

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD FY2027 FEDERAL POSTSECONDARY PERKINS GRANT

Grantor: Illinois Community College Board

Amount: \$823,368.00

Period: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

Type: Non-Competitive

Matching Funds: None

Lead Staff: Jennifer Davidson, Acting Vice President of Education

Purpose: The Federal Postsecondary Perkins Grant, through the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V), will continue to support career and technical education (CTE) programs and students, including special population students. The grant funds will be used to advance student academic knowledge, technical skill development and attainment, and employability skills. The Perkins Grant will contribute to student degree and certificate completion, increased student employment placement and retention, and the increased enrollment and retention of students who are traditionally underrepresented in career areas.

Recommendation: Approve the acceptance of the Illinois Community College Board FY2027 Federal Postsecondary Perkins Basic Grant – Career and Technical Education award in the amount of \$823,368.00.