

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

The December 5, 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**

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| Ray Frederick Jr., Chair | Delia Garcia, by Skype |
| Rita Johnson             | Mark Hess              |
| Mike Johnson             | Eddie Estes            |
| Debra Mikulka, by Skype  | Jason Cox              |
| Mike Beene               | Tiffany Anderson       |

**Others Represented**

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| Northwest Kansas Technical College   | Manhattan Area Technical College |
| Kansas City Kansas Community College | Hutchinson Community College     |
| Cowley Community College             | Fort Scott Community College     |
| Salina Area Technical College        | Seward Community College         |
| Pratt Community College              | Coffeyville Community College    |
| North Central KS Technical College   | Highland Community College       |
| Washburn Institute of Technology     | WSU Tech                         |
| Steve Kearney (KTC)                  | Garden City Community College    |
| Neosho County Community College      | Flint Hills Technical College    |
| Butler Community College             | Heather Morgan (KACCT)           |

**Kansas Board of Regents Staff Present**

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| Scott Smathers    | Connie Beene   |
| Charmine Chambers | April Henry    |
| Chris Lemon       | Lisa Beck      |
| Sue Grosdidier    | Eric Tincher   |
| Vera Brown        | Tobias Wood    |
| Susan Henry       | Tim Peterson   |
| Kelly Oliver      | Elaine Frisbie |
| Karla Wiscombe    |                |

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

Approval of Previous Minutes

**Motion:** Member Estes moved to approve the minutes of October 31, 2019. Following a second by Member Cox, the motion carried.

**REPORTS**

Introductions

Chair Frederick introduced new Washburn Institute of Technology Dean Dr. Gary Bayens. Dr. Bayens introduced Washburn Institute of Technology Assistant Dean Steve Grenus, Interim Assistant Dean Dr. Lisa Blair and Assistant Dean Justin Villmer. Chair Frederick recognized Dr. Marlon Thornburg as the

new president of Coffeyville Community College, effective January 1, 2020. Dr. Thornburg introduced Heather Pollet as the new Dean of Career and Technical Education.

#### Chair's Report

Chair Frederick reported that on in November 13<sup>th</sup> he toured the Local 441 Plumbers and Pipe Fitters training and apprenticeship facility in Wichita, on November 20<sup>th</sup> he attended the KBOR meeting on in Pittsburg, and on December 4<sup>th</sup> he met with Don Williams of Washburn Institute of Technology at the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex outreach.

#### Member Liaison Reports

Chair Frederick invited TEA member activity reports.

Member R. Johnson reports that in November she visited and toured Pratt Community College, Hutchinson Community College and Flint Hills Technical College.

Member Hess reported that on November 11<sup>th</sup> he attended the Open House at Northwest Kansas Technical College for the electrical technology program.

Member Beene provided members with an update on Kansas Framework for Growth and reported that next week Town Hall Meetings will be held in Hays, Kansas City, Liberal and McPherson. The report from the McKinsey Group regarding workforce and talent development for the State will be complete for public review in January 2020.

Member Anderson reported that team members from Washburn Institute of Technology (Washburn Tech) visited with Topeka Public Schools looking at available space to expand partnerships. Member Anderson also toured the Washburn Tech campus with TPS students. She reported that Topeka West and TCALC are in a pilot program with two-year institutions for credentialing students prior to graduation and working toward keeping talent in Topeka. She reported that due to weather concerns, her previously planned visit to Allen County Community College will have to be rescheduled.

Member Estes reported that on November 19<sup>th</sup> he attended the Kansan to Kansan Budget hearing conducted by Governor Kelly in Garden City, held at Garden City Community College.

