



TAVE

CASS TAVE Committee Meeting Highlights April 14, 2025

Committee Membership 2025-2026

Chair

Sean N. Lougheed, Director of Educational Services, Wolf Creek School Division

CASS Members

Roger Lauck, Director of Teaching & Learning, Grande Prairie Catholic Schools, Zone 1

Dan Stephen, Division Principal, Sturgeon Public Schools, Zone 3/3

Sean N. Lougheed, Director of Educational Services, Wolf Creek School Division, Zone 4

Sandy McDuffe, Director of Schools, Rocky View Schools, Zone 5

Jason Kupery, Director of Learning, Palliser School Division, Zone 6

Francophone Authority

Julie Grondin, Enseignante hors établissement, Conseil scolaire FrancoSud

AISCA

Christy Filgate, Career Education Manager, AISCA

Government Representatives

Kathryn Andrews, Director, Apprenticeship Education and Pathways, Alberta Advanced Education

Ryan McFarland, Executive Director, STEM, Careers and Indigenous Curriculum Sector, Alberta Education

Industry and Non-Profit Partners

Stefan Rutkowski, President and CEO, CAREERS: The Next Generation

Chris Browton, Executive Director, Skills Canada Alberta

Dylan Turner, Provincial Projects and RESP Lead (South), Rupertsland Métis Centre of Excellence

Post-Secondary Institutions

Matthew Lindberg, Dean, School of Skilled Trades, NAIT

Jackie Taylor, Director, Community Learning Campus, Chinook's Edge School Division and Olds College

Joelle Reynolds, Director, Youth Initiatives, Lethbridge Polytechnic

Rozlynn Wick, Associate Director, Strategic Youth Initiatives, SAIT

CASS Executive

David Keohane, Chief Executive Officer, College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS)

Colleen Symyrozum-Watt, CASS Leadership Consultant

TAVE Committee

On April 14, 2025, the TAVE Committee held its first meeting of the year, united by a shared vision: to inspire Alberta's youth to explore skilled trades and technologies as meaningful and rewarding career pathways.

The 2025–2026 Committee is composed of 19 members representing school authorities, post-secondary institutions, government representatives, and key stakeholder partners. Together, this cross-sector team is committed to fostering system-wide collaboration and ensuring Alberta's students are well-prepared for future success in the skilled trades and technology sectors.

Terms of Reference

Members reviewed and adopted the Terms of Reference, modeled after those of established CASS committees. The document formalizes the committee's structure, mandate, and operations, ensuring alignment with CASS governance expectations.

The TAVE Committee is accountable to the CASS Governance and Nominating Committee and aims to inspire Alberta's youth to explore, engage in, and experience skilled trades and technologies as meaningful career pathways. The mission is carried out through collaboration among school divisions, post-secondary institutions, government, and stakeholder partners.

The committee operates with an advisory mandate aligned to the requirements of conditional grant funding provided by Alberta Education. It is responsible for advancing the TAVE Strategic Framework through coordinated actions that support inclusive learning opportunities, authentic skill

development, and meaningful work-integrated learning experiences.

Members support strategic planning, share updates within their networks, and foster collaboration across organizations. Participation is determined by each appointing organization and tied to the active grant period. Nominations were invited for the 2025 Chair, who will lead committee operations and ensure alignment with the mandate.

TAVE Trades and Technology Summit 2025: Forging the Future: Career Pathways That Inspire Student Success

Planning is progressing for the *Alberta Trades & Technologies Summit 2025: Forging the Future – Career Pathways that Inspire Student Success*, taking place on May 27 & 28, 2025, at Olds College of Agriculture & Technology.

During the meeting, members reviewed the draft Program-at-a-Glance, discussed speaker proposals submitted by the April 11, 2025 deadline, and identified potential keynote speakers and panelists to enhance the event's impact.

Logistics related to exhibitor coordination and participant registration were also reviewed. To support ongoing coordination, a five-member Summit Subcommittee was established, consisting of Sean Lougheed, Jason Kupery, Jackie Taylor, Joelle Reynolds, and Colleen Symyrozum-Watt.

Next Meeting

The next TAVE Committee Meeting will be on Thursday June 19, 2025.

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The TAVE Committee is united by a shared vision: to inspire Alberta's youth to pursue skilled trades and technologies as viable and rewarding career pathways. In collaboration with key partners, the committee promotes opportunities that allow students to:

- Explore the scope, demand, and value of skilled trades and technologies.
- Engage in relevant academic studies and skill development through inclusive, hands-on learning.
- Experience work-integrated learning with employers and partners.

This collective responsibility brings together school authorities, post-secondary institutions, ministry representatives, and stakeholder partners to foster system-wide synergy and support Alberta's students in becoming prepared for success in the skilled trades and technology sectors.