

**KANSAS POSTSECONDARY
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES
February 29, 2024**

The Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) met virtually on February 29, 2024 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Ray Frederick at 10:00 A.M. Proper notice was given according to law.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ray Frederick, Vice Chair
Tiffany Anderson
Mark Hess
Cindy Hoover
Debra Mikulka
David Reist
Curtis Sneden
Mike Beene
Natalie Clark
Amber Shultz

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Sneden moved to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2024, meeting and following a second by Member Anderson, the motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS

None.

REPORTS

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

None.

MEMBER LIASON REPORTS

Member Anderson shared student internship opportunities in Shawnee County involving local businesses including Advisors Excel and Stormont Vail Medical Center, in partnership with TCALC. She also shared that she attended the Kansas Department of Education conference and met with Washburn Institute of Technology's new Dean.

REPORT FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Interim Vice President Johnson reported on the Workforce Development team's activities. She reported that during the week of February 13th, Director Martinez attended the Texas Association for Literacy and Adult Education Conference, as the keynote speaker, sharing his own personal story. He met with the Association's Board of Directors, participated in a student panel, and met with their State Director. She provided a brief summary of some initiatives Texas has developed, including the International Trained Professionals program which provides services to help people who speak other languages and have degrees from their home country, as well as a Level Up program to boost eligible adult learners with tuition and academic support as they pursue occupations in high demand career fields. She reported that the Kansas Adult Education Association (KAEA) conference was held this week in Topeka, with Dr. Blake Flanders as the keynote speaker. Board staff conducted a pre-conference Program Leaders meeting and an awards ceremony at the Capitol. She reported that on February 12th and 13th, a Bridging Success with Enrollment and Retention Strategies Training session was conducted in Wichita, with 62 participants from 25 colleges, in collaboration with the Kansas Center for Career and Technical Education (KCCTE)

and hosted by the Board's Perkins staff. Instructors from the National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE) led the participants in discussions and will provide a follow-up webinar on March 4th. She informed members that the colleges have recently completed their comprehensive local needs assessments and this training supports the processes as they update and submit their 4-year Perkins applications in May. Vice President Johnson reported that as part of the Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the Kansas Office of Broadband Development (KBOD) is administering and overseeing implementation of the Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) program, which will bring \$451.7 million to Kansas for the purpose of building broadband networks. Grants will be awarded to Internet service providers with the goal of providing fast, reliable Internet connectivity to every unserved and underserved location across the state over the next five years. The broadband office is partnering with Workforce Development Board staff, and they are in the process of developing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to meet these goals. On February 9th, Directors White and Martinez met with key partners to begin development of the MOUs, and Vice President Johnson provided a brief summary of the potential action items identified in the initial draft, with a target date of completion in June.

REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Garden City Community College President Ruda provided members with a report on the activities of the community colleges.

REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL COLLEGES

Salina Area Technical College President Nichols provided members with a report on the activities of the technical colleges.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chair Frederick called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Beene so moved, and following a second by Member Sneden, the motion carried by roll call vote.

Technical Program and Curriculum Committee

New Program

Kansas City Kansas Community College: High Voltage Line Technician (46.0303)

Tabled New Program

Dodge City Community College: Industrial Maintenance (Industrial Machine Mechanic) (47.0303)

Promise Act

Dodge City Community College: Industrial Maintenance (Industrial Machine Mechanic) (47.0303)

Excel in CTE Fees

Dodge City Community College: Industrial Maintenance (Industrial Machine Mechanic) (47.0303)

OTHER MATTERS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Members received a Legislative update from Fred Patton of the Government Affairs Division of the Harris/Kelsey Law Firm. He reported that turnaround was last Friday, and the session was progressing well and focusing on the budget with subcommittees and committees working on their respective areas. The session is expected to be completed by the end of March.

CTE OUTREACH CAMPAIGN

Senior Project Director Tim Peterson presented a report and shared a video on the CTE Outreach Campaign which promotes technical education through the use of various media platforms. He

highlighted its success and its potential for future impact, including reducing student debt and securing good-paying jobs.

CARL D. PERKINS UPDATE

Associate Director Brown provided an update on the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act, (Perkins V), which provides federal funding for career and technical education. She explained the allocation of funds between Career Technical Education and K-12 and post-secondary programs, the definition of "special populations", and the Kansas State Plan which guides the State's spending of Perkins funds, as well as the various grants and initiatives funded by these allocations.

Associate Director Wood provided a brief summary focusing on the use of Perkins funds in corrections institutions. He explained that most facilities use this funding to update equipment in their programs, thus allowing students to use industry standard equipment in their training. He provided members with a list of the programs and credentials the corrections facilities offer.

ADULT EDUCATION UPDATE

Associate Director Grosdidier provided an update on the adult education programs throughout the Kansas Department of Corrections, noting the challenges faced by inmates, particularly those without a high school diploma, and the impact of GED programs on recidivism rates. She highlighted the efforts of professionals in adult education and community colleges.

ADULT EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Associate Director Tincher provided a report on professional development in adult education. He emphasized the importance of college and career readiness standards, the need for quality instruction, and the focus on student mental health. He also highlighted a comprehensive reading plan in development, the formation of a subcommittee for professional development decisions, and the need for greater advocacy for adult education across the state.

METHODS OF ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Associate Director Wood discussed the role of the Office of Civil Rights in ensuring compliance with federal rights and civil rights laws and adhering to ADA standards, particularly in the context of career and technical education. He explained that states must develop and maintain Methods of Administration, and that Board staff conducts reviews to ensure administrative and physical accessibility on campuses, with a plan to address any violations found, providing support to institutions regarding accessibility standards, technical assistance, and hazard mitigation.

NEXT MEETING REMINDER

Vice Chair Frederick reminded members that the next regularly scheduled TEA meeting will be held at the KBOR offices on March 28, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Frederick adjourned the meeting at 11:31 A.M.