#### Vice President for Workforce Development Report

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to provide Members with a Workforce Development report. Vice President Smathers reported that he has visited 8 institutions in the last month. He reported staff has been traveling as well, with Associate Director Beck and Project Specialist Guardiola travelling to Colorado for a meeting on the AOK@Work Walmart grant and Director Henry attending a Lumina grant conference in San Francisco. Vice President Smathers reported he travelled to Ft. Scott and met with Miami County school district representatives and Ft. Scott Community College and he travelled to Washington DC as part of a Workforce Development panel as requested by the US Chamber of Commerce, with another trip to Washington, DC for the panel in March. He met with Clark Coco on the

NC3 Initiative and the statewide licensing agreement continues with them for next year, and he met with a company hiring electronics workers, working with Commerce and Workforce aid; He reported that the Public Comment hearings on the Perkins State Plan are complete, and KBOR staff will responding to comments after the close of website comments by the second week of December. In addition, there was a Kansas Economic Development Association group panel with the Kansas Department of Labor, the Kansas Department of Commerce, the Kansas Department of Education and Kansas Board of Regents, meeting with economic developers in the State discussing the workforce. He reported that Senior Director Beene and Associate Director Wood continue their work on the military initiative, and Senior Director Beene, Senior Associate Director Lemon, and Associate Director Tincher are working on the new Adult Education RFP which will be available January 10<sup>th</sup>. Staff continues working on the WIOA State Plan, with Public Comments to be heard in January.

#### Report from the Community Colleges

Chair Frederick called upon Seward County Community College President Ken Trzaska to provide members with a report from the community colleges.

#### 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.

### **CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA**

#### Advocacy and Marketing Committee

##### TEA Talking Points

Chair Frederick called upon Advocacy and Marketing Committee Chair Estes to provide members with an update from the Advocacy and Marketing Committee. Advocacy and Marketing Committee Chair Estes called on Member Anderson to lead the discussions regarding the TEA talking points. Member Anderson provided a revised brochure handout for member review, reflecting previous input and feedback from members. Following discussion and additional feedback, Member Anderson informed members that the feedback will be compiled, and another draft of the brochure will be forwarded to members for review prior to the January 22, 2020 TEA meeting.

#### Budget and Finance Committee

##### Distribution of State Safety Funds

Chair Frederick called upon Budget and Finance Committee Chair M. Johnson to present the yearly distribution of State Safety Funds, providing information on the Commercial Driving Training Fund and Motorcycle Safety Fund distributions.

#### Technical Program and Curriculum Committee

##### Program Review Update

Chair Frederick called upon Technical Program and Curriculum Committee Chair R. Johnson to provide members with a Program Review Update. Member Johnson informed members that the Technical Program & Curriculum Committee finished review of the list of programs that over a four-year period have 10 or less students that have graduated and are employed. KBOR staff will reach out to institutions

for their feedback and additional information for justification to continue receiving tiered technical funding for the programs. Some programs are being phased out, some are being reformatted with other programs and some programs do not yet have four years of data and will remain on a watchlist. Final review of the programs with institution responses will continue by the Committee at the January 9<sup>th</sup> committee meeting and the committee intends to make its recommendation to the TEA on the programs at the January 22, 2020 TEA meeting.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

#### **GAP Analysis**

Chair Frederick called upon Vice President Frisbie to present information regarding the gap analysis of State appropriation. Vice President Frisbie informed members that State aid to the two-year college sector flows generally through the tiered and non-tiered course credit hour aided programs. Within that formula is the cost model that calculates institutions' costs at a course level and recognizes the cost differential in delivering technical courses. The state funding process updates the state course rates using actual credit hour enrollments and institutions' costs to provide the courses and calculates the state's share to finance those costs. The cost model then produces a gap report that identifies the funding shortfall for each college when considering local resources and available state funding. For AY19 after institutions presented their collection data to KBOR, the tiered technical funding gap amount is approximately \$6 million, and the non-tiered gap amount is approximately \$17.5 million. Within its unified budget request to the Governor and Legislature, the Board of Regents has historically requested additional state funds to finance the state's share of the cost model. Every year since development of the cost model there has been a state funding shortfall. Members discussed that the GAP report reflects a decreased shortage amount from the past year's review, however the number of credit hours has declined in both tiered and non-tiered courses and the base funding was increased by adding funds back in from previous years' cuts. Members stressed the importance of communicating to the Legislature the need to fully fund the gap.

