

**KANSAS POSTSECONDARY
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY
MEETING**

APPROVED MINUTES

A January 26, 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
Curtis Sneden
Debra Mikulka
David Reist
Mark Hess

Tiffany Anderson
Cindy Hoover
Mike Beene
Natalie Clark
Eddie Estes, via ZOOM

Others Present

Coffeyville Community College
Flint Hills Technical College
Hutchinson Community College
KACCT
Manhattan Area Technical College

Kansas Board of Regents Staff Present

Scott Smathers
April Henry
Sue Grosdidier
Vera Brown
Eric Tincher
Charmine Chambers
Becky Pottebaum
Rico Linchangco
Susan Henry, via Zoom

Hector Martinez
Susanna Lee
Laura Leite
Elaine Frisbie
Tim Peterson
Matt Casey
Crystal Roberts

CALL TO ORDER

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

Approval of Minutes

Chair Frederick called for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2022, meeting.

Motion: Member Sneden moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2022, meeting. Following a second by Member Beene, the motion carried.

REPORTS

Introductions

Chair Frederick welcomed new TEA members Cindy Hoover, Curtis Sneden, David Reist, and Natalie Clark, and asked each new member to introduce themselves. Vice President Smathers introduced new Associate Director Crystal Roberts and new Director of Finance Becky Pottebaum.

Chair's Report

Chair Frederick reported that he looks forward to resuming his travels to visit institutions in February.

Member Liaison Reports

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

Member Anderson reported that USD 501 has 100 mid-year graduates, with many of the students ready to earn an industry credential and begin their careers or enroll in college. She reported her administration toured Washburn Tech East exploring student opportunities and pathways, and Allen County Community College staff visited T-CALC, where they partner in offering online classes for college credit. She informed members that USD 501 had its first two students this year graduating with their high school diploma as well as an Associate's degree, and 40 students have moved on to Stormont Vail Medical Center with their CNA license, she thanked Stormont Vail for providing free staffing to teach those students. She informed members that she plans to attend the signing of the Governor's Proclamation for CTE month next week.

Member Estes reported that he attended the Kansas Advisory County on Career Technical Education meeting, along with TEA Members Clark and Beene and Vice President Smathers. He reported that a Winterfest was held last weekend at the 3I headquarters in Dodge City, with Dodge City Community College. He thanked new TEA members for their willingness to serve.

Member Clark reported on behalf of KSDE, and informed members that the substitute for House Bill 2466, new section 6 was delivered to the House and Senate Education Committees and that KSDE gave a career and technical education report with information from 95% of the 286 districts that responded to their inquiries.

Vice President for Workforce Development Report

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to provide members with a Workforce Development report. Vice President Smathers welcomed new TEA members. He informed members that Board staff is nearing completion of the required federal report for Perkins and thanked KSDE for their assistance in the completion of the report. He reported that he will be attending the signing of the Governor's Proclamation for CTE Month along with Member Anderson, Associate Director Brown, and representatives from KSDE and thanked KSDE for taking the lead in pursuing completion of the proclamation. He reported that in the last month he visited with TEA members and six institutions. He thanked presidents for taking time to meet with him. He reported he was asked to serve on the State Broadband Advisory Council through the Department of Commerce, which focuses on the importance of expanding broadband access throughout the state, and that he and Member Beene served on a panel in Wichita last week.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Program and Curriculum Committee

Program Realignment

- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC) (47.0201)

New Programs

- Garden City Community College: Robotics and Mechatronics Technology (15.0405)
- Washburn Institute of Technology: Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (51.0904)

Promise Act

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- Washburn Institute of Technology: Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (51.0904)

Excel in CTE Fees

- Washburn Institute of Technology: Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (51.0904)

Chair Frederick called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items from 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.

OTHER MATTERSLegislative Update

Chair Frederick called on Director Casey to provide members with a legislative update. Director Casey gave a brief overview of the Governor's budget recommendations which includes approximately \$107 million for higher education this year, including \$13 million for the two-year sector for postsecondary technical education, as well as \$6.5 million for cyber security for institutions. Director Casey provided members with brief explanations on Senate Bill 48 and Senate Bill 84 and explained that both bills were forwarded to the Committee on Education, for a hearing February 6th.

Chair Frederick expressed his concerns and tremendous disappointment in the lack of discussions with the TEA prior to the point that Senate Bill 48 was introduced to the Legislature addressing TEA appointments.

Carl D. Perkins Update

Chair Frederick called on Associate Director Brown to provide members with a Carl D. Perkins update. Associate Director Brown provided members with a brief history of the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the Century Act, also known as Perkins V, which provides approximately \$12.5 million for Kansas secondary and postsecondary career technical education (CTE). Associate Director Brown provided members with information in their meeting packets and gave a brief presentation detailing the funding of the various Perkins programs goals and initiatives, including performance-based funding, competitive grants, statewide leadership grants, reserve grants, grants focusing on special populations, labor force expansion, support for faculty, incentive funding, and the statewide CTE outreach program "Build Something Now" in collaboration with Cox Communications. Associate Director Brown explained that Board Staff will be holding a state-wide non-traditional careers training for institutions in Salina this month, as part of the ongoing training and technical assistance, and will be submitting the Consolidated Annual Report this month. She thanked Board Staff departments for their assistance in managing the Perkins Grant, including Data Research and Planning, Finance, Legal, Information Technology, the Executive Branch and public outreach. She also recognized that the institutions deserve the most credit for performance and reporting. She reported that the 2022 Federal government postsecondary performance targets have been met in Kansas.

Adult Education Presentation

Chair Frederick called on Director Martinez to provide members with a presentation on Adult Education.

Director Martinez explained that the Adult Education program encompasses a wide range of instructional strategies for student skills from basic literacy to college and career preparation, including a broad range of services, such as preparation for a high school equivalency diploma, learning the English language and providing structured basic school instruction in preparation for college and careers in Kansas. He provided members with a PowerPoint presentation and data of the Adult Education programs in Kansas including face-to-face classes, online remote classes, as well as offerings in correctional facilities, assisting individuals over 16 years of age who are not in high school. He reported that in 2022, participants increased by 20% from the prior year, and this year is also on-track for an increase in enrollments. Director Martinez highlighted program successes and community programs and provided information on the state and federal funding and the funding formula for distribution. Director Martinez informed members that the State of Kansas is at the top of the nation for major skills gain and employment gain, has a GED pass rate that is higher than the national average, and Kansas Adult Education programs are consistent national leaders in the accountability measures mandated by the U.S. Department of Education.

AY 24 Excel in CTE Fee Review

Chair Frederick called on Associate Director Chambers to provide members with the AY 24 Excel in CTE Fee review. Associate Director Chambers provided members with the background for Excel in CTE fee review and a list of fees for reference, including the charge to the TEA requiring annual review, guidelines for this process developed in 2019 working with the technical and community colleges, and a list identifying the allowable fees as well as those that are considered unallowable. She reminded members that Excel in CTE fees are only applicable to tiered technical courses, which are courses teaching occupationally specific, competency-based applied instruction. She added that discussion begins with the Technical Program and Curriculum Committee as a new program proposal is submitted with requests for Excel in CTE fees. She provided a summary of the fees that have been submitted for Academic Year 2024 to be approved for next year. She explained that these reflect either new fees or updates to existing fees that were submitted previously but does not reflect when an institution has removed fees. She added that over the last few years, the institutions have been encouraged to submit their actual fees. She explained that each institution is listed separately, with the fees organized based upon whether they are applicable at the course or program level. Additionally, a comparison of AY 2023 fees and AY 2024 fees was provided, showing changes from year to year by program, institution and exit points. She informed members that Board staff will provide them with a spreadsheet providing a breakdown of the summary fees. Associate Director Chambers explained that some institutions have indicated that they are not able to charge fees beyond a very nominal fee, or their participation suffers due to the economic situation in their area. Some have indicated that they have found other resources, such as grants, to aid in the purchasing of classroom sets of tools and are working with USDs to aid with textbook purchases, to reduce the upfront costs to students. Members expressed appreciation to the community and technical colleges for reductions in fees to high school students.

Motion: Following discussion, Member Mikulka moved to approve the AY 24 Excel in CTE Fees as presented. Following a second by Member Hess, the motion carried.

Promise Act Update

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to provide members with a Promise Act update. Vice President Smathers shared a brief history of the Act, explaining that it is a relatively new scholarship program which was updated after the first year and additional changes will be coming this year, including limiting the qualified programs and requiring that the programs be associated to an occupation that is either high wage, high demand, or demonstrates critical need. He added that some programs will no longer qualify for the Promise Act in the future. He explained that the statute is specific for review of these programs and an official list will be going out to the institutions in February based on the updated statute. The colleges will then have 30 days to respond to the TEA about the revised program list with an

opportunity to express why programs that no longer qualify should be classified at their institution as a critical need program. Discussions will be held at the March face-to-face TEA meeting, and then the Board of Regents will make a final decision based on the TEA recommendations at their April meeting.

NEXT MEETING REMINDER

Chair Frederick reminded members that the next meeting is a regularly scheduled conference call meeting on February 23, 2022, at 10:00 A.M

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Frederick adjourned the meeting at 12:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant