

**KANSAS POSTSECONDARY
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY
MEETING**

A March 30, 2023, meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) was held at the Kansas Board of Regents office, 1000 SW Jackson, suite 520, Topeka, Kansas and virtually via ZOOM.

Members Present

Ray Frederick	Keith Humphrey
Curtis Sneden	Cindy Hoover
Debra Mikulka	Mike Beene
David Reist	Natalie Clark
Mark Hess	Eddie Estes

Others Present

Cowley Community College
Flint Hills Technical College
Fort Scott Community College
Hutchinson Community College
Salina Area Technical College
Heather Morgan, Kansas Association of Community College Trustees
Steve Kearney, Kansas Technical Colleges
Tyson Winingham, Kansas Department of Commerce

Kansas Board of Regents Staff Present

Scott Smathers	Hector Martinez
April Henry	Susanna Lee
Sue Grosdidier	Laura Leite
Vera Brown	Tim Peterson
Eric Tincher	Matt Casey
Charmine Chambers	Crystal Roberts
Tim Peterson	Susan Henry
Gage Rohlf	

CALL TO ORDER

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

Approval of Minutes

Chair Frederick called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2023, meeting.

Motion: Member Sneden moved to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2023, meeting. Following a second by Member Estes, the motion carried.

REPORTS

Introductions

Vice President Smathers introduced new Cowley Community College President, Dr. Michelle Schoon.

Chair's Report

None, as Chair Frederick reported that circumstances have prevented him from traveling.

Member Liaison Reports

Chair Frederick asked if any TEA members had reports on their activities to share.

Member Estes reported Dodge City Community College held a construction day to inform students about their construction programs and attended and exhibited at the 3i Show. He reported that TEA members are invited to Northwest Kansas Technical College on April 4th and Senator Moran is also expected there. He expressed the importance of highway improvement in southwest Kansas with additional dairies being built in the area and the increased truck traffic to Hilmar Cheese factory. He reported that there are big plans for the Garden City Community College Rodeo program.

Member Reist reported that he visited Highland Community College technical campuses in Atchison and Baileyville, congratulating them on their diesel and electrical programs. They are also upgrading their welding facility, and these programs are experiencing all-time high enrollments. He reported that the campus at Baileyville consists primarily of high school students from eleven districts benefiting from Excel in CTE funding.

Member Clark reported that she visited Integra and the Future Ready Center in Wichita, noting the development of manufacturing automation and business and industry new technical skills programs through partnership between WSU Tech and USD 259. She reported she visited Cowley County Community College (CCCC) by invitation of their CTE Director, and attended their Health and Human Services Day, visiting with counselors and teachers from Augusta, Winfield, Arkansas City, Wellington and several districts from Oklahoma. She reported that starting in Fall of 2024, CCCC plans to schedule a professional development staff day with Arkansas City and Winfield High Schools to provide general educators, counselors and CTE instructors with updated information regarding labor markets and programs important to their area, and to talk about the Kansas General Education Core.

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 attended the ten-year Excel in CTE celebration at WSU Tech and visited with Allen Community College. He congratulated Cloud Community College for the groundbreaking yesterday of their new Technical Education and Innovation Center. He reported Board staff have been working on Health Care Concepts and multiple legislative items, visiting colleges in Kansas and attending out-of-state national events. He reported that both Carl Perkins and Adult Ed received additional funds this year. He reminded members that they will be receiving communication from the Board Office regarding the request from the Secretary of State to divulge their statement of substantial interests.

Report from the Community Colleges

Chair Frederick called upon Hutchinson Community College President File to provide members with a report from the community colleges.

Report from the Technical Colleges

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

CONSENT AGENDA**Program and Curriculum Committee****New Programs**

- Cowley Community College: Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (51.0904)
- Flint Hills Technical College: Early Childhood Education (19.0708)
- Cowley Community College: Graphic Imaging Design (10.0303)

Promise Act

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Excel in CTE Fees

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- Cowley Community College: Graphic Imaging Design (10.0303)

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

Motion: Member Beene moved to approve the Consent Agenda items. Following a second by Member Mikulka, the motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS**Legislative Update**

Chair Frederick called on Director Casey to provide members with a legislative update. Director Casey explained that the legislature is winding down towards first adjournment and added that the House of Representatives and the Senate have adjourned until April 3rd for their last week running up to first adjournment on April 6th. After adjournment, the legislature will be off two weeks returning April 26th for their veto session. He updated members on HB2290, the affiliation bill, which was passed unanimously on the Senate floor and is with the Governor for review. He informed members that SB48, the TEA bill, was discussed earlier in the session by the Senate Education Committee but it did not secure passage. The bill came up again when the committee discussed HB2060 containing bills concerning higher education, however there was no motion to add it and the committee expressed the desire for more discussion as the bill is amended and evolves. Director Casey informed members SB 2038, the credential bill, is still in committee review.

Promise Act Program Review

Chair Frederick called on Director Henry to provide members with a Promise Act program review. Director Henry explained that after the 2022 legislative session, changes were made to the Promise Act, affecting eligibility, the application, and the claw-back clause. Director Henry explained the major changes as follows: 1) In Section 28, the language now states that all programs must lead to an occupation that is either high wage, high demand or critical need. 2) In Section 29, the language now states that regarding transfer programs, the program must have either an established Two-Plus-Two Agreement with a Kansas four-year public Institution or an articulation agreement with a Kansas four-year post-secondary Institution that allows 60 credits to transfer. 3) In Section 30, institutions are allowed to designate an additional field of study in addition to the five listed during year one of the Promise Act. She explained that the legislation also stipulated a timeline that the Board must follow in applying new rules to existing programs. That language was provided to members in their meeting packet, and Director Henry explained that critical need is not defined but can be supported by institutions, for example, Certified Medication Aid, which would fall into the critical need category.

Motion: Following discussion, Member Mikulka moved to retain the Certified Medication Aid on the Promise Act eligible list. Following a second by Member Hoover, the motion carried.

Director Henry continued to next provide members with an overview of programs that will be removed from Promise Act eligibility by institution, according to the new criteria, and indicated the information was also provided in the member meeting packets. Members discussed the challenges they believe extra

regulations may cause for students in qualifying for the programs and expressed specific concerns over the removal of the CDL program from Promise Act eligibility due to changes in the bill by the Legislature, given the crucial need for that program in Kansas.

Motion: Following discussion, Member Beene moved to approve the removal of the programs from the Kansas Promise Scholarship as presented. Following a second by Member Reist, the motion carried.

Workforce Aligned with Industry Demand Presentation

Chair Frederick recognized Kansas Department of Commerce Program Manager Tyson Winingham to provide members with a presentation regarding the Workforce Aligned with Industry Demand (AID) Program. Program Manager Winingham provided members with a PowerPoint presentation and explained that Workforce Aid is a program that helps employers receive short-term customized training programs tailored to fit the specific needs of the business, driven by the employer and in partnership with the Kansas Department of Commerce, the Board of Regents, training provider and local workforce centers. Program Manager Winingham provided members with a brief review of recent Workforce AID projects.

Governor's Education Council Recommendations

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to lead discussion regarding the Governor's Education Council recommendations. Vice President Smathers provided members with the Governor's Education Council report in their meeting materials. He explained that the report outlines the activities of the Council throughout 2022 and formally presents recommendations that focus on ways to improve Kansas education systems and promote workforce development. Vice President Smathers reviewed the four primary recommendations that were put forward by this committee, explaining that the recommendation of improving and centralizing the alignment of resources of Early Childhood Care in education systems across state agencies, and the recommendation of increasing opportunities for high school students to earn certifications and credentials that cross-cut all industries, do not directly involve the participation of the TEA. He further explained that the recommendation to leverage existing resources and structures to facilitate more effective postsecondary transitions for Kansas students, if approved, will directly involve the TEA with items such as concurrent classes with the colleges, standardizing General Education classes, reducing Excel in CTE fees and member participation in a Diploma Plus Kansas oversight panel. He added that the recommendation to charge the Technical Education Authority to enhance their coordination of technical education pathways between K-12 and postsecondary education is aligned with the TEA goal from last year to improve the CTE program alignment between KSDE and postsecondary institutions, based on business and industry input, including establishing best practices that increase the number of students that earn industry certifications and or post-secondary credentials. TEA Member Clark with the Kansas Department of Education commented additionally expressing the value of the alignment of career pathways to higher ed and the CTE programs in the high schools. She outlined a work-based learning pilot initiative that began in 2019-2020 involving the Kansas Department of Commerce, Kansas Department of Labor and Kansas Board of Regents. She added that the state regional pilot was in response to the Governor's Education Council recommendation that work-based learning in Kansas should be a comprehensive approach that insured Kansas students had equitable access to high quality work-based learning experiences designed to prepare each student for post-secondary and workforce success.

Vice President Smathers informed members that with regards to the recommendations by the Governor's Education Council, a copy of a Kansas college enrollment chart is included in the meeting materials for TEA review. He explained that next month Vice President Frisbie is on the meeting agenda to present Kansas college enrollment information, which they will note shows a postsecondary enrollment decline. The report will also look at trends with Excel in CTE and in The Promise scholarship enrollments for the previous two years.

TEA Appropriations Request Reminder

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to present the TEA appropriations request reminder. Vice President Smathers reminded members that annually the Board of Regents is responsible for developing a unified budget request for the post-secondary system and they asked the TEA, two-year colleges, and Board staff to provide them with a list of potential items they would like included in the appropriations request. He reminded members that last year the TEA made a request to the Board that included implementing the tiered and non-tiered funding formula, fully funding the Excel in CTE program, continuing the capital outlay funding which was at \$7.4 million and providing an additional \$500,000 to each institution for cyber security purposes. He explained that a master list will need to be completed by the May TEA meeting to then be provided to the Board for their discussion at their July Retreat. Vice President Smathers invited input from the two-year colleges and TEA members.

TEA Calendar 2023-2024

Chair Frederick called on Director Henry to lead the discussion regarding the 2023-2024 TEA Calendar. Director Henry explained that the TEA calendar is driven by the Board schedule, which was provided to members in the meeting materials. She reminded members that TEA committee meetings are scheduled two weeks prior to TEA meetings. Director Henry pointed out that due to holidays and the Board schedule, the TEA meetings for November and December 2023 were tentatively scheduled for the Fridays before each holiday. She suggested that members may prefer for those meetings to be virtual due to the holidays and the weather. She added that the January 25, 2024 meeting is tentative as it typically held at the Workforce Summit, which is unconfirmed at this time. Authorizing the program committee to approve items to go directly to the Board for approval is also an option for moving the dates of the November and December TEA meetings. Following discussion, Director Henry informed members that the calendar will be revised from their input with the November and December meetings being scheduled virtually on Thursday afternoons and will be brought before them at the April TEA meeting for further discussion and approval.

Election of TEA Officers Reminder

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to remind members about the upcoming officer's elections. Vice President Smathers reminded members that the TEA elects a chair and vice chair in May each year and requested that members contact him or Chair Frederick if they have an interest in serving.

Review of TEA Goals for 2022-2023

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to review the 2022-2023 TEA goals.

Vice President Smathers reminded members that on September 29, 2022 the TEA approved their goals for the 2022-2023 year as follows:

- 1 Support Kansas Board of Regents 2022-2023 goals and advocate for all public postsecondary institutions
- 2 Finish extraordinary cost review for the remaining programs
- 3 Review the cost model to give TEA members and others a better understanding of how it works
- 4 Work with Commerce and KSDE in developing definitions, guidelines, and processes for work-based learning (apprenticeships, internships, work experience, etc.)
- 5 Improve CTE program alignment between KSDE and the postsecondary institutions based on business and industry input. Included in this effort will be establishing and publishing best practices that increase the number of students that earn industry certifications and/or postsecondary credentials
- 6 Work with Commerce in developing and expanding an apprenticeship model
- 7 Review and make recommendations for high wage, high demand, critical need, and qualified

- transfer programs in the four general fields of study identified in the Promise Act Scholarship
- 8 Continue ongoing Excel in CTE fee reviews
 - 9 Improve communication with school districts in Kansas by expanding available information continued work on needs assessments, and improving the website navigation
 - 10 Based on input from the community and technical colleges, determine the best way to record participation, promote awareness, and emphasize the value of customized training that is occurring at the institutions

He provided members with a status update for each of the ten goals, reporting that good progress was made on the goals with the exception of goal number five. Vice President Smathers explained that changes in staffing presented challenges in completing this goal with KSDE this year, and additional attention will be required.

NEXT MEETING REMINDER

Chair Frederick reminded members that the next meeting is a regularly scheduled conference call meeting on April 27, 2023, at 10:00 A.M

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Frederick adjourned the meeting at 12:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant