The April 27, 2017 meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) was held via conference call at the Kansas Board of Regents, 1000 SW Jackson Street, Suite 520, Topeka, Kansas.

**Members Present**
Ray Frederick Jr., Chair
Eddie Estes
Lana Gordon
Brad Kling for Antonio Soave
Mike Johnson

Rita Johnson
Thomas Burke
Debbie Gann
Joe Glassman
Bruce Akin

**Members Absent**
Randy Watson/Jay Scott
Kathy Howell

**Others Represented**
Hutchinson Community College
Johnson County Community College
North Central Kansas Technical College
Colby Community College

**Kansas Board of Regents Staff Present**
Scott Smathers
April Henry
Laura Leite
Susan Henry

Connie Beene
Charmine Chambers
Eric Tincher

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** Member Burke moved to approve the minutes of March 30, 2017. Following a second by Member Gann, the motion carried.

**REPORTS**

**Introductions**
None.

**Chair’s Report**
Chair Frederick congratulated Member Burke for his selection to the University of Mississippi Education Hall of Fame. Member Burke will be inducted on Friday May 12, 2017. Chair Frederick reported he recently met with representatives from Wichita Area Technical College to discuss their HVAC program and program enhancement to better meet the needs business and industry partners. Chair Frederick expressed appreciation for their efforts to be responsive.
Member Liaison Report
Member Estes reported that two weeks ago he met with the KACCTE and Foley Equipment Company and they will be major participators in the Kansas Workforce Summit. More will be announced soon regarding new additions to the Summit.

Vice President for Workforce Development Report
Vice President Smathers reported that he had sent an email to TEA members showcasing an advertisement from the Kansas Department of Education regarding technical education. It has been well received and they will be creating a second advertisement. Vice President Smathers reported that the TEA letter to the Governor asking for additional CTE funds was rejected, with the Governor responding that the budget would not be amended. KBOR staff and members of the TEA, along with volunteers from the community and technical colleges, will be creating a committee to perform a review of the processes used for program reviews and creation. In addition, in June KBOR staff will start discussions with the institutions regarding ways to simplify the data collection processes. Director Henry will lead these new committees. At the last KBOR meeting, staff received a presentation regarding comparisons of transfer students and native students and this information will be shared with the TEA. Vice President Smathers requested budget enhancement requests from both the institutions and the TEA members for discussion at the May 25, 2017 TEA meeting, which can then be forwarded to KBOR for their discussion at the June KBOR meeting or at their Retreat. Hutchinson Community College President File asked Vice President Smathers to share with the TEA that on May 12, 2017 he will be the commencement speaker at Hutchinson Community College.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

State Innovative Technology Internship Grant
Chair Frederick called on Member Gann to lead discussion regarding the Budget and Finance Committee items for discussion. Member Gann recognized Senior Associate Director Leite, to present the following State Innovative Technology Internship Grant request for approval to the TEA:

$1,050 request from Johnson County Community College for Instructor Barbara C. Millard
Project: The instructor will utilize grant funds to gain more in-depth knowledge of call center operations, fulfillment, rewards program management, graphic design and print, small business support services, web services and social media. The instructor will develop contacts for future internships and job possibilities for students and gain the application of classroom knowledge for the workplace. This opportunity will provide insight into how Social Media marketing, Customer Relationship Management, Web Services and Graphic and Print should be integrated into the traditional Marketing course, especially with respect to small business. The required business/industry match for this project will be met by a donation of training time. The internship will be completed at Deluxe, Lenexa, Kansas.

Motion: Member Estes moved to approve the State Innovative Technology Internship Grant request from Johnson County Community College. Following a second by Member Burke, the motion carried.

State Innovative Technology Grant
Member Gann recognized Senior Associate Director Leite, to present the following State Innovative Technology Grant proposals to the TEA for approval:

$15,572 Neosho County Community College
Project: Requested grant funds to complete the welding laboratory for the welding training program in LaHarpe, Kansas that will be used at the Rural Regional Technology Center. Grant funds will be used to purchase classroom equipment and welding booth dividers. Funds will also be used to send the new welding instructors to welding training by the American Welding Society. The required business/industry match for this project totals $15,572 which includes four Industrial Maid Ventilation Units donated by B & W Trailer Hitches, Humboldt, KS.

$5,499 Northwest Kansas Technical College
Project: Requested grant funds will be used to purchase a thermal imaging camera that will supplement the drone that is currently being used by the Crime Scene Investigation program. The thermal imaging camera is an attachable camera that will pair with the drone to apply practical applications and an in-depth program designed to provide students with the skills necessary to successfully gain employment in the law enforcement field. The business/industry match consists of the purchase of the Drone for use with the camera. The drone was purchased by the Cheyenne County Sheriff’s office Saint Francis, KS.

$50,000 Wichita Area Technical College
Project: Requested grant funds will be used to purchase structural and electrical instructional equipment to help implement new industry training that leads to manufacturer-based certifications in the use of aerospace-specific tools and equipment. The equipment purchased is essential to build a prototype kit of industry-based equipment that will provide necessary tools to match sufficient, industry-expected quality as well as the quantity needed to teach the training and allow students the opportunity to test for the certifications. The business/industry match consists of administrative and support staff salaries to develop curriculum, implement the program and monitor the certifications by the National Coalition of Certification Centers.

Motion: Member M. Johnson moved to approve the State Innovative Technology Grant requests as presented. Following a second by Brad Klinge, the motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Integrating Academics with CTE Grants
Chair Frederick recognized Senior Associate Director Leite to report on Integrating Academics with CTE Grants. Senior Associate Director Leite informed TEA members regarding the integration of academic and technical instruction through the Carl Perkins Leadership federally funded grant, and the success of the program which replicates the successful AOK initiative, but for those not economically or educationally disadvantaged.

The following institutions submitted proposals for projects that were funded with Perkins Leadership Funds:

Butler Community College was awarded $51,139 to integrate math faculty instruction in automotive technology, auto collision repair and welding CTE courses. These programs require technical math skills that are necessary to adequately perform tasks and meet potential employer expectations in the related career pathways.

Coffeyville Community College was awarded $770 to implement a team-teaching project that will integrate academic college faculty into classrooms at the technical division. The purpose of the project is to increase outcome levels among technical students in the shop math and communications classes.
Johnson County Community College was awarded $8,400 to develop pilot programs and evaluate six online writing tutorials to be initially used in Accounting II courses. These modules will focus on frequent grammar and citation mistakes that plague many accounting students’ writings.

Kansas City Kansas Community College was awarded $26,495 to integrate academics into seven division of health profession programs. Academic instructors in math, English and biology will review content taught in the program, access learning activities related to the academic content and instruct health profession faculty in methods of improving their teaching related to the academic concepts in their curriculum.

**Apprenticeship Program Discussion**
Chair Frederick recognized Vice President Smathers to initiate an Apprenticeship Program Discussion. KBOR received a request for program approval where institutions can articulate technical hours of a degree based upon an apprenticeship. The general education credits are taken from the institution, and then the institution awards the degree based upon the apprenticeship focus. Vice President Smathers stated that the Technical Program and Curriculum committee will discuss this request; however, it is requested that all members of the TEA formulate their thoughts for extensive discussion as a group.

**NEXT MEETING REMINDER**
Chair Frederick reminded TEA Members of the next meeting May 25, 2017 beginning at 10:00 A.M at the KBOR offices. Chair Frederick encouraged all members to participate as this will be the last meeting until August, with many significant agenda items for consideration.

**ADJOURNMENT**
Motion: Member Gann moved to adjourn the meeting. Following a second by Member Burke, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant