

**VALEES Coordinating Council**  
**September 10, 2024**  
**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Todd Leden, Chairman. Those in attendance were:

**II. Roll Call**

Present: Brad Newkirk (Batavia); Jessica Sonntag (Hinckley-Big Rock); Todd Leden (Kaneland); Kurt Rohlwing (Kaneland); Ben Owen (Oswego); Jay Streicher (Somonauk) Brent Raby (West Aurora) and Laura Edwards (West Aurora)

Arrived at 8:01 a.m.: Tim Ulrich (Newark)

Arrived at 8:06 a.m.: Asa Gordon (East Aurora)

Absent: Andrew Barrett (Geneva)

A quorum was established.

**III. Public Comment**

No one from the public was present.

**IV. Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Jay Streicher and seconded by Brad Newkirk to approve the items of the consent agenda as follows:

- Minutes of the May 7, 2024 Coordinating Council Meeting
- Minutes of the August 20, 2024 Budget Hearing
- Bill Listing for August 22, 2024 in the amount of \$18,855.57
- Bill Listing for June 27, 2024 in the amount of \$201,473.50
- Bill Listing for June 17, 2024 in the amount of \$351,585.46
- Bill Listing for May 21, 2024 in the amount of \$350,420.31
- Listing of the Coordinating Council and Steering Committee Members for FY25

A roll call vote resulted in 7-Yes and 0-No

**V. Old Business**

**FY24 Annual Report**

-Cassie Blickem shared highlights from the VALEES FY24 Annual Report with committee members.

**FY24 Revenue and Expenditure Report**

-Cassie Blickem shared information regarding the FY24 Revenue and Expenditure Report.

## **VI. New Business**

### **“Save the Dates” 2024-2025**

-Cassie Blickem presented the regional “Save the Date” document. She highlighted the variety and number of professional development opportunities and student events offered/supported by VALEES. The first student event of the year (Senior College Boot Camp) will be held at Waubensee Community College on September 20, 2024. This event is lead by Paige Buttels-Batavia High School.

### **FY25 Local Application**

-Cassie Blickem shared the approved FY25 Local Application for the VALEES region.

**A motion was made by Asa Gordon and seconded by Brad Newkirk to accept the FY25 Local Application for the VALEES region. A role call vote resulted in a 8-Yes and 0-No**

### **FY25 Allocation Table – Revised**

-Cassie Blickem presented the revised FY25 Allocation Table with members and explained the revisions that were made due to the additional \$566,888 monies that were received by ISBE.

**A motion was made by Laura Edwards and seconded by Asa Gordon to accept the FY25 Allocation Table as presented. A role call vote resulted in a 8-Yes and 0-No**

### **FY26 Projections**

-Cassie Blickem discussed her sub-grant projections for FY26.

### **FY25 Joint Agreement Budget**

-Cassie Blickem made available the FY25 Joint Agreement Budget, shared information and asked for approval of the FY25 JAB.

**A motion was made by Jessica Sonntag and seconded by Jay Streicher to accept the VALEES FY25 Joint Agreement Budget. A role call vote resulted in 8-Yes and 0-No**

### **FY25 Revenue and Expenditure Report**

-Cassie Blickem shared that currently VALEES hasn't received any FY25 monies from ISBE. We have requested Perkins money, but those funds have not yet been received by our office.

## **VII. Informational**

-Illinois State Board of Education is offering the following workshops for our region:

- College and Career Pathway Endorsement 101 Workshop (8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.)
- College and Career Pathway Endorsement 201 Workshop (12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.)
- Both Workshops will be held on October 7, 2024 at Waubensee Community College, Sugar Grove Campus, Bodie Hall, Room 150.

## **VIII. Waubensee Community College Report – Dan McDonnell**

-Dan McDonnell shared the following updates from Waubensee Community College:

- First Responder Career Fair (September 21, 2024)
- New CTE Faculty Member: Manufacturing Technology (Donna Mikrut)

- New CTE Faculty Member: Automotive Technology (Cayla Fuechsl)
- HS Health Care Visit Days at WCC-Aurora Fox Valley Campus (11/12/24 and 11/19/24)
- WCC College Night (10/7/24)

**IX. Other Business**

**2024-2025 Meeting Dates**

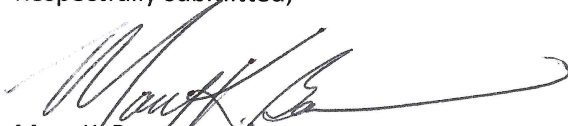
- December 10, 2024
- February 4, 2025
- May 6, 2025

**X. Adjournment**

**-A motion was made by Asa Gordon and seconded by Brad Newkirk to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 a.m. Motion unanimously approved.**

The meeting adjourned at: 8:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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