



Truck Driver Training Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: September 15, 2026

External Participants:

Joshua Hinz – Safety and DOT Manager, Meiborg Trucking

Nichole Jacobson – Safety Coordinator, Meiborg Trucking

Internal Participants:

Jescelynne Gibbons – Dean of Instruction

Kristine Adzovic – Assistant Dean of Instruction

Darryl Nix – CDL Instructor

Tricia Troyer – Truck Driver Training Coordinator

Katie Macias – Administrative Specialist I

I. College Updates

A. Enrollment

- i. Fall 2026 enrollment down 1.7%

B. College Events

- i. Career Technical Education (CTE) Open House will be held on October 15, from 4:30pm – 6:30pm.
- ii. Evening at Kish Event, November 5, 5:00pm.

C. Future Planning

- i. Mapping student learning outcomes (SLO) for all courses to include essential employability skills.
- ii. College-wide Advisory will be held on April 7 from 11am – 1pm.

II. Department Updates

A. Program Growth

- i. Part-Time Truck Driver Trainer
 - 1. The position would provide additional support for the Truck Driver 060 and contractor training courses.
- ii. 060 Course Update
 - 1. FY24 – 160-hour 060 class (39 students).
 - 2. FY25 – 160-hour 060 class (55 students).
 - 3. FY26 – 160-hour 060 class (37 students).
- iii. Contractor Training Update
 - 1. FY24 – ComEd (77 students).
 - 2. FY25 – ComEd (60 students).
 - 3. FY26 – ComEd (102 students).
 - 4. Additional cohorts of various training (22 students).



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B. FY27 Program Updates

- i. Truck Simulator will be purchased utilizing the Noncredit Strategies at Work Grant (NSWG).
 - 1. Goal to be installed and fully operational by February 2027.
 - 2. Allow students in Diesel Power Technology and Truck Driver Training to improve driving skills under various conditions, including manual transmission training.

C. Program Goals

- i. Increase contractor training to employees in Kishwaukee's district.
- ii. Work with organizations to do driver refresher training.
- iii. Increase enrollment when part-time instructor is hired.

D. Questions for partners

- i. Do you look at digital badging on resumes?
 - 1. Jacobson & Hinz stated that they would be interested in the badges for AI. They mentioned it would be a verifiable skill that they could click on to see if the potential employee completed it.
- ii. Employer needs and concerns
 - 1. Employees need a better understanding of financial and operational responsibilities, including finances, insurance, operating costs, fuel efficiency, and logbooks.
 - 2. Employees need clearer guidance on hours-of-service requirements, particularly understanding the difference between personal conveyance and employer work time, as well as safe driving practices.
- iii. General Questions and Answers
 - 1. Hinz states that they operate with 70% manual trucks. Currently their fleet is 2024 models or newer. They mentioned that automatic trucks are now more cost-effective to operate than manual trucks, so they plan to replace their manual trucks with automatics.
 - 2. Hinz mentioned the importance of safety training and creating good driving habits in the drivers.
 - 3. Hinz shared recruitment activities through Linked-In, Tentstreet, word of mouth, and referrals.

III. Partner Updates - All

A. Hiring/Labor Market Needs

- i. Hinz states that they tend to hire workers with 2 years of experience but would be interested in good candidates that are mature with excellent skills.
- ii. Hinz mentioned that they currently have 2-5 trucks not moving at a given time due to not filling those spots.
- iii. Hinz & Jacobson both mentioned the need for driver safety to be a strong emphasis.