Heartland Region
Board of Control
Richland Community College
Room N161
August 8, 2026

Present:

Damian Jones – Argenta Oreana
Nicole Moody – Decatur Public Schools
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

The meeting was called to order by Travis Roundcount at 8:46 a.m.

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

Finance Report

Michael Tresnak moved to approve the May and June Purchases provided by the Regional Office. Adam Ibbotson seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent

Audit Update: Bret confirmed the FY 2022 Audit should be completed soon. FY 2023 – 2026 school be completed by this Spring.

Closed Session

None

Personnel

Bret Hitchings asked for approval of the employment recommendations as presented. Damain Jones moved to approve. Adam Ibottson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent.

Director's Report

Bret Hitchings commented that HTA has received their FY 27 grant allocations - CTEI has level-funding and Perkins has a slight increase.

Bret reported that the enrollment for the 2026 – 2027 has increased. HTA has over 700 students enrolled for the upcoming school year.

Bret discussed being a member of the Area Vocational Directors Council for the State of Illinois. The organization has recently made some structural changes which will result in a significant increase in the membership dues.

Other Business

Michael Tresnak moved to adopt the FY 27 Joint Agreement Budget for the Heartland EFE Region #390. Shane Gordon seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent.

Adam Ibbotson moved to adopt the FY 27 Joint Agreement Budget for the Heartland Technical Academy. Cheryl Warner seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent.

New Business

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 8:30 a.m., at the Macon Piatt Regional Office of Education.

Damian Jones moved to adjourn the meeting. Adam Ibbotson seconded the motion. Voice Vote: All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Travis Roundcount adjourns the meetings at 8:54 a.m.

Board of Control Chairperson — Date Approved: 11-17-26

Board of Control Secretary Signature — Date Approved: 11-17-26

Board of Control Recording Secretary Signature — Date Approved: 11-17-2026