

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

A virtual meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) was held via ZOOM on March 25, 2021.

Members Present

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

Mark Hess
Eddie Estes
Jason Cox
Tiffany Anderson

Others Present

Dennis Rittle, Cowley County Community College
Heather Morgan, KACCT
Tim Murrell, TCALC
Greg Nichols, Salina Area Technical College

Kansas Board of Regents Staff Present

Scott Smathers
Connie Beene
Chris Lemon
Sue Grosdidier
Vera Brown
Eric Tincher
Charmine Chambers
Susan Henry

Elaine Frisbie
April Henry
Lisa Beck
Tim Peterson
Tobias Wood
Matt Casey
Cindy Farrier

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Frederick at 10:01 A.M. Chair Frederick provided members with virtual meeting guidelines.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Chair Frederick called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2021 meeting.

Motion: Member Estes moved to approve the minutes of February 25, 2021. Following a second by Member Hess, the motion carried.

REPORTS

Introductions
None.

Chair's Report

Chair Frederick reported that on March 3rd he met with President Hollenbeck and toured the campus of Flint Hills Technical College, commending their Culinary campus expansion progress. He reported that on March 5th he visited Cloud County Community College and met with President Knoettgen and Vice President of Academic Affairs Zant and is impressed with this new leadership. He toured the Concordia campus and commended their wind energy, solar energy, and drone programs.

Member Liaison Reports

Chair Frederick invited TEA member activity reports.

Member Hess reported that on March 2nd he toured Colby Community College, meeting with President Carter, and commended them for the increase in their CNA and Agribusiness programs, as well as their partnerships with the city of Colby. Also, on March 2nd he toured Northwest Kansas Technical College, meeting with President Schears, and commended the excellence of their diesel program and construction technology and electrical programs. He reported on March 17th he toured North Central Kansas Technical College, meeting with President Burkes, and discussed college activities, including the Hays campus, reviewed their expansions in their welding program, and was impressed with their Automated Controls program.

Member Estes reported that the annual 3i Show was held on March 18th – 20th, and thanked Dodge City Community College for their participation. He expressed his appreciation to Frank Otter of Otter Manufacturing, who has served on the Goodland Board for 28 years and serves on the WKMA Board, recognizing his work to support community colleges and technical colleges.

Member Anderson reported that on March 24th she met with the Dean of Washburn Institute of Technology, where they were hosting an event for administrators to receive updates on the institution's activities. She commended their new programs, specifically their Manufacturing program in partnership with Mars and Frito Lay. She reported that after the last TEA meeting, TCALC has been working with Cloud County Community College on Excel in CTE programs for Topeka Public Schools. She informed members that she will be the graduation speaker for Wichita Technical Institute in Topeka on May 7th.

Member Mikulka reported that she attended a groundbreaking ceremony for the athletic complex at Labette Community College in March, commending their fundraising and hard work to complete the project.

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 Board staff continues to work remotely with no set date to return to the office. He reported that Associate Director Tinchler has returned from military deployment and Senior Associate Director Lemon will be returning from leave soon, so the Workforce Development group will be fully staffed. He reported that Board staff continues working on grants and special projects, attending federal and state meetings for Perkins and Adult Education, as well as continuing Pillar III efforts, focusing on involvement with the postsecondary system. He informed members that additional Perkins funds were allocated nationwide, and Kansas will receive additional Perkins funds. He reported that additional Adult Education funds were also allocated nationwide; however, based on census numbers, Kansas will be receiving less Adult Education funds over the next ten years so expenditures will need to be closely monitored. He reported he has been in contact with institution presidents remotely via ZOOM and TEAMS to touch base and share information. He informed members that Senior Project Director Peterson recently reported to the WFD group regarding the Micro-internship program, with initial data showing over 500 Kansas students and 18 businesses and organizations participating in over 20 projects across the state. Program processes were altered slightly to allow businesses to specifically choose partnering institutions.

Report from the Community Colleges

Chair Frederick called upon Cowley County Community College President Dennis Rittle to provide members with a report from the community colleges.

Report from the Technical Colleges

Chair Frederick called upon Salina Area Technical College President Greg Nichols to provide members with a report from the technical colleges.

CONSENT AGENDA

Technical Program and Curriculum Committee

New Program Proposals

WSU Tech: Logistics and Supply Chain Management (52.0203)

Cowley Community College: Carpentry/Construction Trades (46.0201)

Garden City Community College: Computer Support Specialist (11.1006)

Kansas City Kansas Community College: Automation Engineer Technology (15.0406)

Kansas City Kansas Community College: Surveying Technology (15.1102)

Neosho County Community College: Dietary Manager (51.3103)

WSU Tech: Unmanned Aircraft Systems (49.0199)

WSU Tech: Tooling and Fixture Fabrication (48.0507)

Excel in CTE Fees

Cowley Community College: Carpentry/Construction Trades (46.0201)

Garden City Community College: Computer Support Specialist (11.1006)

Kansas City Kansas Community College: Automation Engineer Technology (15.0406)

Neosho County Community College: Dietary Manager (51.3103)

WSU Tech: Unmanned Aircraft Systems (49.0199)

WSU Tech: Logistics and Supply Chain Management (52.0203)

Chair Frederick called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items from the Technical Program and Curriculum Committee.

Motion: Member R. Johnson moved to approve the Consent Agenda items. Following a second by Member Anderson, the motion carried by roll call vote.

