

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

The December 7, 2017 meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) was held at the Kansas Board of Regents, 1000 SW Jackson Street, Suite 520, Topeka, Kansas.

**Members Present**

Ray Frederick Jr., Chair	Joe Glassman
Rita Johnson	Eddie Estes
Mike Johnson	Bruce Akin
Mike Beene	

**Members Absent**

Debbie Gann  
Randy Watson (Stacy Smith)  
Lana Gordon  
Dong Quach

**Others Represented**

Hutchinson Community College	Fort Scott Community College
Johnson County Community College	Cowley Community College
North West Kansas Technical College	Coffeyville Community College
Salina Area Technical College	Neosho County Community College
Manhattan Area Technical College	Independence Community College
Washburn Institute of Technology	

**Kansas Board of Regents Staff Present**

Scott Smathers	Connie Beene
April Henry	Charmine Chambers
Laura Leite	Tobias Wood
Susan Henry	Susan Hancock
Sue Grosdidier	Chris Lemon
Eric Tincher	Elaine Frisbie

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** Member Estes moved to approve the minutes of October 26, 2017. Following a second by Member Akin, the motion carried.

**REPORTS**

Introductions  
None.

Chairs Report

Chair Frederick reported that in November he met with President Utash of Wichita Area Technical School (WATC) to discuss their next steps following the approval of the affiliation of Wichita State University

and WATC. Effective July 1, 2018, WATC will become the WSU Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology.

Chair Frederick reported he visited the two technical colleges that do not have a TEA member assigned due to vacancy. He reported that he attended the Salina Area Technical College on Veterans day celebration, and he traveled to Flint Hills Technical College and was impressed with the relationships with business and industry partners and the community. On December 1<sup>st</sup> he visited Fort Scott Community College and was very impressed with the expansion in their partnership with John Deere and he visited the Harley Davidson program in Pittsburg.

#### Member Liaison Reports

Member M. Johnson attended the KAACT meeting where President Inbody of Neosho County Community College and Dean Perkins of Barton Community College gave presentations on the importance of cyber security for all institutions, including the effects of the “Dark Web” and the approximate 3000 attempted institution data hacks per day.

Member Estes reported he visited Garden City Community College for a holiday reception and their scholarship celebration where those who provide scholarships meet with the students who receive the scholarship. October 31<sup>st</sup> he attended the Dodge City Community College Career Expo. He reminded members that the Prosper Act, which would replace the Higher Education Act, is in the Legislature now and he encouraged members to follow the reactions to this bill. Member Estes reminded members that the Workforce Summit is coming up in January, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka.

#### Vice President for Workforce Development Report

Vice President Smathers reported he visited Allen Community College, Coffeyville Community College, Flint Hills Technical College, Independence Community College, Labette Community College, Neosho Community College and Wichita Area Technical College. He thanked the institutions for taking time to meet with him and give their input. He met with representatives of Peasley Tech, a newly qualified private institution, and attended the KBOR meeting in Wichita. Vice President Smathers represented KBOR at the Associated General Contractors ribbon cutting at their new facility in Wichita. Vice President Smathers informed members that Senate President Wagle appointed Brett Spangler from Mars/Wrigley Confectionary plant in Topeka as the newest member of the TEA. Mr. Spangler is active in the Topeka Chamber of Commerce and with economic development and has been very active in working with Washburn Institute of Technology.

Vice President Smathers informed members of the handouts regarding distributions of state funds that do not require TEA approval, including distributions for FY2018 State Safety Funds, Non-Traditional Participation and Completion Improvement Grant, Integrating Adult Education and CTE Grant, and Integrated English Language and Civics Education Grant.

### Report from Community Colleges

Chair Frederick recognized President Barwick of Independence Community to provide a report and update on activities from the community colleges. President Barwick shared with the TEA that the community colleges expect that their funding for Excel in CTE will be about seven to eight million dollars short and they request TEA advocacy with the Legislature. In addition, the community colleges ask for restoration of the funding that has been cut, as well as less regulation by way of a reduction in the number of reports they are required to complete and costs associated in the completion of performance agreements.

### Report from the Technical Colleges

Chair Frederick recognized KATC President Schears, to provide a report and update on activities from the technical colleges. President Schears reported that the enrollment in technical colleges is up about 12%, with Kansas technical colleges receiving national recognition for graduation and job placement success. Going forward, they would like to place an increased focus on entrepreneurial programs. Excel in CTE funding is critical to the technical colleges and they also request TEA advocacy with the Legislature.

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Frederick informed members that he would accept a motion to approve the new program request from Salina Area Technical College for Police Science (43.0107) Associate of Applied Science/60 credit hours and Technical Certificate C/45 credit hours as recommended by the Technical Program and Curriculum Committee.

**Motion:** Member M. Johnson moved to approve the new program request from Salina Area Technical College for Police Science (43.0107) Associate of Applied Science/60 credit hours and Technical Certificate C/45 credit hours. Following a second by Member Estes, the motion carried.

### **CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA**

#### Budget and Finance Committee

#### State Innovative Technology Grant Awards

Chair Frederick recognized Senior Associate Director Leite to present the State Innovative Technology Grant Awards requests as follows:

#### \$9,323 request from Johnson County Community College

Project: Requested grant funds to purchase an electric heat service trainer. This trainer will be used to enhance instruction in the introductory course, *Heating Systems Fundamentals* and a new course to be launched in the fall of 2018, *Advanced Electrical Systems*. This trainer will enable students to study troubleshooting of the electrical and control circuits of an electric heat furnace and identify components in a residential heating system. The required business/industry match for this project totals \$11,310 in the form of two paid student internships at The Repair Shack in Lenexa, Ks.

#### \$15,638 request from Johnson County Community College

Project: Requested grant funds to enhance the teaching of metallurgy in the *Introduction to Welding*. Grant funds will be used to purchase an Inverted Metallurgic Microscope, Metallographic Microscope, digital camera adapter and a digital camera. The new metallurgy microscopes will enable instructors to project images on to overhead screens, a feature that will greatly enhance students' study of types and

classification of metals, heat treatment procedures and common steel manufacturing processes. The required business/industry match for this project totals \$17,040 in the form of two paid student internships at Southwest Steel, Bonner Springs, Ks.

\$13,137 request from Neosho County Community College

Project: Requested grant funds to enhance welding programs at five outreach sites. Grant funds will be used to purchase classroom equipment, a high frequency welder and an air cooled MIG aluminum lead that matches what industry uses. Students will benefit from the purchase of these items for the welding program by learning up-to-date industry standard skills. The required business/industry match for this project totals \$92,000 which includes a cash donation from Enbridge Energy Company, Cushing, OK and a facility donation by Ray's Metal Depot, LaHarpe, KS.

\$3,185 Northwest Kansas Technical College

Project: Requested grant funds will purchase a OneScreen Interactive Whiteboard System for the *Electrical Technology* program. The OneScreen whiteboard and software is an all-in-one video, audio, web conference and interactive monitor in one unit. The OneScreen whiteboard will allow students to solve many electrical circuit, motor control and switch scenarios in a short period of time. This unit will allow instructors to create interactive electrical scenarios that students will be able to interactively solve on screen. The required business/industry match for this project totals \$3,500 in cash in support of students attending SkillsUSA by Heineken Electric, Beloit, KS.

\$16,174 Salina Area Technical College

Project: Requested grant funds will be used to purchase a SimPad PLUS System, Nursing Kelly simulation mannequin, training headwalls and other items to create a laboratory facility to train students for the new *Practical Nursing* program. The laboratory will allow students to learn in an state-of-the-art facility that provides hands-on experience in a variety of created scenarios. The business/industry match consists of funds and in-kind donations totaling \$22,296 from Salina Regional Health Center, Salina, KS.

\$78,100 Washburn University Institute of Technology

Project: Requested grant funds will be used to purchase diesel engines, components, engine stands, Emission control and fuel trainers and software. The new equipment will allow students in the Heavy Diesel Construction Technology program to learn on the latest diesel engine emission equipment and keep up with industry standards. The business/industry match is \$78,104 in additional equipment Cornejo and Sons and VLP.

\$14,000 Wichita Area Technical College

Project: Requested grant funds to purchase lab equipment and an updated meter box for the HVAC residential classroom. The new lab will allow WATC faculty to train and certify Climate and Energy Control (HVAC) student with top of the line equipment in the residential aspects of their field. The required business/industry match for this project totals \$14,000 which includes four heating and air conditioning systems from O'Connor Company, Wichita, KS.

Chair Frederick asked for a motion to approve the grant requests in their entirety.

**Motion:** Member Glassman moved to approve the State Innovative Technology Grant requests as presented for Johnson County Community College, Neosho County Community College, Northwest Kansas Technical College, Salina Area Technical College, Washburn University Institute of Technology and Wichita Area Technical college as presented. Following a second by Member Akin, the motion carried.

### State Innovative Technology Internship Grant Award

Chair Frederick recognized Senior Associate Director Leite to present the State Innovative Technology Internship Grant Awards request as follows:

\$1,000 request from Kansas City Kansas Community College, Gena Ross

Project: Instructor will utilize grant funds to increase in-depth knowledge of setting up a computer lab in preparation of a startup of computer classes for adult and youth in the inner city. This opportunity will provide insight and understanding of the policies and procedures required to set up a computer class for youth. In addition, this internship will involve coordinating all programs the children will use and involve preparing a curriculum that Office Assistants use. The skills learned during this internship will be incorporated into the curriculum of five business classes taught by the instructor. The required business/industry match for this project will be met by a donation of training time. The internship will be completed at Kansas East Development Corporation, Kansas City, Kansas.

**Motion:** Member Glassman moved to approve the State Innovative Technology Internship Grant Award request from Kansas City Kansas Community College as presented. Following a second by Member M. Beene, the motion carried.

### Adult Education Funding Formula Adjustments

Chair Frederick recognized Senior Associate Director Lemon to present the Adult Education Funding Formula Adjustments. Senior Associate Director Lemon informed the TEA that Kansas adult education programs receive funding on a performance based model that was developed and approved in 2012, and implemented in 2013. In 2014, local and state performance metrics changed with the signing of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and KBOR staff recommends for approval a formula that more closely aligns with the current performance targets resulting from the new legislation

**Motion:** Member M. Johnson moved to approve the Adult Education Funding Formula Adjustments as presented. Following a second by Member R. Johnson, the motion carried.

### WIOA State Plan Adjustments

Chair Frederick called on Senior Director C. Beene for an update on WIOA State Plan Adjustments. Senior Director Beene presented the WIOA Combined State Plan for Kansas Amendments, requesting that each amendment be approved independently. Senior Director Beene reported that in 2014, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act was signed into law, resulting in Title II (adult education), becoming a partner in the new legislation. All agency partners in Kansas collaborated to develop the Combined State Plan for Kansas. Since the time that it was written, staff have determined updates to more appropriately address the needs of adult education programs under the new legislation. KBOR staff suggest and recommend for approval updates to the funding formula and timing in which new awards are made.

The current WIOA Combined State Plan for Kansas utilizes a funding formula targeted to address performance measures under the former WIA (Workforce Innovation Act) legislation. KBOR staff suggest and recommend for approval that the new (2018) funding formula be incorporated into the Combined State Plan for Kansas, replacing the 2014 version.

**Motion:** Member Glassman moved to approve the new (2018) funding formula and to incorporate it into the Combined State Plan for Kansas, replacing the 2014 version. Following a second by Member Akin, the motion carried.

The Combined State Plan designates that funds will be distributed for a period of three years, based on a competitive, multi-year grant, which provides an opportunity for any eligible adult education programs to apply for funding. Since funds are distributed on a performance based model, using the most recent three years aggregate data, the grant period is not long enough to establish performance, especially if there are new adult education providers. KBOR staff suggest and recommend for approval that the length of time between the competitive multi-year grants be extended from the current three-year period to a five-year period.

**Motion:** Member Glassman moved to amend the Combined State Plan to extend the length of time between the competitive multi-year grants from the current three-year period to a five-year period. Following a second by Member M. Beene, the motion carried.

The Combined State Plan identifies specific percentages of state leadership funds to be expended on items such as salaries, professional development, and delivery of training. This is not required by federal legislation; rather it was included when the state plan was originally written and approved. The only federal requirement is that not more than 12.5% of federal funds will support state and local leadership activities. KBOR staff suggest and recommend for approval that the expense category percentages be removed to allow flexibility in programming and possible federal funding changes in the upcoming year(s).

**Motion:** Member R. Johnson moved to amend the Combined State Plan to remove the expense category percentages to allow flexibility in programming and possible federal funding changes in the upcoming year(s). Following a second by Member Akin, the motion carried.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

Excel in CTE Projection and Information Sheet

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to provide members with a summary of the Excel in CTE Projections and information. Vice President Smathers referred to the information provided within the meeting packet, and recommended that the TEA (and colleges) use this information and other resources available to influence Legislative allocation of additional funds to the Excel in CTE program.

GAP Analysis

Vice President Smathers reported on 2017 State Formula Funding Analysis. As part of the TEA's responsibilities, a credit hour funding distribution formula for postsecondary technical training programs was created a few years ago. Components of the formula are updated annually based on the Costs and Productivity Study provided by Johnson County Community College. Every year KBOR staff generates new formula funding results which are then provided to the TEA and colleges. This year the formula funding results have been generated assuming full State funding and generated by prorating the formula results based on existing State funding. Neither the TEA or KBOR are asking to have the formula implemented this year. Without full State funding, the negative impact on the majority of colleges would be significant.

#### KBOR Information Requests to 2-year Colleges

Vice President Smathers reported on KBOR information requests to the two-year colleges. The list of information that colleges have been asked to provide to KBOR and the federal government has grown over the last few years. KBOR appreciates that compiling and reporting this information involves considerable time and effort. While KBOR cannot control the federal requirements, it has created a committee to review the list of requested information with the hope of streamlining or eliminating some of the requests. As part of this effort, a master list of requested information, along with a brief description of its purpose, has been created for the two-year sector.

#### Get AHEAD Initiative

Chair Frederick recognized KBOR Special Assistant Tim Peterson to inform the TEA about the Get AHEAD Initiative. The Kansas Board of Regents has been awarded a \$50,000 Lumina Foundation Strategy Labs technical assistance grant in support of the Get AHEAD (Adult Higher Education Accessible Degrees) initiative, which will encourage and assist adult students identified by the National Student Clearinghouse in Kansas to finish an associate or bachelor's degree by 2025. It is recommended that the TEA and associated KBOR staff support this effort as resources are available.

#### **COLLEGE PRESENTATIONS**

Chair Frederick recognized President Barwick from Independence Community College to report on activities at the college.

Chair Frederick recognized President Inbody from Neosho County Community College to report on activities at the college.

#### **NEXT MEETING REMINDER**

Chair Frederick reminded members that the next TEA meeting will be January 17, 2018 at 10:00 AM in the Pioneer Room of the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Member M. Johnson moved to adjourn. Following a second by Member Akin, the motion carried. Chair Frederick adjourned the morning meeting at 12:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant