

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

The August 29, 2019 meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) was held at the Kansas Board of Regents office, 1000 SW Jackson Street, Suite 520, Topeka, Kansas.

Members Present

Ray Frederick Jr., Chair
Rita Johnson
Mike Johnson
Debra Mikulka
Mike Beene
Stacy Smith

Delia Garcia
Mark Hess
Eddie Estes
Jason Cox
Tiffany Anderson

Others Represented

Northwest Kansas Technical College
Kansas City Kansas Community College
Cowley Community College
Salina Area Technical College
KACCT
Johnson County Community College
Pratt Community College
North Central KS Technical College
Barton Community College

Flint Hills Technical College
Coffeyville Community College
Manhattan Area Technical College
Hutchinson Community College
Labette Community College
Washburn Institute of Technology
Fort Scott Community College
Dodge City Community College

Kansas Board of Regents Staff Present

Scott Smathers
Charmine Chambers
Chris Lemon
Erin Guardiola
Sue Grosdidier
Matt Casey
Susan Henry
Kelly Oliver
Karla Wiscombe

Connie Beene
April Henry
Lisa Beck
Tim Peterson
Tobias Wood
Elaine Frisbie
Vera Brown
Daniel Archer
Erin Wolfram

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Frederick at 10:01 AM.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion: Member M. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of May 30, 2019. Following a second by Member Cox, the motion carried.

REPORTS

Introductions

Chair Frederick introduced new TEA Member Tiffany Anderson and new KBOR Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Daniel Archer.

Chair's Report

Chair Frederick shared that he has agreed to continue as Chair of the TEA for FY2020, and Jason Cox has agreed to serve as Vice Chair. He reported that on July 10th -11th he attended the Technical College Retreat at Manhattan Area Technical College, on July 25th, he attended the Governor's Council on Education meeting at WSU and on August 9-10th he attended the KBOR Retreat in Salina held at Kansas State Polytechnic.

Member Liaison Reports

Chair Frederick invited TEA member activity reports.

Member Estes reported that he hosted the Lieutenant Governor in Dodge City while on the Rural Prosperity Tour, and six members of the Federal Reserve were in Dodge City for the Kansas Economic Forum. He informed members that the name of High School Ag Career Day has been changed to Career and Education through Technical Day, and the focus of the event will be expanded. He reported that the Summit will highlight apprenticeship programs and informed members that the Federal Reserve is now directing funding to apprenticeship programs. He informed members that he included a written report on the University Center in Dodge City in the handouts to them. He reported he has met with his assigned institutions and reported that the John Deere program at Garden City Community College expanded to accommodate ten more students, and that the helicopter program at Dodge City Community College is expanding, and they continue to collaborate with Pratt Community College in offering programs. He informed members that the community college presidents continue to express their support for Excel in CTE. He reported he is a member of the Job Corp Board in Manhattan, and he attended the National Association of Workforce Boards meeting in Wichita along with Chair Frederick.

Member Mikulka reported that she has attended multiple Perkins meetings, and thanked KBOR staff for their job well done providing information and training on the Perkins Reauthorization preparation. She agreed with Member Estes and institution presidents on the importance of elevating support for Excel in CTE.

Member Beene reported that the Department of Commerce is in the process of selecting a vendor for launching an economic study, which includes a focus on the need for workforce training in the state. He reported that the The Office of Rural Prosperity will be housed in the Department of Commerce, and they are currently hiring two positions, for outreach and policy. He reported that it a goal of the State Workforce Board to provide rural outreach making workforce services readily available to rural communities. He reported that apprenticeships are going strong in the state, with strong progress with business associations. He informed members that the Department of Commerce is collaborating with the State Department of Education on a work-based learning project for 2020.

Member Smith reported that KSDE/CTE staff will make numerous institution visits in September for regional workshops, supporting economic development. In addition, KSDE is excited to explore the opportunities of the 21st century learning grants for communities, focusing on career exploration for partnership opportunities.

Member M. Johnson reported that Barton Community College is hosting a day long celebration for the institution's 50th anniversary, highlighting CTE programs, and Barton continues its program partnership with the Department of Corrections for Career Technical Education, specifically in welding, plumbing and carpentry. He encouraged members to attend the graduation ceremonies at the correctional facilities whenever possible.

Vice President for Workforce Development Report

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Scott Smathers to provide Members with a Workforce Development report. Vice President Smathers reported that staff has been spending a great deal of time and effort on the Perkins V State plan development, local needs assessment efforts and meetings across the State, and in Washington, D.C. He reported that KBOR staff continues working on the Walmart grant, for hospitality and retail training, and Kansas is a leader in the nation. Similar to the Walmart training, a Tyson training effort has been launched with 360 people signed-up in Garden City, focusing on high school equivalency, English as a Second Language, digital learning and soft skills training, with an additional six facilities participating across the state. KBOR staff is working on an Adult Education RFP for release in the Spring, attended a military symposium in June, and attended multiple military meetings. He informed members that the military portal on the Web addressing credit for prior learning is now live. Staff continues work on a new strategic plan effort, as KBOR Foresight 2020 nears its end, and the new plan will initially focus on the system as a whole, then will be broken down by institutions and explored further. He reported he attended the Technical College retreat, served on panels for the Midwestern Legislative Conference in Chicago and the NC3 conference in Wisconsin, worked on Engineering program survey for grants, and visited Salina Tech and Flint Hills Tech. He informed members that the Department of Corrections is moving forward with inmate training and staff is working to get more institutions involved; including support for second chance PELL Grant which will allow felons to receive PELL funds. Vice President Smathers reported that he participated in a Legislative post audit on EDIF funds, including JIIST and Innovative Tech grants. He informed members that Staff is working on the Get AHEAD initiative, involving eight institutions across the state, focusing on health science, IT, and law enforcement programs, by reaching out to students who have 12 hours but have not completed the program. He informed members that the TEA supports the Workforce Innovation Conference in October in Wichita and the Mid America Workforce Summit in Topeka in January and invited interested TEA members to request attendance. He reported that work continues with the Kansas Pathway Career Program per SB199 for high school equivalence, and that CTE program review continues in cooperation with the TEA Technical Program & Curriculum Committee.

Report from the Community Colleges

Chair Frederick called upon KACCT President Heather Morgan to provide members with a report from the community colleges in the absence of Seward County Community College President Ken Trzaska.

Report from the Technical Colleges

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Frederick invited Technical Program and Curriculum Committee Chair R. Johnson to provide comments regarding the new program request from Salina Area Technical College for Dental Hygiene (51.0602) – Associate of Applied Science degree/80 credit hours consent agenda item as recommended for approval by the Committee. Committee Chair Johnson informed members that this aligned program meets the criteria for approval.

Motion: Member R. Johnson moved to approve the consent agenda item as submitted by the Technical Program and Curriculum Committee. Following a second by Member Mikulka, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA

Chair Frederick called upon Advocacy and Marketing Committee Chair Estes to provide members with an update from the Advocacy and Marketing Committee. Chair Estes requested that Vice President Smathers share with the TEA members their institution assignments as well as contact expectations. Vice President Smathers referred members to the list and map of assignments, asking members to commit to establishing a relationship with the institutions by visiting campuses and phone contact with presidents.

Motion: Member Frederick moved to approve the TEA member institution assignments as submitted by the Advocacy & Marketing Committee. Following a second by Member Hess, the motion carried.

Committee Chair Estes asked TEA Members to share when they have legislative contact, to help keep the group informed. Chair Estes voiced he would also like a standing Agenda item at the TEA meetings for the Advocacy and Marketing Committee and TEA member reports, as well as a report from KBOR staff Matt Casey.

Budget and Finance Committee

Chair Frederick called upon Budget and Finance Committee Chair M. Johnson to present the timeline for the Extraordinary Costs as discussed and approved by the Budget and Finance Committee, submitted to the Technical Education Authority for discussion and approval. Committee Chair Johnson thanked institutions for their participation and input.

Motion: Member R. Johnson moved to approve the Year One Timeline for the Extraordinary Costs model as submitted. Following a second by Member Cox, the motion carried.

