**KANSAS POSTSECONDARY**

**TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY**

**MEETING**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

A virtual meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) was held via ZOOM on April 28, 2022.

**Members Present**

Mark Hess

Jason Cox

Keith Humphrey

Debra Mikulka

Amber Shultz Mike Johnson

Eddie Estes

Rita Johnson

Ray Frederick

Mike Beene

**Others Present**

Barton Community College

Butler Community College

Cloud County Community College

Colby Community College

Cowley Community College

Flint Hills Technical College

Fort Scott Community College

Garden City Community College

Highland Community College

Hutchinson Community College

Independence Community College

Johnson County Community College

KACCT

Manhattan Area Technical College

Neosho County Community College

Northwest Kansas Technical College

Salina Area Technical College

Seward County Community College

Washburn Institute of Technology

Wichita State University Campus of Applied Science and Technology

**Kansas Board of Regents Staff Present**

Scott Smathers

April Henry

Sue Grosdidier

Vera Brown

Eric Tincher

Charmine Chambers

Hector Martinez

Karla Wiscombe

Cindy Farrier Matt Casey

Susanna Lee

Elaine Frisbie

Lisa Beck

Steve Funk

Tobias Wood

Tim Peterson

Susan Henry

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hess at 10:001A.M. Chair Hess provided members with virtual meeting guidelines.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Cox called for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 31, 2022 meeting.

**Motion:** Member Shultz moved to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2022 meeting. Following a second by Member R. Johnson, the motion carried.

**REPORTS**

Introductions

None.

Chair’s Report

None.

Member Liaison Reports

Chair Hess asked if any TEA members had reports on their activities to share. Member Beene asked to share a positive general comment regarding recent news that two new businesses have expanded to Kansas. He thanked the community and technical college partners who have played an integral part in the recruitment of businesses who have an emphasis on education and training collaboration through education partners in workforce and talent development. Member Estes reported that Hilmar Cheese is finalizing their location in western Kansas. He thanked Dodge City Community College and Garden City Community College for their enthusiasm in talks with this business offering training.

Vice President for Workforce Development Report

Chair Hess called on Vice President Smathers to provide members with a Workforce Development report. Vice President Smathers reported that it is a busy time for Board staff working with the end of the spring semester, getting close to the end of the State Fiscal Year and the end of the legislative session. Vice President Smathers informed members that an additional $98,000 in adult education funding and an additional $418,000 in Perkins funding was received from the Federal Government. He reported that Board staff have been busy traveling conducting methods of administration reviews, conducting training conferences, and setting up the AO-K Summit to be held May 24th on the Washburn Institute of Technology campus in Topeka. He reported that the Promise Act trailer bill seems to have been resolved, and we are very pleased that this week a grandfather clause was added to the Act, of benefit to students and the institutions. Vice President Smathers congratulated Cloud County Community College in receiving notification that the institution is one of 25 semi-finalists nationwide for the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence award, which is awarded every two years.

Report from the Community Colleges

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

Report from the Technical Colleges

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Budget and Finance Committee

Kansas Nursing Initiative Grant Awards

Program and Curriculum Committee

Program Alignment

Respiratory Care (51.0908)

New Program

Kansas City Kansas Community College: Electronics Engineering Technology (15.0303)

Excel in CTE Fees

Kansas City Kansas Community College: Electronics Engineering Technology (15.0303)

Chair Hess 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 Estes moved to approve the Consent Agenda items. Following a second by Member Beene, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Member Johnson abstained from the vote.

**DISCUSSION AGENDA**

Program and Curriculum Committee

Qualifying Credentials: Excel in CTE 2022-2023

Member Hess recognized Technical Program and Curriculum Committee Chair R. Johnson to present the discussion agenda items. Committee Chair Johnson informed members that these items were discussed at the program and curriculum committee meeting. The committee made recommendation for approval of both the Qualifying Credentials and Excel in CTE fees, although there was dissent in the vote, so they are now presented to the TEA for discussion. Committee Chair Johnson asked Associate Director Chambers to explain the Excel in CTE Qualifying Credentials 2022-2023 list for the benefit of members who did not participate in the committee meeting discussion.

Associate Director Chambers explained that the qualifying credential list for Excel in CTE has been a part of the Excel in CTE original statute from the inception of the Program, is revised annually for updates and is a collaborative effort between KSDE, the Department of Labor and Board staff. She explained the basis for this list starts with the high demand occupation list each year and then determination is made if the occupations meet additional criteria, including requiring a high school diploma for entry, an annual wage of at least 70% of the statewide average, the occupation must be accompanied by an associated occupationally-specific certification or licensure, and certification must be attainable by a high school student within six months of completing high school or before. She reported that there were no new occupations or credentials added this year. She clarified that the list does not limit programs or courses for Excel in CTE tuition reimbursement, but specifically addresses qualifying industry-recognized certifications that would be eligible for incentive funding, if available. She explained that the phase-out process for programs that do not meet the criteria takes two years, and that currently no funds are available for this incentive funding.

Members expressed concerns regarding the phasing out of programs that are currently in demand in the state and specifically concern for the need of programs supporting the aviation and healthcare industries in Kansas. Discussion included the age of the data which is used according to the statute in making determinations for the list as especially important when older data may not support the dramatic and immediate changes in industries. Vice President Smathers informed members that currently no institutions offer the sheet metal program as it is classified with the CIP code on the list, however institutions do offer the sheet metal coursework under a different CIP code. Members supported revisiting and addressing the programs that are phasing out from the Qualifying Credentials list. Chair Hess requested that Board staff revamp this document with the two courses that are set for 2022 and 2023 phase out, adding a footnote expressing that the current statute dictates based on demand from two years ago, adding that projections for the future are strong and we anticipate these will remain in high demand skill set. Vice President Smathers indicated to members that Board staff would re-work the list based on the TEA concerns and make it available for the Program and Curriculum Committee to review at their May 12th meeting for fine-tuning, with anticipated presentation to the TEA for review at the May 26th meeting.

Excel in CTE Fees: Certified Nurse Aide

Chair Hess called on Associate Director Chambers to present the Excel in CTE Fees for the Certified Nurse Aide program. Associate Director Chambers explained that the data in the packet is presented in response to the January 6, 2022 review by the Technical Program and Curriculum Committee. She reminded members that in December 2021, TEA members indicated that they would like to review Excel in CTE fees by program, in addition to looking at the fees by institution when submitted for approval. The Technical Program and Curriculum Committee reviewed the Certified Nurse Aide, Home Health Aide and Welding programs. The Committee had additional questions, and in response, Board staff met with representatives from the community and technical colleges in January 2022 to create a plan to get additional data from the institutions. A questionnaire was created to obtain additional data from each institution offering the Certified Nurse Aide program. Responses were received from all institutions and then aggregated and provided on a spreadsheet, highlighting the data provided from each institution for quick comparison of the fees including average and median costs. Associate Director Chambers explained how to interpret the spreadsheet and informed members that the Technical Program and Curriculum Committee requested this information be provided for TEA member review and comment, as well as recommending that Board staff conduct this same process on the Welding program next for the same type of comparison. Following discussion, members expressed their appreciation for the information provided.

**OTHER MATTERS**

Legislative Update

Chair Hess called on Director Casey to provide members with a legislative update. Director Casey gave a brief report to members on the recent activities of the Legislature. He informed members that the Legislature returned on April 25th to begin veto session, and that after the veto session there will be more attention to line items for the rest of the projects that were identified for community colleges, technical colleges, Washburn University, and a few of the regional universities. He reported that work continues on the Promise Scholarship trailer bill and the budget, which included different grants for institutions from the original governor's budget recommendation of $195 million for economic development grants out of the state general fund.

FY 2024 Appropriations Request

Chair Hess called on Vice President Smathers to provide members with information on the FY 2024 appropriations request. Vice President Smathers explained that the appropriations that are mostly to be approved by the Legislature for FY2023 were used as a guide for the appropriations request for FY 2024.

He briefly summarized the request, as follows:

* Implement Year Two of Legislative Action on Tiered and Non-Tiered State Aid                       TBD
* Provide Additional State Funding for Projected Excel in CTE Student Enrollment

$2.0 million

* Continue CTE Capital Outlay Aid at FY 2023 Level ($7,419,311) for Eligible Colleges           $0
* Enhance HB 2239 which currently allows for contributions to a Kansas technical college or community college for capital improvements, deferred maintenance, or technology or equipment purchases to be eligible for a 60 percent non-refundable credit against: Income tax; Insurance premium tax and privilege fees; or Financial net income privilege tax. The credit has an annual limit not to exceed $500,000 for any one college or community college with the total annual value of credits not to exceed $5.0 million.

\*Staff recommends the TEA request that the credit percentage be updated from 60% to 80% and to increase the total annual value of credits limit from $5 million to $10 million. TBD

Vice President Smathers added that the Legislature will be asked to move forward with the idea of re-centering this year to hold institutions harmless (if currently over-funded based on the formula) and fully fund all the institutions that were under funded based on the formula. Next year, the intent is that institutions that are receiving funds beyond what the formula allows will be held harmless by 50%, while fully funding institutions by the funding formula and asking that the additional $4.8 million received this year for capital outlay be maintained. He informed members that they will need to finalize and vote on the FY 2024 appropriations request at the TEA meeting May 26th for Board of Regents consideration at their August or September 2022 meetings.

Following discussion, Chair Hess requested that the FY 2024 Appropriations Request be forwarded to the May 26, 2022 TEA meeting as presented for vote at that time, asking members to review and provide their thoughts and recommendations.

TEA Officer Election Reminder

Chair Hess called on Vice President Smathers to remind members about the upcoming TEA officer election. Vice President Smathers reminded members that the election for AY 2023 Chair and Vice-Chair is scheduled to occur May 26, 2022. He requested that if members have an interest in serving in one of these roles or would like to nominate someone, please inform him or Chair Hess.

**NEXT MEETING REMINDER**

Chair Hess reminded members that the next regular TEA meeting is scheduled to be in-person at the KBOR offices on May 26, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business,Chair Hess adjourned the meeting at 11:32 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Susan Henry, Executive Assistant