

**KANSAS POSTSECONDARY
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY
MEETING**

A May 25, 2023, meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) was held at the Kansas Board of Regents office, 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 520, Topeka, Kansas and virtually via ZOOM.

Members Present

Ray Frederick	Cindy Hoover
Curtis Sneden	Mike Beene
Debra Mikulka	Natalie Clark
David Reist	Eddie Estes
Mark Hess	Amber Schultz
Tiffany Anderson	

Others Present

Cowley Community College
Highland Community College
Hutchinson Community College
Manhattan Area Technical College
Salina Area Technical College
Heather Morgan, Kansas Association of Community College Trustees
Steve Kearney, Kansas Technical Colleges

Kansas Board of Regents Staff Present

Scott Smathers	Charmine Chambers
Elaine Frisbie	Hector Martinez
April Henry	Susanna Lee
Sue Grosdidier	Laura Leite
Vera Brown	Crystal Roberts
Eric Tincher	Tobias Wood
Susan Henry	

CALL TO ORDER

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

Approval of Minutes

Chair Frederick called for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2023, meeting.

Motion: Member Sneden moved to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2023, meeting. Following a second by Member Estes, the motion carried.

REPORTS

Introductions
None.

Chair's Report

Chair Frederick reported to members that on May 2nd he attended a capstone presentation in Wichita by four Wichita State University (WSU) Engineering students, in collaboration with the Trane Company, Wichita State University, and USD 259. The students were charged with conducting an energy audit of a

Truesdale Middle School in Wichita, and their audit included reviewing the school's EPA, heating and lighting systems, and the potential for future usage of solar energy and panels. Chair Frederick expressed appreciation for the opportunity to visit with the students after the presentation. He reported that, on May 9th, he had the opportunity to speak with NC3 CEO, Roger Tadajewski, and discussed engaging additional business and industry partners into their mission of building skilled workforce with industry-recognized certifications.

Member Liaison Reports

Chair Frederick asked if any TEA members had reports on their activities to share.

Member Clark thanked Vice President Smathers and Board staff for attendance at the Advance CTE Perkins regional meeting, along with Department of Education staff, and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to collaborate with other states and the Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

Member Reist shared the historical details of the vineyard programs offered by Highland Community College, (HCC), noting he was the institution's President at the time of the inception of the program in 2010. He introduced vineyard staff from HCC, and they shared details and growth of the program and referenced the Viticulture and Enology program on the consent agenda for approval.

Member Anderson thanked Highland Community College for the efforts in their vineyard program. She reported that Washburn Tech sends out a newsletter monthly, and as mentioned in their newsletter, they received a national award designating them as a top national center for construction by the National Center for Construction and Research. She thanked the Governor for the Now scholarship noting its impact on Topeka Public Schools students in attendance of Washburn University and Washburn Tech.

Member Estes reported that Garden City Community College (GCCC) is holding a STEM camp on June the 13th and 15th, featuring robotics, cybersecurity, and computer networking, as part of the Title III grant that GCCC received. He informed members that GCCC was named one of the top 20 promising places to work by a national organization for staff organizational development, and also will be building a new greenhouse for their crop science program.

Vice President for Workforce Development Report

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to provide members with a Workforce Development report. Vice President Smathers thanked TEA members and Board staff for their efforts over the past year. He informed members that Vice President Frisbie would be providing the legislative update for Director Casey as he is on parental leave. Vice President Smathers informed the members that adult education services will be expanding growth in the Kansas City area and is participating in the Affordable Connectivity Program providing a stipend for equipment and monthly assistance for internet services. He reported that Board staff have been attending adult education graduation ceremonies across the state, as well as attending grant conferences in Phoenix and Washington D.C. He reported that President Johnston from Fort Scott Community College is retiring. He reported that meetings were held with the two-year colleges regarding the cost model and that he believes that progress was made toward moving forward with application of the cost model. He reminded members that in the fall the process regarding determination of extraordinary costs will resume and reminded members that June 30th is the end of this fiscal year, requiring all expense reports be turned in as soon as possible.

Report from the Community Colleges

Chair Frederick called upon Hutchinson Community College President File to provide members with a report from the community colleges.