OTHER MATTERS

Election of Officers

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to lead the discussion regarding the upcoming election of TEA officers. Vice President Smathers reminded members that the TEA's election for AY22 Chair and Vice-Chair is scheduled to occur May 27, 2021. He requested that if members have an interest in serving in one of these roles or would like to nominate someone, to please inform him or Chair Frederick.

TEA Budget Requests

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to lead the discussing regarding the TEA budget requests. Vice President Smathers explained that the Board will discuss its FY 2023 legislative funding requests at their retreat in August 2021. As part of this process, the Board gathers input from various entities to ensure they are considering all requests and to see if there might be a consensus among the groups. Every May, the TEA is asked to submit their Legislative funding request recommendations for the Board. Last year, the TEA requested that funding for the two-year sector remain at levels that have been budgeted for FY 2021, which included \$37.55 million for Excel in CTE, \$60,967,448 in Tiered funding, and \$79,995,039 in Non-Tiered funding. Post-pandemic, the FY 2022 request for Excel in CTE funding was revised to appropriate approximately \$36.8 million for Excel in CTE funding, with expectations that adjustments and more accurate data for the pandemic year will be forthcoming. Vice President Smathers offered some examples that members may want to consider for discussion, such as increasing the funding request for Excel in CTE further to \$38 million for FY2023, considering expanding the capital outlay

funds that have held steady at approximately \$2 million for 30 years, and requesting restoration of tiered and non-tiered funding and funding the gap shortages. He asked that members give this funding proposal consideration for discussion as a major topic at the April TEA meeting, with the intention of having their proposal ready to approve to send to the Board at the May meeting.

Review of TEA Goals

Chair Frederick asked Vice President Smathers to lead the discussion regarding the review of the TEA goals. Vice President Smathers stated the 2020-2021 TEA Goals and provided a brief update on the status of meeting those goals. The TEA 2020-2021 goals, followed by an update on status are as follows:

1. Support Kansas Board of Regents 2020-2021 goals and advocate for all public postsecondary institutions

It is a standing goal for the TEA to continue to support the Kansas Board of Regents goals, as well as continuing to advocate for all public postsecondary institutions.

2. Continue extraordinary costs review

Work continues to complete round 2 of the program extraordinary costs review. Upon completion of this review, the round 2 information will be placed on the August 2021 Budget and Finance Committee Agenda, and then forwarded to the full TEA for review at their August 2021 meeting. There will be one more round of review to complete all of the program extraordinary costs review. Chair Frederick expressed his support for continuing to work to complete the extraordinary costs review.

3. Evaluate Excel in CTE funding allocation options should the program be underfunded

Responses were received from the community colleges and technical colleges regarding Board staff suggested pro-ration options should the Excel in CTE funding allocation be underfunded. Both community colleges and technical colleges are in agreement with the allocation options; however, technical colleges added that they would like Board staff to look into an option of fully funding the program for high school juniors and seniors, and then look to pro-rating funding for freshmen and sophomore students. Board staff has requested data from KBOR DRP giving a breakdown of program participants by high school year, and this discussion item will be placed on the Budget and Finance Committee agenda. Members R. Johnson and M. Johnson agreed that it is a good plan to evaluate program participation by high school student year, with more focus on funding for junior and senior high school students.

4. Continue the existing CTE program review process including reviewing those programs that pay less than 250% of the poverty rate

Data has been compiled and is being prepared to go to the Technical Program and Curriculum Committee for review. Each program will be reviewed on its own merit and programs that pay less than 250% of the poverty rate will not automatically be discontinued.

5. Work with Commerce and KSDE in developing definitions, guidelines and processes for work-based learning (apprenticeships, internships, work experience, etc.)

Board staff has been working with the Kansas Department of Education and the Kansas Department of Commerce, and progress includes launching the micro-internship programs. Progress in developing definitions at the State level has paused awaiting final changes in federal based definitions regarding work-based learning. Chair Frederick supported the pause in waiting for the federal based definitions.

6. Improve CTE program alignment between KSDE and the postsecondary institutions

Board staff is in the process of coordinating efforts with Member Smith and the Kansas Department of Education to share the program alignment efforts of postsecondary institutions, which will assist KSDE in forming preliminary classes to offer to their students preparing for Excel in CTE education.

7. Raise awareness of CTE programs and information available to students, parents, school districts and businesses

Board staff have worked with the Higher Education Coordinating Council for ideas on raising awareness of CTE programs. The KBOR office may receive some additional Higher Education Emergency Relief II funding and expending those funds will focus on efforts to assist students with FAFSA, diversity, equity, continuing education, and focusing on the challenges of getting students back into postsecondary classes post-pandemic.

Chair Frederick commended Board staff on their assistance in working on the goals during a challenging pandemic year.

Legislative Update

Chair Frederick called on Director Casey to provide members with a legislative update. Director Casey gave a brief report to members on the recent and upcoming activities of the Legislature. He reported the second half of the regular session ends April 9th and conference committee sessions will begin next week. He informed members that the Senate added \$25 million to the higher education budget. He provided an update on a number of Policy Bills, including Policy Bill 2442, which addresses liability for students in secondary education doing work-based learning in a business, Policy Bill 2287 the Kansas Promise Scholarship Act, and Policy Bill 2175 addressing the Peaslee Training Center District. Members agreed that Policy Bill 2175 should be followed closely due to potential impact on the technical colleges. He reported that the Legislature is working to complete the budget by first adjournment, and they will come back in Omnibus session May 3rd and will likely put together an omnibus budget bill.

NEXT MEETING REMINDER

Chair Frederick reminded members that the next TEA meeting will be held virtually on April 29, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Frederick adjourned the meeting at 11:26 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant