

FY'26 CareerTEC BUDGET HEARING MINUTES

CareerTEC

Freeport, IL 61032

Thursday, August 7, 2025

With exiting President Carl Carlson, Board President-elect Jenny Keffer opened the hearing at 1:30 p.m., and the following members responded to roll call: Supt. Anna Alvarado, Freeport District; Supt. Julie Katzenberger, Orangeville District; Supt. Keffer, Dakota District; and Supt. Carlson, Pecatonica District. Absent were Supt. Kurt Alberstett, Durand District; and Supt. Mike Schiffman, Pearl City District. Also in attendance were Brian Greene, CareerTEC Director, and Jody Ackerman, bookkeeper/recording secretary.


The Budget Hearing notice was published, and the budget has been available for public display. There was no public comment.

Director Greene noted that we haven't received any grant allocations yet, which affects the budget, and then turned the budget presentation over to bookkeeper Jody Ackerman, who went over the proposed \$1,316,034 budget. The Board members were sent a summary of the budget, which highlighted the main revenue sources.

Ackerman stated that due to the lack of FY26 grant allocations, last year's figures were given to the member districts to create their requisitions; last year's figures also were used to create this year's budget. When FY26 allocations are received, we will have to fine tune the budget detail. Ackerman also noted that the administrative assessments will possibly be adjusted down if the CTEI grant comes with a leadership allocation like it did in FY25. The FY25 CTEI grant allowed more of the director's salary and some of the administrative costs to be funded with the CTEI grant. Ackerman also noted the \$52,000 increase in reserve funds from last year. This was a result of the accumulation from increased tuition rate that was approved spring of 2023 and keeping FY24's state CTEI grant funds to cover the in-house CareerTEC teachers' salaries. The CareerTEC reserves has been built back up to \$258,000. CareerTEC could survive a year if no grant funds are received.

With no further questions or comments, the budget hearing ended at 1:40 p.m. with a move by Supt. Carlson, which was seconded by Supt. Katzenberger, and voice approvals by Supts. Keffer, Alvarado, Katzenberger, and Carlson.


Jenny Keffer, Board President-Elect


Jody Ackerman, Recording Secretary