if the dates that she presented were correct. Michelle Davis stated that she had listed the dates incorrectly, and they should be April 12-15, 2026. The Board asked if the instructors who attend the conference are paid their hourly rate to attend. Michelle Davis stated that she is unsure but will have the answers for the Board at the February Governing Board Meeting.

Scott Alexander moved for approval for the 10 Adult Education Employees to attend the Coalition of Adult Basic Education Conference. Linda Polesel seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

**Attachments:**

[Request for Approval to attend 2026 COABE.pdf](#)

## 8 Adult Education Monthly Update

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**Minutes:**

Michelle Davis shared the Adult Education Monthly Update (attached).

**Attachments:**

[January Board - December 2025 Enrollment.pdf](#)  
[Success Story Jason 3 .png](#)

## 9 Public Comments

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**Minutes:**

None presented.

## 10 Board Member Comments

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**Minutes:**

None presented.

## 11 Adjournment

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**Minutes:**

With no further business, Ed Harvey moved for adjournment at 6:37 p.m.