Report from the Technical Colleges

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

CONSENT AGENDA**Budget and Finance Committee**

- Extraordinary Costs Review

Program and Curriculum Committee**New Programs**

- Colby Community College: Feedlot Certificate (01.0906)
- Cowley Community College: Wind Energy Technology (15.1704)
- Highland Community College: Viticulture and Enology (01.1004)
- Salina Area Technical College: Pharmacy Technician (51.0805)
- Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology: Para Education (13.1501)

Promise Act

- Colby Community College: Feedlot Certificate (01.0906)
- Cowley Community College: Wind Energy Technology (15.1704)
- Salina Area Technical College: Pharmacy Technician (51.0805)

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

Motion: Member Beene moved to approve the Consent Agenda items. Following a second by Member Anderson, the motion carried.

DISCUSSION AGENDA**Budget and Finance Committee**

- 1) Receive Information on Distribution of State Appropriations
- 2) Act on Distributions of State Appropriations

Chair Frederick recognized Vice President Frisbie to present information of the distributions of State appropriations for member review and approval. Vice President Frisbie provided members with information on the appropriations for fiscal year 2024 as approved by the legislature for informational purposes. Vice President Frisbie provided a brief overview of the distributions as provided in the meeting documents including tiered technical education state aid distributions, non-tiered credit hour grant distributions, Cybersecurity/Information Technology distributions, apprenticeships distributions, and the Capital Outlay to colleges not eligible for CTE Capital Outlay distributions. Vice President Frisbie then presented for member approval the distributions of State appropriations, as included in the meeting documents, including the Career Technical Education Capital Outlay Aid distributions, which includes \$4,871,585 from the State General Fund and \$2,547,726 from the Economic Development Initiatives Fund for FY 2024, the technology grants distributions of approximately \$400,000 to be distributed the same as in prior years, and the operating grants distributions, totaling \$10.5 million, to be distributed evenly to the seven technical colleges at \$1.5 million per institution, noting this correction to the document included in the meeting packet.

Motion: Member Hess moved to approve the Discussion Agenda item for distributions of state appropriations as presented for approval. Following a second by Member Mikulka, the motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

FY 2023 Legislative Session Update

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Frisbie to provide members with the FY 2023 Legislative Session update. Vice President Frisbie explained that the 2023 legislative session was ended on April 28th, and the legislature opted not to come back for another day to address any of the Governor's vetoes for this year. She explained that actions on the budget included the Kansas Heroes Scholarship Act, which received \$700,000, and \$10.5 million was awarded to the technical colleges to increase capacity to meet the need for the high demand, high wage, and critical need workforce areas. Additional budget items included \$1.48 million for aiding high school students in transportation to colleges to complete their technical coursework, a \$40,000 budget item for a pilot tied with Washburn Tech in the Department of Commerce budget, and \$2.5 million for a statewide marketing campaign for high-demand and high-wage career fields. She informed members of substantive bills that were also passed, including HB 2060, SB 123, and HB 2290.

Act of Adult Education Provider Awards

Chair Frederick called on Director Martinez to provide members with information regarding the adult education provider awards. Director Martinez presented the federal and state government funding for the provision of adult education to over 50 locations in Kansas that offer education and career training services. He explained that the funding formula is performance-based, and the programs encompass adult education, basic adult education, adult secondary education, English as a second language programs, and educational training. Director Martinez provided documents in the meeting packet, including information on program participants, allocations, and distributions of funds, noting that there are about 5,800 adult education program participants. He provided members with brief information regarding the Affordable Connectivity program and Integrated Educational Training and added that there is a high demand for the programs, resulting in a waiting list, and, currently, Kansas is serving less than 5% of the population in need of adult education.

Senate Bill 123 Information

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to provide members with Senate Bill 123 information. Vice President Smathers explained that Senate Bill 123 was passed by the legislature and a copy of the bill was provided to members in the meeting documents. He provided members with a summary of the bill, explaining the four different areas that are encompassed by it, differentiated by sections. He informed members that, as required by the bill, KSDE and the Board of Regents have begun conducting a survey of two-year colleges and school districts, to create a master list of credentials that may qualify to be paid for by the school districts, adding that no money was set aside in the bill for this, so the school districts will have to incur that added expense without any additional funds having been allocated. He reported that legislatively, this survey is required, and the list must be approved by the Board of Regents and the State Department of Education no later than the 31st of July this year.

Programs Now Eligible for the Kansas Promise Scholarship Act

Chair Frederick called on Director Henry to provide members with information regarding the programs now eligible for the Kansas Promise Scholarship Act. Director Henry explained that the Act was expanded under Section 12 and 13. For Section 12 of the Act, Early Childhood Education and Development was expanded to include Elementary and Secondary Education. She explained that when Board Staff first worked on Section 12, no education programs were eliminated, so no further modifications are needed to comply with Section 12 of the Act. She explained that previously, under Section 13, the category named Distribution and Logistics, did not include programs falling under the heading of Transportation, so the CDL programs that are high-wage, high-demand, were not included. New language within Section 13 allows for the addition of the Transportation programs, and now, any college that selected distribution and

logistics as their fifth field of study can add their additional transportation programs. A list of institutions that selected Distribution, Logistics and Transportation programs as their field of study to add according to the Promise Act was provided to members in their meeting documents.

Motion: Member Anderson moved to approve the expansion of the programs from the Kansas Promise Scholarship Act as presented. Following a second by Member Sneden, the motion carried.

TEA FY 2025 Appropriations Request

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to present the TEA appropriations request. Vice President Smathers reminded members that annually the Board of Regents is responsible for developing a unified budget request for the post-secondary system and the Board asked the TEA, two-year colleges, and Board staff to provide them with a list of potential items they would like included in the appropriations request for FY 2025. He reminded members that last year the TEA made a request to the Board that included implementing the tiered and non-tiered funding formula, fully funding the Excel in CTE program, continuing the capital outlay funding, technical college operating grant funding, and funding to each institution for cyber security purposes. Board staff provided some options for the TEA to consider, based on feedback from community and technical colleges, and that information was provided in the meeting documents. It was agreed that the community college capital outlay and the technical college operating grant should be contingent on reports being made to the TEA twice a year regarding usage of the funds by the institution.

The Board staff recommendations were as follows:

- Fully fund Tiered and Non-Tiered State Aid TBD
- Fully fund Excel in CTE Student Enrollment TBD
- Combine and Fund the CTE Capital Outlay Aid and the new Capital Outlay aid (for the 10 Colleges that previously did not receive capital outlay funds) at the current levels of \$7,419,311 and \$5,000,000 with distribution using the CTE Capital Outlay methodology \$12,419,311
- Fund \$250,000 per institution in one-time costs to improve internal IT/networking structures, security, and cybersecurity \$6,500,000
- Fully fund the institutions Workforce Development efforts to include registered Apprenticeships and other Workforce Development initiatives \$14,300,000
- Fund an additional \$1.1 million annually to Adult Education \$2,500,000
- Fund micro-internship expansion efforts \$500,000
- Technical college operating grant \$10,500,000

In addition, Adult Education requested a federally funded special adjustment in the amount of \$110,000 for the upcoming year (FY 2024) to ensure that the state match will remain at the minimum threshold of 25%.

Motion: Following discussion, Member Sneden moved to approve the Board staff’s recommendation for Fiscal Year 2025 appropriations requests as presented, with the amendment to continue the technical college operating grant divided equally at \$1.5 million per technical college, with appropriate accountability reporting measures in place, and continuing the division between the distributions of capital outlay funding and the technical college operating grant funding. Following a second by Member Anderson, the motion carried.

Governor's Education Council Recommendations

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to lead discussion regarding the Governor's Education Council recommendations. Vice President Smathers provided members with the Governor's Education Council report in their meeting materials, reminding members that, at their March meeting, they agreed to table action on the recommendations, pending the results of the legislative session. He added that the Committee's recommendation to charge the Technical Education Authority to enhance their coordination of technical education pathways between K-12 and postsecondary education is aligned with the TEA goal from last year to improve the CTE program alignment between KSDE and postsecondary institutions.

Motion: Following discussion, Member Anderson moved to approve the Governor's Education Council recommendations with a focus on enhancing the coordination of Kansas technical education pathways between K-12 and postsecondary education. Following a second by Member Mikulka, the motion carried.

Election of TEA Officers Reminder

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to lead members in their upcoming officer's elections. Vice President Smathers requested nominations from TEA members, to elect a chair and vice chair for the AY2024.

Motion: Member Anderson moved to elect Member Humphrey as the AY 2024 Chair and Member Frederick as the AY 2024 Vice Chair. Following a second by Members Estes and Hess, the motion carried.

NEXT MEETING REMINDER

Chair Frederick reminded members that the next regularly scheduled TEA meeting will be in-person at the KBOR offices on August 31, 2023, beginning at 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Frederick adjourned the meeting at 11:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant