

THE CAREER ACADEMY JOINT BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING - Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 9:30 AM
The Career Academy, 8800 O St, Room 107

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ANNOUNCE OPEN MEETING ACT POSTING AND LOCATION
3. ROLL CALL
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
5. PUBLIC COMMENT
6. CONSENT AGENDA
 - 6.1. Routine Business
 - 6.2. Human Resources Matters
 - 6.3. Student Enrollment Matters
7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/REPORTS
 - 7.1. Facilities Update
 - 7.2. Fundraising and Donor Update
 - 7.3. Director's Report
 - 7.4. Other Reports
8. ACTION ITEMS
 - 8.1. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to authorized and approve the insurance package for 2026-2027.
9. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA
10. EXPEDITED/EMERGENCY ACTIONS
11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING MEETING DATES OR EVENTS FOR THE BOARD
12. REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION
13. ADJOURNMENT

**THE CAREER ACADEMY JOINT BOARD MEETING
JUNE 2, 2026, 9:30 A.M.
ROOM 107**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Joint Board members (hereinafter "Joint Board") of the Southeast Community College Area (hereinafter "College") and Lincoln Public Schools (hereinafter the "District") Career and Technology Education ("CTE") Joint Venture Consortium (hereinafter "Consortium") created by Interlocal Agreement dated October 17, 2013 ("Agreement"), was called to order by Vice-Chair Arlyn Uhrmacher at 9:35 a.m. on June 2, 2026. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and posting according to law.

2. ANNOUNCE OPEN MEETING ACT POSTING AND LOCATION

One current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to the members of the public. At the beginning of this meeting, the chair announced and informed the public about the location of the posted Open Meetings Act information.

3. ROLL CALL

Present Board Members:

Dr. Skretta LPS
Ms. Konken SCC (sitting in for Dr. Illich)
Mr. Uhrmacher SCC

It was determined that a quorum was present to conduct business.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Skretta and seconded by Ms. Konken to approve the March 3, 2026 minutes of the Joint Board meeting as presented.

Motion Passed:

Mr. Uhrmacher	YES
Dr. Skretta	YES
Ms. Konken	YES

MOTION PASSED

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Speaker(s): Mr. Uhrmacher

6.1 Routine Business
6.2 Human Resource Matters
6.3 Student Enrollment Matters

No items presented for consent.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/REPORTS

7.1 Facilities Update

Speaker(s) : Josh Jones

Josh Jones informed the board Buzz Bees sealed up the building. Thank SCC and LPS teams for the cancellation for classes during the security threat. All teams worked quickly and efficiently. Dr. Skretta echoed Mr. Jones's sentiments and also commented it was a great opportunity to address threat assessment. Always making decisions with an abundance of caution.

7.2 Fundraising and Donor Update

Speaker(s) : Kayla Jacox

Ms. Jacox informed the board that she recently met with Nick Cusick and he has generously committed to renewing his \$10,000 annual donation. Ms. Jacox also mentioned that she has been in talks with Google recently as they have supported the Spark summer camp in the past and are now very interested in The Career Academy.

7.3 Director's Report

Speaker(s) : Josh Jones

Mr. Jones started his director's report by asking former TCA student and current LPS teacher, Skylar Jilg-Brown, to speak to the board about her experiences before, during, and after attending The Career Academy.

Mr. Jones then briefed the board. The TCA building is hosting several summer school classes right now. 8th graders are taking Engineering and Culinary courses, 39 high school students are taking a CNA course, and a computer science class through Bright Lights is being taught by a TCA instructor. The total enrollment for TCA during the 2025-26 school year was 855 students, which is 100 more students than last year. Mr. Jones highlighted the 86% passing rate and the lowest number of withdrawals. The Early Childhood Adjusted Pilot Program had 16 students enrolled. He was proud to announce that four of those students are employed by daycare facilities they did practicum at.

Seven TCA students are currently in Atlanta competing at SkillsUSA. 13 TCA students are heading to Portland for the EdRising competition.

For the 2026-27 school year there are 737 students registered, with a potential for 804 students. Mr. Jones predicts total enrollment will be around 770 students.

Mr. Jones is planning a TCA Career Exploration Day to take place in October 2026. This will be a full day job shadow event for TCA students. Business partners had given feedback that they wanted students in their space.

Mr. Jones mentioned that he and Ms. Konken met with representatives from LPS and SCC regarding the TCA budget. TCA is in a healthy fiscal place.

8. ACTION ITEMS

No action items.

9. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

No items pulled from consent agenda.

10. EXPEDITED/EMERGENCY ACTIONS

11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING MEETING DATES OR EVENTS FOR THE BOARD

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in room 107 at The Career Academy.

Mr. Aldridge mentioned the next meeting will include the newest insurance package to approve.

12. REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION

There was no request for closed session.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Board Vice-Chair, Mr. Uhrmacher, adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

DATED this 2nd day of June 2026

SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA AND LINCOLN

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CAREER ACADEMY JOINT BOARD

TCA Director's Report

August, 2026

26/27 Enrollment Update

- Current Application Data: 869 Applicants for the 26/27 school year. (855 in the 25/26 school year):
 - Returning Students: 266 Students (up from 256 in 2025)
 - 9 Unregistered-primarily due to AR Holds
 - New Students: 546 Students
 - 42 Unregistered
 - Total Registered: 761 Students
 - Total Students (excluding pending drops): 806
- Pathway Enrollment:
 - Education (K-12/ECED): 57
 - Culinary: 24
 - Welding: 78
 - Precision Machine: 11
 - Construction: 36
 - HVAC: 15
 - Electrical: 15
 - Ag-Bio: 37
 - Programming: 19
 - Networking: 13
 - Criminal Justice: 57
 - Human Services: 32
 - Academic Transfer: 47
 - Business: 59
 - Engineering: 37
 - Health Science: 268
 - Custom/Multiple: 7

CTSO State & National Update

- Cyber Patriot: State Champions---Gold Division
- DECA: 3 students qualified for state
- FFA: 2nd place state finish in Vet Science...2nd place finish in the Equine competition (national qualifier)
- Educator Rising: 13 competed at Nationals (1 top 10 finisher)
- Skills USA: 7 students qualified for the national competition (2 top 10 finishers)
- HOSA: 3 teams finished in top 3 at the state competition.

TCA INSURANCE 2026-2027

Summary

Coverage	2026-2027	2025-2026	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023	2021-2022
Property	\$50,320	\$49,734	\$48,150	\$43,286	\$45,769	\$36,959
General Liability	\$46,251	\$41,449	\$34,754	\$29,573	\$24,661	\$21,609
Directors & Officers	\$3,364	\$3,390	\$3,390	\$3,390	\$3,707	\$3,456
Excess/Umbrella	\$38,737	\$37,018	\$33,851	\$27,160	\$19,562	\$12,075
Totals	\$138,672	\$131,591	\$120,145	\$103,409	\$93,699	\$74,099

2026-2027 FY Recommendations

Coverage	2026-2027	Insurance Carrier
Property	\$50,320	Federal Insurance Company
General Liability	\$46,251	Employers Insurance Company of Wausau
Directors & Officers	\$3,364	Westchester Fire Insurance Company
Excess/Umbrella	\$38,737	Liberty Insurance Corporation
Totals	\$138,672	

Premium Comparison

Coverage	2025-2026 Expiring Premiums	2026-2027 Renewal Premiums	Difference
Property	\$49,734	\$50,320	\$586
General Liability	\$41,449	\$46,251	\$4,802
Directors & Officers	\$3,390	\$3,364	-\$26
Excess/Umbrella	\$37,018	\$38,737	\$1,719
Totals	\$131,591	\$138,672	\$7,081