

**Heartland Region  
Board of Control  
3433 Rupp Parkway  
Decatur, IL 62526  
May 15, 2025**

**Present:**

Damian Jones – Argenta Oreana  
Emily Weidner – Cerro Gordo  
Michael Tresnak – DeLand Weldon  
Adam Ibbotson – Maroa Forsyth  
Shane Gordon – Meridian  
Johnathan Field – Sangamon Valley  
Cheryl Warner – Warrensburg-Latham  
Bret Hitchings – Heartland Director

**Absent:**

Sacha Young – Central A&M  
Rochelle Clark – Decatur Public Schools  
Travis Roundcount – Mt Zion

Meeting called to order by Emily Weidner at 9:02 a.m.

Damian Jones moved to approve the minutes of the April meeting as presented. Cheryl Warner seconded the motion.  
Voice Vote: All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**Finance Report**

Bret informed audits should be completed and finalized over the summer.

Bret advised that FY26 grant allocations will be provided by ISBE on June 9. We have been told to expect a slight increase to our grants.

**Closed Session**

None.

**Personnel**

Damian Jones moved to approve the Director's contract from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2029. Michael Tresnak seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent

**Director's Report**

Bret reported the expansion of Work Based Learning opportunities for HTA is in progress, including assigning a staff member to serve as a Worked Based Learning Coordinator in FY 26 to facilitate opportunities for students.

### Other Business

Johnathan Field moved to approve the Tentative FY 26 Budget for the Heartland EFE 390. Cheryl Warner seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 3 Absent.

Shane Gordon moved to approve the Tentative FY 26 Budget for the Heartland Tech Academy. Adam Ibbotson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 No, 3 Absent.

Adam Ibbotson moved to approve the Agreement with Reflections Academy of Beauty for Cosmetology instruction for FY 26. Shane Gordon seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent.

Damian Jones moved to approve the slate of officers as present. Michael Tresnak seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent.

The next BOC Meeting is to be determined.

Michael Tresnak moved to adjourn the meeting. Jonathan Field seconded the motion. Voice vote: all in favor.

Meeting adjourned by Emily Weidner at 9:08 a.m.

  
Board of Control Chairperson

9-18-25  
Date Approved

  
Board of Control Secretary Signature

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Board of Control Recording Secretary Signature

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