



Diesel Power Technology Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: March 4, 2026

External Participants:

TJ Stahl – Service Manager, CIT Trucks
George Orth – Maintenance Manager, Rockford Mass Transit
Tamara Roubisoff – Business Manager, Rochelle RTC
Kelly Quaintance – Human Resources Director, Fire Service, Inc.
Augi Fesi – Service Manager, Fire Service, Inc.
Scott Kingren – Service Manager, Vermeer Midwest
Steve Deller – VP Product Specialist, West Side Tractor
Toby Koch – Service Manager, R Equipment
Brad Mischke – Service Manager, Crown Equipment
Amy Peterson – Field Service Manager, Crown Equipment
Fabian Ocampo – Regional Recruiter, Rush Truck Centers
Paul Koeppan Jr. – Location Manager, AHW, LLC.
Peter Hougue – Service Manager, AHW, LLC.
Sandy Seyller – Human Resources Coordinator, AHW, LLC.

Internal Participants:

Jessica Berek – Interim Associate Vice President of Instruction
Jescelynne Gibbons – Associate Dean
Mark Engel – Diesel Power Technology Faculty
Robert McGarry – Associate Vice President of Campus Operation & Technology
Kristopher Rissman – Director of Campus Operations
Courtney Walz – Director of Development
Laura Gregory – Employment & Job Placement Services Coordinator
Terry Lyn Funston – Director of Curriculum & Program Development
Catherine Macias – Administrative Specialist I

I. College Updates

- A. Spring 2026 enrollment declined by 1%, enrollment growth anticipated for Fall 2026.
- B. The College's all-inclusive tuition model, including textbooks, has received national recognition through conference presentations and an *AACC Community College Daily* feature.
- C. Tuition will remain flat for the upcoming year, despite peer increases of 1–5%, as the College continues its all-inclusive tuition model to keep student costs low.
- D. The College anticipates \$30 million in capital improvements over the next three to four years, focused on essential infrastructure upgrades.



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A. Hiring / Labor Market Needs

- i. External partners reported stable hiring conditions and continued growth in electric vehicles (EV) and hybrid technologies, with hybrids currently more prevalent than fully electric vehicles
 - 1. The program continues to expand electric vehicles (EV) content, supported by the Rev Up initiative grant.

B. Other Updates

- i. External partners noted soft-skill and self-motivation challenges, which are primarily developed through workplace experience.
 - 1. Engel encouraged employers to engage with the College to align training with workforce needs and share upcoming industry-specific training opportunities, noting the program produces well-prepared candidates.