

**KANSAS POSTSECONDARY  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY**  
Technical Program and Curriculum Committee  
**MINUTES**  
August 7, 2025

The Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority's Technical Program and Curriculum Committee met via Zoom on August 7, 2025. Proper notice was given according to the law.

MEMBERS PRESENT:       Mike Beene, Chair  
                                  Debra Mikulka  
                                  Natalie Clark  
                                  Cindy Hoover, Vice Chair  
                                  Dr. Tiffany Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT:       Ray Frederick, Jr.

Chair Beene called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Beene requested a motion regarding the minutes from the committee's May 15, 2025, meeting. Member Hoover moved to approve the minutes as presented, and Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA**

**ACT ON PROGRAM ALIGNMENT: POLICE SCIENCE (47.0107)**

Crystal Roberts, Associate Director for Workforce Development, presented on the realignment of the Police Science program. It was last realigned in 2011, and it had two exit points (Technical Certificate C and an Associate of Applied Science degree) with eight common courses (24 credits) and one support course (3 credits).

The committee recommended keeping the two existing award levels. The Technical Certificate C and AAS would both require 27 credit hours of nine Common Courses and a three-credit-hour Support Course. As an additional requirement for employment, A.A.S. graduates are required by Kansas state law to complete a law enforcement academy training program for a minimum of 12 credit hours (e.g., KLETC). Both award level options would provide institutional flexibility.

The committee then recommended course changes within the program. Common Courses will now include 27 credits: Introduction to Criminal Justice (KRSN CRJ1010), Professional Responsibility in Criminal Justice, Criminal Investigation, Criminal Law (KRSN CRJ2010), Criminal Procedures, Criminal Justice Interviewing, Criminal Justice Report Writing, Juvenile Delinquency and Justice, and Law Enforcement Operations & Procedures. One new Support Course (General Psychology/Abnormal Psychology OR Mental Health Crisis Response/Intervention) for three credit hours was added due to identified B&I needs in the field. B&I made recommendations that the original combined Criminal Justice Interview & Report Writing course be split into two separate three-credit-hour courses, Professional Responsibility in Criminal Justice (3 credits) be moved from a Support Course to a Common Course, and the Agency Administration (3 credits) course be removed from the alignment. In addition, B&I recommended that students take the foundational courses of Introduction to Criminal Justice (3 credits) and Professional Responsibility in Criminal Justice (3 credits) during their first semester of the program. The proposed program structure will

still allow for a credit hour range to provide institutional flexibility for the configuration of lecture and lab work.

Member Hoover moved to approve the request that the Police Science program be added to the consent agenda. Member Anderson seconded, and the motion passed.

#### **EXCEL IN CTE PROGRAM DISCUSSION**

April White, Vice President for Workforce Development, presented background information regarding the Excel in CTE Program and the concerns of an anticipated funding cut. The key concerns were discussed, including considerations for enrollment limitations, placement testing, and measuring student success. Charmine Chambers, Director for Workforce Development, will provide data on failure rates and have it available before the full TEA meeting on August 21, 2025. Vice President White will invite Dr. Cindy Lane to join the discussion regarding literacy and entrance scores for the Excel and CTE programs. Discussion will continue at the August 21, 2025, TEA meeting.

#### **NEXT MEETING REMINDER**

Chair Beene announced that the next scheduled Program and Committee Meeting would be on October 9, 2025. He also reminded the group of the upcoming TEA meeting on August 21, 2025.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Beene adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.