Technical Program and Curriculum Committee

Chair Frederick call upon Technical Program and Curriculum Committee Chair R. Johnson to provide members with an update on the Governor's Council on Education. Committee Chair Johnson referred to Vice President Smathers to inform members of the Council's recent activities. Vice President Smathers explained that the Council asked for a list of CTE programs, and information whether the programs are classified as high-wage/high-demand. The wage definitions used are the same definitions as used by the Department of Labor. The Council then asked for a list of programs with salaries that fall under 250% of the state poverty level. Information was provided, and at this time the council continue discussions to make a future recommendation to the TEA to approve examining these programs closer for state funding. Member Johnson noted that currently, the TEA and the Technical Program & Curriculum Committee are

examining these same programs for evaluation and whether some programs should continue to receive tiered technical state funding. Members expressed concerns of the emphasis by the committee of wage importance, without recognizing the importance of lower wage necessary pathway programs. Vice President Smathers informed members that the community colleges and technical colleges have representation on the council, and council members include KBOR President Blake Flanders and several members of the Kansas Board of Regents.

OTHER MATTERS

Committee Assignments

Chair Frederick presented his appointments for the 2019-2020 TEA Committees. Chair Frederick explained that committee assignments remain essentially the same as the previous year, apart from the addition of new TEA member Tiffany Anderson to the Advocacy & Marketing Committee.

Travel Rules and Regulations

Chair Frederick called upon Senior Director of Finance and Administration Kelly Oliver to present the TEA travel rules and regulations. Senior Director Oliver explained that documentation is required for reimbursement for travel, per Statute. She explained that member travel beyond TEA and committee meetings must be approved by the TEA Chair and a copy of the approval should be included with the request for reimbursement. She provided members with handouts of updated travel statutes and guidelines.

KBOR Retreat Summary

Chair Frederick provided members with a KBOR Retreat Summary. The KBOR retreat was held in Salina and he attended on August 9-10. Chair Frederick shared highlights, which included discussions regarding improving the process of the transfer of credit hours from the two-year institutions to the four-year institutions, student debt and financial aid concerns, making education affordable, and qualified admissions with options offering other opportunities and pathways for students.

Legislative Update

Chair Frederick recognized Director Matt Casey to provide an update on the upcoming 2020 legislative session. Director Casey reported that the 2020 election will be very important with numerous legislative seats up for election. Director Casey reported that in meeting with several legislators, the general consensus on the budget outlook is that legislators are likely to support the Governor's budget for higher education, but there is little chance of adding additional funds. He emphasized the importance of institutions forming a unified front in budget requests to the legislature. Non-budgetary items requests will be discussed with KBOR at the meeting in November, including admitting the Private Postsecondary stronger regulatory item, a bill allowing any institutions to affiliate provided local boards are supportive, language clarification in state grants statutes, and developing support for next session, with the engineering initiative act a high priority. Member Mikulka asked about plans for an increased funding request for Excel in CTE to assure that it doesn't have a shortfall after enrollment numbers are available and Member Johnson added that the Governor's Office does not prefer to operate with budget amendments and requests that more accurate budget requests are submitted, which Director Casey confirmed, adding that the budget requests will need to be more accurate at original submission.

TEA Budget Request

Chair Frederick called upon Vice President Elaine Frisbie and Vice President Smathers to present the FY2021 budget request. Information was provided to members for Excel in CTE Request calculations using percentages, using actual program past data, with and without a funding cushion.

Motion: Following discussion, Chair Frederick moved to recommend to the Kansas Board of Regents a request to the Legislature for \$13.5 million increase in funding for the two year sector for FY2021, to be divided directing \$8.5 million for future enrollment growth in the Excel in CTE Initiative and \$5 million in funding to address the postsecondary tiered technical state aid “gap”. Following a second by Member Cox, members voted six to five in favor, and the motion carried.

NEXT MEETING REMINDER

Chair Frederick reminded members that the next TEA meeting will be held by conference call on September 26, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Frederick recessed the regularly scheduled meeting at 12:30 P.M. Following lunch, TEA members were scheduled to return to the Board Room to begin their strategic planning session at 1:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant