



# CASS TAVE Committee

## Meeting Highlights

September 18, 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

**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

**Angel Tuttle** Interim Associate Director, Early Learning, K-12 Education, Rupertsland Métis Centre of Excellence

#### Post-Secondary Institutions

**Matthew Lindberg**, Dean, School of Skilled Trades, NAIT

**Brianne Fletcher**, 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

The Trades, Apprenticeships, and Vocational Education (TAVE) Committee met on September 18, 2025, to review the TAVE Terms of Reference, confirm the 2025–2026 scope of conditional grant work, and receive updates on key initiatives. Discussions highlighted planning for the 2026 Alberta Skilled Trades and Technologies Summit, progress on the Grade 12 transition research study, and development of the Dual Credit e-Leadership Guide.

### TAVE Trades and Technology Summit 2026: Pathways to Possibility-Inspiring Alberta Student's Futures

**Date: April 28 and 29, 2026**

**Location:**



**Southern Alberta Institute of Technology**  
1301 16 Avenue NW  
Calgary, Alberta

### Alberta Grade 12 Students' Perceptions of Essential Conditions for Career Success Research Study

The TAVE Committee reviewed details of the upcoming CASS research project that will gather insights from Alberta Grade 12 students on the conditions that support informed career decision-making. Grounded in the TAVE Framework, the study explores three dimensions of career thinking:

- **exploring** career options,
- **engaging** in career planning, and
- **experiencing** career pathways.

Findings from the study are expected to provide valuable insights to guide school authorities and Alberta Education in

enhancing access to and the effectiveness of career pathway opportunities, particularly in skilled trades and technologies. For more information please visit the

#### Research Study Website:

[cass.ab.ca/ab-students-perceptions-in-careers](https://cass.ab.ca/ab-students-perceptions-in-careers)

### Dual Credit eLeadership Guide

The Committee reviewed progress on the Dual Credit eLeadership Guide, a provincial resource in development to support school authorities in strengthening dual credit programming. The guide will feature research, Alberta case studies, and promising practices that show how dual credit broadens student opportunities, enhances engagement, and supports smoother transitions into post-secondary and careers.

Organized into four sections—*Explore, Develop, Take Action, and Evaluate*—the guide will combine evidence, reflective questions, and Alberta stories of practice to inform sustainable and innovative approaches

#### Invitation to Contribute

CASS invites school authorities, post-secondary institutions, and partners to share local examples and strategies.

### Participation Link

Contributions will help ensure the guide reflects the diversity of contexts and innovations across Alberta.

### Next Meeting

The next TAVE Committee meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 2, 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.