

**PRELIMINARY MINUTES
KANSAS POSTSECONDARY
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY
MEETING**

The September 30, 2021 meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) was held at the Kansas Board of Regents office, 1000 SW Jackson Street, Suite 520, Topeka, Kansas and virtually via ZOOM.

Members Present

Ray Frederick Jr., Chair

Rita Johnson

Mike Johnson

Debra Mikulka, via ZOOM

Tiffany Anderson, via ZOOM

Stacy Smith

Mark Hess, via ZOOM

Eddie Estes

Jason Cox

Keith Humphrey

Amber Shultz

Kansas Board of Regents Staff Present

Scott Smathers

Charmine Chambers

Lisa Beck

Sue Grosdidier

Eric Tincher

Susan Henry

April Henry

Hector Martinez

Vera Brown

Tobias Wood

Steve Funk

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Frederick at 10:00 AM.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion: Member M. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of August 26, 2021. Following a second by Member Estes, the motion carried.

REPORTS

Introductions

Chair Frederick recognized Vice President Smathers, to introduce Hector Martinez as the new Director for Adult Education. Chair Frederick called on all members of the TEA to briefly introduce themselves.

Chair's Report

Chair Frederick requested for his report to be heard at the end of the meeting.

Member Liaison Reports

Chair Frederick invited TEA member activity reports.

Member R. Johnson reported that on September 17th she met with President Calvert at Pratt Community College and thanked President Calvert for providing updates on their new programs and partnerships, as well as discussing their program funding investments with maintenance of effort funding and Promise Act funding. She reported that on September 23rd she met with new President Dr. Daugherty at Flint Hills Technical College, and discussed her engagement plans with faculty in connecting with outside business and industry partners in the area. Member Johnson commended them on the culinary program facility and reported she shared the background of the TEA with President Daugherty.

Member Estes reported that 18 members of the Legislature were in Dodge City and discussed redistricting. He reported he met with the new Senate majority leader, Senator Alley, and discussed various aspects regarding the Promise Act. He expressed appreciation for the good representation from the schools at that meeting. He reminded members that the MidAmerica Workforce Summit will be held on January 19th and 20th in Topeka.

Member Anderson reported that on October 14th Shawnee County will hold a college and CTE fair, hosted by T-CALC with colleges present, focusing on CTE and job opportunities for students. She reported that T-CALC staff is excited about the Registered Apprenticeship program with KSDE, and more details being shared by Member Smith. She reported that she and her staff are spending more time with Legislators, learning more about CTE and pathways for student opportunities and collaboration.

Member Smith shared brief details regarding the timeline of the Registered Apprenticeship program through KSDE with their goal to make the introduction announcement during Registered Apprenticeship week November 15th. He gave an update regarding the work-based learning program and reported that a work-based learning meeting in Wichita has been scheduled for October 19th and 20th and is available for TEA members to attend via ZOOM. He gave a brief update regarding the National Alliance for Partnerships and Equity, focusing on special populations relative to academic readiness support for students as they step into postsecondary education.

Member Hess reported that on September 23rd he and Vice President Smathers attended a Leadership Kansas meeting hosted by Northwest Kansas Technical College and during a panel session answered questions regarding workforce development and challenges in placing students into the workplace, as well as touring their updated tech facility.

Vice President for Workforce Development Report

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to provide Members with a Workforce Development report. Vice President Smathers reported that he has sent the 20-day college census reports to TEA members for their review. He reported that Board Staff continue to work on the Promise Act and have begun working with Legislators on details for a trailer bill on the Act. He informed members that Susanna Lee was hired as a new Associate Director in Adult Education. He reported he attended the Kansas Leadership meeting at Northwest Kansas Technical College, presented to the Kansas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (KACRAO), visited two adult education offices and four colleges while in the area. He reported Board Staff is in final preparations for the WIOA Conference next week in Wichita. He expressed appreciation to WFD staff for stepping up and adapting to cover projects as the unit transitions and fills staff vacancies.

Report from the Community Colleges

Chair Frederick called upon Fort Scott Community College President Johnston to provide members with a report from the community colleges.

Report from the Technical Colleges

Chair Frederick called upon Manhattan Area Technical College President Genandt to provide members with a report from the technical colleges.

CONSENT AGENDA

Technical Program and Curriculum Committee Program and Curriculum Committee

A. Tabled Program

- Cloud County Community College: Welding (48.0508)

B. New Program Proposals

- Colby Community College: Welding (48.0508)

C. Excel in CTE Fees

- Cloud County Community College: Welding (48.0508)

D. Promise Act

- Butler Community College: Exercise Science (AS)
- Butler Community College: Sports Management (AS)
- Cloud County Community College: Welding (48.0508)
- Colby Community College: Welding (48.0508)

Chair Frederick called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items from the Technical Program and Curriculum Committee.

Motion: Member Shultz moved to approve the Consent Agenda items Following a second by Member Estes, the motion carried by roll call vote.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

KSU Unmanned Aircraft Systems Program Request

Chair Frederick called on Technical Program and Curriculum Committee Chair R. Johnson to lead discussions regarding the KSU Unmanned Aircraft Systems Program Request as well as the TEA letter of opposition prepared to be submitted to the Board. Committee Chair Johnson informed members that this program request has been through extensive discussions in the Technical Program and Curriculum Committee as well as the TEA, and based on those discussions, Board Staff prepared the letter of opposition. She gave a brief overview of the letter, with the key elements including that this request by KSU is outside of Board policy regarding state universities offering two-year degrees; that there isn't an unmet need at this time; that the landscape of higher education in Kansas has drastically changed since KSU merged with K-State Polytechnic; and the program is currently offered as a baccalaureate degree at KSU. She did offer some minor verbiage changes to the letter without changing the intent of the content. Members expressed appreciation for the work of the Technical Program and Curriculum Committee, as well as expressed their support of the letter of opposition. Vice President Smathers provided members with the timeline of the readings regarding the program as it works through the Board Committees prior to submission to the Board for final vote. He added that if any Board committee fails to approve the program request, it will not be forwarded to the Board for review or approval. Vice President Smathers informed members that the TEA letter of opposition will be made available to the Board committees for their consideration. As the request makes way to the Board, Chair Frederick encouraged members to reach out to the Board members to express their opposition.

Motion: Member M. Johnson moved to accept the TEA letter of opposition regarding the KSU Unmanned Aircraft Systems Program Request to be submitted to the Board with the minor verbiage changes as suggested by Technical Program and Curriculum Committee Chair R. Johnson. Following a second by Member Mikulka, the motion carried by roll call vote. Member Smith abstained from this vote.

OTHER MATTERS

Legislative Update

Chair Frederick recognized Vice President Frisbie to provide members with a legislative update in the absence of Director Matt Casey. Vice President Frisbie informed members that legislators are ready to hear about issues and needs from the higher education system. Director Casey and other government

relations officers are scheduling meetings with legislators discussing priorities for the next legislative session and are also in communication with the Governor’s Office as Governor Kelly is considering the budget for Fiscal Year 2023. She reported work continues in preparation of the proposal for the Promise Act trailer bill. She informed members that Board staff will testify at interim hearings as required and that President Flanders will be testifying to the Legislative Budget Committee on October 8th.

Military Articulation Update

Chair Frederick called on Associate Director Wood to provide members with a military articulation update. Associate Director Wood provided members with a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Lumina Grant and the Kansas military articulation efforts. He informed members Kansas was invited to participate in the Military Credentialing and Advancement Initiative (MCAI) establishing articulation paths for college credit for military efforts and training, working toward stackable credentials, two-year and four-year degrees. Members expressed their appreciation to Board Staff for participation in making Kansas a leader in the Nation in the military articulation efforts.

Board Legislative Request for FY 2021-2022

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Frisbie to report on the Board’s Unified State Appropriations request. Vice President Frisbie explained that to carry out its statutory responsibilities of governance and coordination, the Board requests and advocates for state funding through the Board Office, which it then further allocates to sectors and institutions based on its determination of system-wide needs, institutional accountability, and the performance of institutions. The Legislature typically appropriates most state university base funds directly to the universities because they are state agencies. State General Fund appropriations for recent years are identified below by sector and major categories.

Kansas Board of Regents State General Fund Base Appropriations (Dollars in Millions)							
	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
State Universities	\$ 560.9	\$ 568.7	\$ 565.0	\$ 587.5	\$ 626.2	\$ 643.6	\$637.7
Two-Year Colleges	156.0	150.6	157.9	167.0	172.4	179.0	188.1
Other Higher Ed Programs	30.6	26.9	24.5	26.4	27.7	30.2	57.3
Washburn University	11.9	11.4	11.4	11.8	12.2	12.4	13.1
Board Office Operations	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5
Total	\$ 763.8	\$ 761.9	\$ 763.2	\$ 797.1	\$ 843.0	\$869.7	\$900.7
<i>Source: KBOR appropriation tracking sheets; base appropriations only, amounts do not include carryover funds. Other Higher Ed Programs include student financial aid, Adult Basic Education grants, the Nursing Faculty & Supplies Program, and MHEC dues.</i>							

Listed below are the items the Board decided to include in its unified appropriations request. The column to the far right indicates whether the state investment would “count” toward Kansas’ obligations to adequate state funding to higher education relative to the overall state budget as part of the Maintenance of Effort requirement under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act.

FY 2022

Current Year Maintenance of Effort Contingency <i>if Waiver is Not Granted</i>		
State Universities \$41.4 million (Building the Future Pillar 1, Family and Pillar 3, Economic Prosperity)	\$41,400,000	Yes
Two-Year Colleges \$10.8 million (Building the Future Pillar 1, Family and Pillar 3, Economic Prosperity)	\$10,800,000	Yes
Washburn University \$0.8 million (Building the Future Pillar 1, Family and Pillar 3, Economic Prosperity)	\$800,000	Yes

FY 2023

State Universities

Restore State Investment in State Universities and Freeze Student Tuition (Building the Future Pillar 1, Family and Pillar 3, Economic Prosperity)	\$45,700,000	Yes
Advance Kansas' Economic Recovery and Improve Opportunities for Kansans via Need Based Financial Aid for Undergraduate and Graduate Students (Building the Future Pillar 1, Family and Pillar 2, Business)	\$25,000,000	Yes
Enhance Student Services to Ensure Retention and Graduation (Building the Future Pillar 1, Family)	\$5,000,000	Yes
Invest in Universities' Economic Development Initiatives with Private Partnerships	\$10,000,000	Yes
Improve Universities' IT Infrastructure (Building the Future, Pillar 1, Family)	\$20,000,000	Yes
Capital Renewal of State University Facilities (Building the Future Pillar 1, Family, Pillar 2, Business, and Pillar 3, Economic Prosperity)	\$25,000,000	No

Washburn University

Business Resources for Innovation (Building the Future Pillar 3, Economic Prosperity)	\$225,000 ongoing + \$100,000 one-time startup	Yes
Ensuring Pathways to Student Success (Building the Future Pillar 1, Family)	\$880,000 ongoing + \$925,000 one-time startup	Yes

Community and Technical Colleges

Align Excel in CTE program to Enrollment Growth (Building a Future Pillar 2, Business)	\$2,500,000	Yes
Fund a Portion of the Gap in Tiered Course Credit Hour Aid (Building the Future Pillar 1, Family)	\$2,000,000	Yes
Fund a Portion of the Gap in Non-Tiered Course Credit Hour Aid (Building the Future Pillar 1, Family)	\$4,000,000	Yes
Increase Career Technical Education Capital Outlay (Building the Future Pillar 2, Business)	\$4,000,000	Yes
One-Time Projects (Building the Future Pillar 2, Business)	\$15,000,000	Yes

Student Financial Aid – Administered by Kansas Board of Regents

Increase National Guard Educational Assistance Program for Projected Enrollment Growth (Building the Future Pillar 1, Family)	\$1,000,000	Yes
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Kansas Board of Regents’ Operations

Position(s) to Administer Kansas Promise Scholarship Act (salary + benefits + other operating expenses) (Building the Future Pillar 1, Family)	\$125,000	No
Potential Staff for Capital Renewal Initiative (Building the Future Pillar 1, Family and Pillar 3, Economic Prosperity)	\$100,000	No
Restore Operating Expenditures Appropriation to FY 2021 Level (Building the Future Pillar 1, Family and Pillar 3, Economic Prosperity)	\$80,454	No

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to lead discussions for the TEA responsibilities and activities review, the Workforce Development group responsibilities and organizational structure, TEA goals for 2020-2021, the Board goals for AY 2021-2022 and the TEA draft goals for AY 2021-2022.

TEA Responsibilities and Activities Review

Vice President Smathers provided a brief overview of the TEA responsibilities and activities as delegated by the Board, and a copy of which was provided to members in their meeting packets.

WFD Responsibilities and Organizational Structure

Vice President Smathers gave TEA members a general overview of KBOR’s organizational structure and provided a detailed list of the Workforce Development group’s primary responsibilities, as well as team organization. Organizational charts for Board staff were provided to members in their meeting packets.

TEA Goals for 2020-2021 and Board Goals for AY 2021-2022

Vice President Smathers provided a review of the TEA goals for 2020-2021, as well as a reading of the Board Goals as approved for AY 2021-2022, copies of which were provided to members in their meeting packets.

Draft TEA Goals for AY 2021-2022

Vice President Smathers provided the draft list of TEA goals and TEA Committee goals for AY 2021-2022 as was developed in discussions with the TEA and the TEA Committees.

DRAFT TEA Goals 2021-2022

1. Support Kansas Board of Regents 2021-2022 goals and advocate for all public postsecondary institutions
2. Conduct extraordinary cost review for the remaining programs
3. Work with Commerce and KSDE in developing definitions, guidelines, and processes for work-based learning (apprenticeships, internships, work experience, etc.)
4. Improve CTE program alignment between KSDE and the postsecondary institutions based on business and industry input
5. Improve communication with school districts in Kansas
6. Review and clear up program ownership and control questions

DRAFT Committee Assignments

Budget & Finance Committee

1. Conduct extraordinary cost review for the remaining programs

Advocacy & Marketing Committee

1. Improve communication with school districts in Kansas

Technical Program & Curriculum Committee

1. Work with Commerce and KSDE in developing definitions, guidelines, and processes for work-based learning (apprenticeships, internships, work experience, etc.)
2. Improve CTE program alignment between KSDE and the postsecondary institutions based on business and industry input
3. Clear up program ownership and control questions at institutions throughout Kansas

Motion: Following discussion, Member Anderson moved to adopt and approve the TEA goals for AY 2021-2022 as presented. Following a second by Member R. Johnson, the motion carried by roll call vote.

NEXT MEETING REMINDER

Chair Frederick reminded members that the next TEA meeting will be held virtually on October 28, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

Chair's Report

Chair Frederick announced that due to family health circumstances, effective immediately he is resigning as Chairman of the TEA.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Frederick adjourned the meeting at 12:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant