

**Heartland Region  
Board of Control  
Millikin University Commons Building  
August 7, 2025**

**Present:**

Damian Jones – Argenta Oreana  
Michael Tresnak – DeLand Weldon  
Adam Ibbotson – Maroa Forsyth  
Shane Gordon – Meridian  
Travis Roundcount – Mt. Zion  
Johnathan Field – Sangamon Valley  
Cheryl Warner – Warrensburg-Latham  
Bret Hitchings – Heartland Director

**Absent:**

Sacha Young – Central A&M  
Emily Weidner – Cerro Gordo  
Rochelle Clark – Decatur Public Schools

The meeting was called to order by Travis Roundcount at 8:02 a.m.

Shane Gordon moved to approve the minutes of the May meeting as presented. Michael Tresnak seconded the motion.  
Voice Vote: All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**Finance Report**

Adam Ibbotson moved to approve the April, May, and June Purchases provided by the Regional Office. Jonathan Field seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent

Audit Update: Bret confirmed the FY 2021 Audit is complete. FY 2022 – 2025 school be completed soon.

**Closed Session**

None

**Personnel**

Bret Hitchings asked for approval of the employment recommendations as presented. Michael Tresnak moved to approve. Shane Gordon seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent.

**Director's Report**

Bret Hitchings commented that HTA has not received their grant allocations at this time. We have been advised to expect level funding from FY 2025.

Bret confirmed that the enrollment for the 2025 – 2026 has increased. HTA has over 600 students enrolled for the upcoming school year.

Bret discussed how the CCPE reporting should be completed at the district level and supported by the EFE. The recommended process is for counselors to know prior to graduation which students have meet all the requirements to earn a CCPE. Then someone in your district will use IWAS to print the appropriate seals to be added to the students' diplomas. Counselors will provide these students' names to ISBE during the reporting process. If any district needs assistance, please email Bret or HTA's CCPE Coordinator.

Bret stated HTA's Work Based Learning Coordinator will be assisting all teachers in the region with streamlining work-based learning experiences for students.

#### Other Business

Michael Tresnak moved to adopt the FY 26 Joint Agreement Budget for the Heartland EFE Region #390. Shane Gordon seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent.

Johnathan Field moved to adopt the FY 26 Joint Agreement Budget for the Heartland Technical Academy. Shane Gordon seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 3 Absent.

#### New Business


The next meeting will be Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 8:45 a.m., at the Macon Piatt Regional Office of Education.

Shane Gordon moved to adjourn the meeting. Johnathan Field seconded the motion. Voice Vote: All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Travis Roundcount adjourns the meetings at 8:12 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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