#### **Excel in CTE/AO-K Proviso Projections**

Vice President Frisbie next provided member with the Excel in CTE/AO-K Proviso projections. Vice President Frisbie explained that this fall after special collection for student enrollment, Excel in CTE has grown to almost 14,000 students, with over 1800 credentials. The program is funded on a live-basis. Based on Fall 2019 semester numbers provided by the institutions, it is now estimated there will be a shortfall relative to the legislative appropriation of approximately \$5.5 million. The Budget Division recommended to the Governor she add \$4.5 million, and the Board of Regents has appealed for another \$1.0 million for FY 2020. Trending the program's tuition costs forward to FY 2021 generates an estimate for FY 2021 of \$38.0 million, or \$9 million more than the base appropriation of \$29.05 million. The Budget Division has recommended the Governor add \$8.5 million, for a total of \$37.55 million, or approximately \$500,000 less than projected for next year.

#### **Delegate Authority for Excel in CTE, AO-K Proviso, GED Accelerator Funds**

Vice President Frisbie explained that due to a timing issue with the January KBOR meeting occurring prior to the TEA meeting, she is requesting that the TEA delegate authority to the TEA Budget and Finance Committee allowing their review for approval at their January 9, 2020 meeting, to forward to KBOR on January 15-16, 2019 the distribution of Excel in CTE, AO-K Proviso and GED Accelerator funds, preventing delay in distributions.

**Motion:** Member M. Johnson moved to delegate authority to the Budget and Finance Committee allowing their review for approval to forward to KBOR on January 15-16, 2019 the distribution of Excel

in CTE, AO-K Proviso and GED Accelerator funds, preventing delay in distributions. Following a second by Member R. Johnson, the motion carried.

#### Excel in CTE (Completions/Credentials)

Chair Frederick called upon Associate Director Chambers to present the Excel in CTE completions and credentials. Associate Director Chambers informed members that annually, KBOR provides a report that shows participation in the Excel in CTE program, and she provided members with a document which summarizes the results from Academic Year 2019 as well as historical information for comparison purposes, and a spreadsheet which provides information on Academic Year 2019 industry-recognized certifications by program as well as Excel in CTE participation by student grade levels. Associate Director Chambers provided members with an explanation of the breakdown of the program results.

#### Get Ahead Update

This agenda item was moved to be presented on a future agenda.

#### ICE3 Update

This agenda item was moved to be presented on a future agenda.

#### Excel in CTE Fees Legislation

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Frisbie and Vice President Smathers to present the proposed Excel in CTE fees legislation. Vice President Smathers explained that Legislation currently allows institutions to charge students fees in addition to the tuition currently being paid for by the state. The fees being charged by institutions vary significantly, from \$0 to over \$500 in fees for a single class. KBOR is reviewing for fees being charged for items that are already covered by the state's cost model, seeks to ensure that consistent practices are occurring throughout the state and supports that all industry-recognized certifications should be funded by the career technical education incentive funds. Vice President Frisbie provided members a background of the funding according to statute. She explained that originally, funding came to Excel in CTE through two separate appropriations, both flowing through KBOR for tuition reimbursement and high school incentives. At KBOR's request, the incentives funding now flows through KSDE, and the projected budget for FY20 is approximately \$80,000 for FY20, down from the original \$1.5 million budget in 2012. Community college President Trzaska and technical college President Genandt were asked for their input, and both opposed supporting KBOR control over fees. Following discussion, it was the consensus of TEA members to continue participation in the fees review process and to continue discussions regarding the institution fees and to provide feedback to KBOR.

#### Fiscal Year 19 Funding Overview

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to provide members with information on FY 19 funding. Vice President Smathers provided a synopsis of the amount of funds paid to the institutions, both by State and Federal aid, totaling approximately \$179 million.

#### College Presentations

Chair Frederick recognized President Alysia Johnston to provide members with a report and update on recent activities from Ft. Scott Community College.

Chair Frederick recognized President Greg Mosier to provide members with a report and update on recent activities from Kansas City Kansas Community College.

**NEXT MEETING REMINDER**

Chair Frederick reminded members that the next TEA meeting will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka, Kansas on January 22, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Member M. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. Following a second by Member Cox the motion carried, and Chair Frederick adjourned the meeting at 1:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant