Heartland Region
Macon-Piatt Regional Office of Education
3433 Rupp Parkway, Decatur, IL
September 17, 2026

Present:

Damian Jones – Argenta Oreana
Sacha Young – Central AM
Rochelle Clark – Decatur Public Schools
Michael Tresnak – DeLand Weldon
Shane Gordon – Meridian
Travis Roundcount – Mt. Zion
Johnathan Field – Sangamon Valley
Cheryl Warner – Warrensburg-Latham
Bret Hitchings – Heartland Director
Jilly Reedy – Regional Superintendent of Schools

Absent:

Emily Weidner – Cerro Gordo
Adam Ibbotson – Maroa Forsyth

The meeting was called to Order by Travis Roundcount at 9:22 a.m.

Michael Tresnak moved to approve the minutes of the August meeting as presented. Cheryl Warner seconded the motion. Voice Vote: All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Finance Report

Shane Gordon moved to approve the August purchases provided by the Regional Office. Michael Tresnak seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent

Bret confirmed the audit for FY 2022 is now complete, and all other years' audits should be completed soon.

Closed Session
None

Personnel
None

Director's Report

Bret Hitchings provided an update on the CTE funding for future years. HTA currently has level funding for FY 2027. ISBE sent information to EFE directors that showed what our funding would be with 100% implementation of the new CTE formula. Based on this information, if CTE funding is not increased we would see a decrease in our CTEI allocations.

Bret advised that Amanda will be sending Program Improvement information to each school district by the first week of October.

Bret reported the 2026-27 Advisory Boards for HTA will be held on Friday, October 16 where all programs will be meeting their industry partners for a round-table discussion.

Bret informed that the Sophomore Tours, which counts as one of the two student Career Exploration Experiences for the CCPE, will be held October 26 – 29. Someone from HTA will be visiting each school prior to the tours with informational sessions for sophomores.

Bret advised that HTA and RCC will host the fall Counselor Academy and the date has not been determined.

Other Business

Michael Tresnak moved to approve the FY 22 Annal Financial Report. Damian Jones seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 8 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent.

The next meeting date will be Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 8:30 a.m., at the Macon/Piatt Regional Office of Education.

Damian Jones moved to adjourn the meeting. Johnathan Field seconded the motion. Voice vote, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned by Travis Roundcount at 9:31 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