

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

The March 31, 2022 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 and virtually via ZOOM.

**Members Present**

Mark Hess, Chair

Rita Johnson

Mike Johnson, via ZOOM

Mike Beene

Tiffany Anderson

Keith Humphrey

Ray Frederick

Jason Cox

Eddie Estes

Stacy Smith

Amber Shultz, via ZOOM

**Others Present**

Manhattan Area Technical College

Ft. Scott Community College

Hutchinson Community College

Cloud County Community College

Cowley Community College

Heather Morgan, KACCT

**Kansas Board of Regents Staff Present**

Scott Smathers

Lisa Beck

Tobias Wood

Charmine Chambers

Steve Funk

April Henry, via ZOOM

Vera Brown

Cindy Farrier, via ZOOM

Blake Flanders

Susan Henry, via ZOOM

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

Approval of Previous Minutes

**Motion:** Member Estes moved to approve the minutes of February 24, 2022. Following a second by Member R. Johnson, the motion carried.

**REPORTS**

Introductions

None.

Chair's Report

Chair Hess remarked that his industry is facing challenges with the labor market, supply chain issues, getting components and managing costs, and he congratulated institutions on their operations efficiency as he believes they are experiencing similar challenges.

Member Liaison Reports

Chair Hess invited TEA member activity reports.

Member Estes reported that Seward County Community College hosted a large Houston High School group at their campus, KansasWorks and Garden City Community College attended the 3i SHOW, and Garden City Community College's Foundation will be hosting an auction. He reminded members that the Mid America Workforce Summit will be returning to Topeka on January 18, 2023.

Member Smith reported that a youth registered apprentice who is a junior in high school started at the State Department of Education in Information Technology, working in the afternoon as part of a training program that may transition into an adult apprenticeship after he graduates. He reported he visited the Deerfield, Kansas high school on a Perkins Office of Civil Rights monitoring visit and was impressed with their superintendent's plans for partnerships and collaboration with Dodge City Community College, specifically with their Welding programs, as well as reaching out to Seward County Community College to help align their pathways to their programs.

Member Frederick thanked members, staff, and institutions for reaching out to him during his recent family loss.

Member Beene reported that Shonda Atwater recently joined the Kansas Department of Commerce as the Director of Internships and Apprenticeships and will be presenting to the TEA today. He reported that the agency has a Workforce Director position available and has had challenges in filling the position.

#### Vice President for Workforce Development Report

Chair Hess called on Vice President Smathers to provide Members with a Workforce Development report. Vice President Smathers referred members to a copy of the Building a Future Annual Report that he provided for their review. He reported that fewer Board Staff are present due to the Adult Education team presenting and training at an Adult Education conference in Wichita, as well as some staff out of the office due to illness but joining the meeting via ZOOM. He reported that Board staff has completed the Adult Education Consolidated Annual Reports for the Federal Government. He updated members on the status of the Promise Act trailer bill as it works through the Kansas Senate and House of Representatives. He congratulated Butler Community College on a positive article featuring a fast frugal track to a cook's career in the New York Times mentioning the institution. He also congratulated TEA Member Anderson as being named Woman of the Year for Kansas by USA Today.

#### 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.

### **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

#### Program and Curriculum Committee

1. New Program Proposals
  - Barton Community College: Welding Technology (48.0508)
  - Cowley Community College: Precision Agriculture (01.0301)
2. Excel in CTE Fees
  - Barton Community College: Welding Technology (48.0508)
  - Cowley Community College: Precision Agriculture (01.0301)
3. Promise Act
  - Barton Community College: Welding Technology (48.0508)

Chair Hess called on Technical Program and Curriculum Committee Chair R. Johnson to lead the discussion agenda. Committee Chair Johnson explained that these items are on the discussion agenda, as opposed to being on a consent agenda, due to the lack of a Technical Program and Curriculum Committee quorum. She informed members that the committee discussed these items with the institutions and the committee reached a consensus regarding the recommended approval of the items. Committee Chair Johnson gave a brief overview of each of the items including the Committee's review using the criteria for approval, and informed members these items are now presented for review and discussion by the TEA.

**Motion:** Member Beene moved to approve items 1,2, and 3 of the Discussion Agenda as presented. Following a second by Member Frederick, the motion carried. Member M. Johnson abstained from the vote.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

#### Kansas Higher Education Statistics (KHEStats) Overview

Chair Hess called on Associate Director McCormack to provide members with an overview of the Kansas Higher Education Statistics. Associate Director McCormack provided members with information regarding the online reporting tools on the Kansas Board of Regents website, located under the data tab, including data on high school students enrolled in postsecondary education courses or in concurrent enrollment partnerships, numbers of students involved in Excel in CTE courses, full-time equivalency headcount and total credit hours for each course offered by academic year, available for review in trend tables and trend charts. He explained the data tool provides the opportunity to look at a particular institution and see what courses students are taking from that particular institution. Data is collected on system wide transfer courses, the number of courses that are being offered, how many are registered and the pass rate for the course. In addition, data is collected on students completing high school and whether they are continuing to postsecondary education, whether they have completed an award, and employment percentages and median and average wages of postsecondary graduates by program, by resident status, race ethnicity and gender. He also directed members to the glossary and notes to assist in their data review.

#### Kansas Council for Workforce Education

Chair Hess recognized Dr. Scott Lucas from WSU Tech to provide members with a report on the Kansas Council for Workforce Education. Dr. Lucas informed members he is the Vice President for Aviation Manufacturing and Institutional Effectiveness at WSU Tech and is also the President of the Kansas Council for Workforce Education. He explained that the Council provides workforce training opportunities for educators at the two-year sector, conducting a variety of workshops throughout the year to promote workforce training for faculty, program directors, leads and instructors. Workshops are held across the state to be geographically convenient and available for all institutions.

#### Legislative Update

Chair Hess recognized Vice President Smathers to provide members with a legislative update in the absence of Director Matt Casey. Vice President Smathers informed members that work continues on the Promise Act as well as the military and public safety officer tuition waiver bill, both of which are very important to Kansas institutions. The state budget will be voted on soon. Recentering discussions continue with institutions working together to resolve the gap issue. The Legislature has made suggestions to resolve the gap and put options forward in the budget including holding institutions harmless but fully funding programs resulting in a request for about 20 million additional dollars for tier and non-tiered funding. A committee will be established consisting of legislators, institution representatives and a member of Board staff to work on recommendations for future legislative bills regarding recentering.

### Recentering Status

Vice President Smathers expanded further with information regarding the funding recentering status. He explained that the gap analysis is the difference between the funding colleges are receiving from the State versus what the funding formula computes colleges should be receiving in state funding. The colleges have been working together, as well the Legislature, to come up with a solution to resolve the gap issue. Both the House and the Senate have put forward their suggestions for the budget, ending with a budget proposal for the upcoming year to “hold institutions harmless” on previous funding received, and then to fully fund the gap for both tiered and non-tiered courses, adding an additional \$20 million to the budget. Vice President Smathers remarked this is a substantial positive budget outcome for the institutions. For transitioning the gap resolution over the next several years to support using the funding formula explicitly, a committee was created consisting of 13 representatives from the legislature, institutions and Board staff who will compile recommendations for legislative approval.

### TEA Legislature Budget Request Recommendations

Vice President Smathers then moved discussion toward the TEA Legislature Budget Request Recommendations for AY 2023. Vice President Smathers reminded members that the budget request for last year of \$12.5 million was granted, except for the capital outlay funding request. He asked if members have suggestions for discussion, such as fully funding Excel in CTE, tiered and non-tiered funding and capital outlay, Board staff will compile a draft list to be addressed at the next TEA meeting for recommendations to be forwarded to the Board.

### Review of TEA Goals for 2021-2022

Chair Hess asked Vice President Smathers to next provide a review of the TEA goals for 2021-2022. Vice President Smathers reminded members that the first TEA goal was to support the Board, and this is being accomplished in a variety of ways. He explained that one of the big examples of supporting the Board is by helping coordinate the Pillar III efforts of their Building a Future plan, working with the colleges and universities creating economic drivers. TEA goal number two was the Extraordinary Cost review for the remaining programs, which was split into three sections. Two rounds of review have been completed, with the expectation of completing the last round of review by the beginning of the new academic year. It is anticipated that the cycle of review of extraordinary costs will resume after a year. He explained that work continues with the Kansas Department of Commerce and Kansas Department of Education (KSDE) developing definitions guidelines and processes. Efforts are proceeding to identify and develop recommendations on how best to address work-based learning activities as they relate to our programs and state funding. Work continues with KSDE regarding their work-based learning definitions and guidelines, program alignment, and apprenticeship work-based learning efforts. Vice President Smathers invited input from members on other areas of support that members feel need attention.

### Election of TEA Officers Reminder

Chair Hess asked Vice President Smathers to give members a reminder regarding officer elections. Vice President Smathers reminded members that TEA Chair and Vice Chair elections will be held in May and asked those interested in serving in one of those roles to please notify him or Chair Hess.

### Calendar

Chair Hess called on Vice President Smathers to provide members with the AY2023 TEA meeting calendar, in the absence of Director Henry. He explained that Director Henry created the calendar, which is based on the Board meeting calendar. He informed members of changes in the calendar that differ from previous years. He pointed out that previously, due to holiday time constraints, a meeting was not held in the month of November. He explained that to prevent a disadvantage for institutions requesting program approvals for the January semester, the upcoming year’s calendar reflects a Friday in-person meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>. The meeting for December would be by conference call the day after the Board meeting on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Vice President Smathers informed members that an additional calendar item of

note is the January 2023 meeting which was set for January 26<sup>th</sup>. After production of the calendar, notification that the MidAmerica Workforce Summit will be held in Topeka on January 18<sup>th</sup>, which is also a Board meeting date. Historically, the January TEA meeting has been held on the first day of the Summit. Members could consider moving the January in-person meeting to January 18<sup>th</sup> at the hotel where the Summit will be held.

**Motion:** Member Beene moved to approve the AY2023 calendar as presented with the January 18, 2023 date revision. Following a second by Member Anderson, the motion carried.

**Registered Apprenticeship Report**

Chair Hess recognized Kansas Department of Commerce Director Atwater to provide members with a Registered Apprenticeship report.

**COLLEGE UPDATES**

Cloud County Community College

Chair Hess called on President Knoettgen to provide members with an informational update on activities at Cloud County Community College.

**NEXT MEETING REMINDER**

Chair Hess reminded members that the next TEA meeting is a regularly scheduled conference call meeting on April 28, 2022 beginning at 10:00 AM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Hess adjourned the meeting at 12:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant