

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

A virtual meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) was held via ZOOM on April 29, 2021.

Members Present

Ray Frederick Jr., Chair	Jason Cox
Rita Johnson	Tiffany Anderson
Stacy Smith	Mike Beene
Amber Shultz	Eddie Estes
Mark Hess	

Others Present

Dennis Rittle, Cowley County Community College
Heather Morgan, Kansas Association Community College Trustees
Tim Murrell, Topeka Center for Advanced Learning and Careers
Jim Genandt, Manhattan Area Technical College
Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology

Kansas Board of Regents Staff Present

Scott Smathers	Elaine Frisbie
Connie Beene	Cindy Farrier
Chris Lemon	Kelly Oliver
Sue Grosdidier	Lisa Beck
Vera Brown	Tobias Wood
Eric Tincher	Matt Casey
Charmine Chambers	Steve Funk
Erin Guardiola	Susan Henry
April Henry	

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Frederick at 10:00 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 March 25, 2021 meeting.

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

REPORTS

Introductions

Chair Frederick welcomed new members Department of Labor Secretary Amber Shultz and Keith Humphrey.

Chair's Report

Chair Frederick reported that on April 28th he met with a local fire alarm and communications business and discussions included their frustration in finding a skilled workforce for their business. They are

interested in continuing conversation about what community and technical colleges in the area may offer for training in their line of business.

Member Liaison Reports

Chair Frederick invited TEA member activity reports.

Member Estes reported that he will be on the Northwest Kansas Technical College campus for a meeting on May 17th and looks forward to reviewing their engineering program. He added that the college partners with him in providing application support for the annual 3i Show. He reminded members that the Mid America Workforce Summit is scheduled for January 19, 2022 in Topeka.

Member Beene reported that he visited Colby Community College and met with President Carter, State Senator Billinger and Lt. Governor Toland, discussing student housing, careers, and the alignment of education to careers. He enjoyed a brief tour of the campus as well as their new activity center.

Member Anderson informed members of an upcoming partnership opportunity for TCALC and area technical institutions in fields including engineering, with an update on progress coming next month.

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 this will be Senior Associate Director Chris Lemon's last meeting as he is leaving KBOR but will be staying on through August in a part-time limited capacity. He informed members that Dr. Vincent Bowhay is the new president of Independence Community College, and Dr. Caron Daugherty is the new president of Flint Hills Technical College. He reported that Board staff has been updating the KBOR website and added information on the TEA page that the community colleges have requested, including the tiered/non-tiered course decision tree, the technical program criteria and the programs that have been moved by the TEA recently from technical to non-technical. He reminded members that they need to report their Statement of Substantial Interests as required by the Kansas Secretary of State. He informed members that multiple departments of Board Staff are currently working on the new Promise Act, a new bill that was signed that provides a last dollar-in funding scholarship for adult students in certain programs to pay their tuition and fees. The Act must be operational by the Fall semester, and it is expected that the TEA will have a roll in the process, but more details will be available to share next month.

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 Manhattan Area Technical College President Jim Genandt to provide members with a report from the technical colleges.

CONSENT AGENDA

Technical Program and Curriculum Committee

New Program Request Form Updates

New Program Proposals

WSU Tech: Culinary Arts (12.0503)

Excel in CTE Fees

WSU Tech: Culinary Arts (12.0503)

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 Beene, the motion carried by roll call vote.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

Budget and Finance Committee

Kansas Nursing Initiative Grants

Chair Frederick called on Associate Director Brown to lead the discussion on the Kansas Nursing Initiative grant proposals. Associate Director Brown informed members that grants are awarded on a yearly basis, and this year a total of 28 proposals were received: 15 from two-year institutions and 13 from four-year institutions.

The following eligibility criteria are utilized to award grant funds:

- Approved by the Kansas Board of Nursing and nationally accredited
- Most recent 3-year average NCLEX test score aligns with the 3-year national average percentile range
- Documented articulation of one of the following: RN to BSN, BSN to MSN, MSN to DNP, APRN, etc.

Associate Director Brown explained that a portion of grant funds is set aside to assist institutions not meeting the eligibility criteria. Of the 28 applicants, four proposals were received to support strategies designed to improve NCLEX scores. Grant funds may be spent on faculty support, student success support, and nursing laboratory supplies.

Associate Director Brown informed members that a team consisting of Board staff in the Workforce Development and Academic Affairs units along with the Kansas Board of Nursing staff reviewed the proposals. The TEA Budget and Finance Committee reviewed the proposals at their April 8, 2021 meeting and recommends approval of the following awards:

Institution	Project Summary	Award
<i>NCLEX score improvement</i>		
Colby Community College	- Salary support for new faculty - Faculty professional development - Tutoring services for students - NCLEX preparation sessions for students	\$31,080
Pratt Community College	- Professional development for faculty - Test review and preparation services for students	\$45,841
Neosho County Community College	- Faculty professional development - Development of student remediation plan and resources - NCLEX practice exam services for students	\$14,845
Seward County Community College	- Faculty professional development - Test preparation resources for students	\$69,648
<i>Full Application</i>		
Baker University	- Professional development for faculty - Consumable laboratory supplies	\$9,009

Barton Community College	- Professional development for faculty - Consumable laboratory supplies - High-fidelity nursing simulator	\$52,000
Benedictine College	- Curriculum development - Test preparation resources for students - Pediatric simulator	\$74,850
Butler Community College	- Professional development for faculty - Consumable laboratory supplies	\$33,700
Cloud County Community College	- Professional development for faculty - Test preparation resources for students - Consumable laboratory supplies - Labor/delivery and newborn high-fidelity simulator	\$61,042
Emporia State University	- Faculty professional development - Subscription to virtual reality clinical simulation service - Simulation laboratory equipment	\$80,000
Fort Hays State University	- Curriculum revision and development - Faculty professional development - Test review and preparation services for students - Consumable laboratory supplies - Health assessment models for the classroom	\$164,479
Fort Scott Community College	- Professional development for faculty - Test review and preparation services for students - Consumable laboratory supplies	\$24,013
Garden City Community College	- Labor/delivery and newborn simulator - Simulation training for faculty	\$30,000
Hesston College	- Faculty professional development - Curriculum development - Consumable laboratory supplies - Auscultation manikin and CPR manikins	\$19,119
Highland Community College	- Professional development for faculty - On-campus professional development/invited speaker	\$11,600
Hutchinson Community College	- Faculty professional development - Subscription to nursing scenario software - Consumable laboratory supplies	\$7,649
Johnson County Community College	- Professional development for faculty - Simulation laboratory equipment	\$42,536
Kansas City Kansas Community College	- Salary support for new faculty - Subscription to teaching resources - Faculty professional development - Tutoring and support for at-risk students - Consumable laboratory supplies - Labor/delivery and newborn simulator	\$88,042
University of Kansas	- New faculty salaries - Test preparation and academic support for students - Consumable laboratory supplies - Nursing simulator with body skin accessories - Injection models	\$162,777

Kansas Wesleyan University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Salary support for nursing faculty - Faculty professional development - Mentoring program for new faculty - Test review and preparation services for students - Consumable laboratory supplies - Simulation laboratory equipment 	\$37,767
Labette Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Salary for a new faculty member - Faculty simulation training - Digital examination software for students - Consumable laboratory and simulation supplies - Nursing simulator 	\$50,833
MidAmerica Nazarene University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professional development for faculty - High-fidelity simulator 	\$30,000
North Central Kansas Technical College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Faculty professional development - Subscription to teaching resources - Newborn simulator 	\$31,257
Ottawa University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professional development for faculty - Development of cultural competency training materials - New faculty salary support - Curriculum development - Online clinical support for students 	\$72,065
Pittsburg State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Salary support for new faculty - Professional development for faculty - Live review for pre-licensure students - Consumable laboratory supplies 	\$103,088
University of St. Mary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New faculty salary support - Curriculum revision for the Next Generation NCLEX - Professional development for faculty - Subscriptions to teaching resources - Test review and preparation resources for students - Consumable laboratory supplies - Laboratory equipment 	\$ 197,669
Washburn University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Faculty professional development - Subscription to teaching resources - Access to simulation development resources for faculty - Tutoring services for students - Consumable laboratory supplies - Newborn neonatal simulator 	\$ 141,778
Wichita State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Salary support for new faculty - Faculty professional development - Consumable laboratory supplies 	\$ 64,800
	Total	\$ 1,751,487

Motion: Member Beene moved to approve the Kansas Nursing Initiative proposals as presented. Following a second by Member R. Johnson, the motion carried by roll call vote.

OTHER MATTERS

CTE Program Growth and Enhancement Grant (Perkins Reserve)

Chair Frederick called on Senior Director Beene to provide members with an update on the CTE Program Growth and Enhancement Grant. Senior Director Beene explained that the Perkins V legislation provides

a percentage of funds to support competitive grants in rural areas, in areas with high percentages of CTE students, and areas with disparities or gaps in performance. The CTE Program Growth and Enhancement Grant was developed to address labor market shortages in high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand occupations as determined by the Kansas Department of Labor. She referred members to the high-wage/high-demand occupations chart provided in the meeting packet and thanked Associate Director Chambers for matching the SOC codes to the institutional CIP codes to determine program eligibility. She explained that requests for the funding exceeded the funds available, and so the rewards were limited to one per institution. She applauded the creative efforts of the institutions in submitting their proposals according to the eligibility of the funds. She reported that a team consisting of Board staff in the Workforce Development Unit reviewed the proposals and awarded funding to the following institutions:

Institution	Project Summary	Award
Barton Community College	- Nursing simulation equipment	\$18,244
Cloud Community College	- Nursing simulation development	\$32,885
Coffeyville Community College	- Nursing simulation and professional development	\$34,342
Flint Hills Technical College	- Dental Hygiene equipment - Professional development	\$55,900
Ft. Scott Community College	- Nursing faculty	\$64,525
Garden City Community College	- Nursing clinical laboratory faculty	\$71,000
Hutchinson Community College	- Retention specialist salary - Professional development	\$50,500
Johnson County Community College	- Dental Hygiene equipment - Respiratory Therapy equipment	\$75,255
Kansas City Kansas Community College	- HVAC equipment - Electrical Technology equipment - Professional development for recruitment and retention	\$69,532
Labette Community College	- Nursing equipment - Respiratory Therapy equipment - Radiography equipment	\$120,514
Manhattan Area Technical College	- HVAC equipment	\$19,682
Neosho County Community College	- HVAC equipment - Faculty hiring bonus - NCCER online module testing - Industrial Maintenance Technology equipment - Aerostructure equipment - Classroom sets of textbooks	\$43,707
Northwest Kansas Technical College	- Integrated technology project coordinator - Computing devices - Professional development	\$68,520
Pratt Community College	- Nursing simulation equipment	\$21,249
Seward County Community College	- Respiratory Therapy equipment - HVAC equipment - Faculty salary - Stipend to develop apprenticeships	\$116,262
Washburn University	- Radiologic Technology equipment	\$55,000
WSU Tech	- HVAC equipment	\$109,350

Total awarded: \$1,026,467

TEA Calendar

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to provide the AY 2022 TEA calendar. Vice President Smathers reminded members that each year Board staff recommends meeting dates for their consideration. He informed members that following the first in-person meeting, an afternoon strategic planning session will be held. He invited member comments, and informed Chair Frederick that if he chooses, he may call for a vote or wait until the May 27, 2021 meeting to call for a vote to approve the calendar.

Motion: Member Estes moved to approve the AY 2022 calendar as presented. Following a second by Member Cox, the motion carried by roll call vote.

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 election for AY 2022 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, please inform him or Chair Frederick.

TEA Budget Requests FY 2023

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to lead the discussion regarding the TEA budget requests for FY 2023. Vice President Smathers explained that the Board is asking the TEA for recommendations on their request for funding for FY 2023 (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023) and will be submitting their request to the legislature by this fall. He reminded members that historically, the TEA has requested consideration for Excel in CTE, Tiered and Non-tiered funding and Capital Outlay. He invited input from members and stated that Board staff will then create a general draft for their approval at the May meeting. Member Estes stated that it is important to get input from the institutions; Vice President Smathers informed members that the Board has requested input from the community colleges and technical colleges. Member R. Johnson underscored the importance of maintaining the Excel in CTE and tiered and non-tiered funding requests, adding that she would like to see attention given to the Capital Outlay funding that hasn't changed in 20-30 years and is the main source of capital outlay funding for the technical colleges; Vice President Smathers informed members that the Capital Outlay funding was originally \$2 million and is now only \$2.6 million so funding has not kept up with inflation. He added that this year the Board requested a \$4 million budget amendment for Capital Outlay, but it was not approved by the Governor. Vice President Smathers reminded members that the 2020 gap analysis for Tiered funding is approximately \$3 million and approximately \$12.3 million for Non-tiered funding. In addition, 2020 Excel in CTE funding was \$35.5 million and the 2021 projections are for \$31.3 million, with the legislature budgeting \$36.8 million for the program next year. Vice President Smathers asked members what areas they would like to focus on and what data they would like to see for review at the May meeting. Chair Frederick asked Board staff to prepare some numbers for the May meeting on the following, in number of priority: 1) Excel in CTE; 2) Tiered/Non tiered funding gaps, calculated as separate requests; 3) Capital Outlay.

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 ended April 9th with return for the veto session on May 3rd with an end date of May 11th. The conference committee included approved the following items which were approved in the budget bill: \$2.1 million for Excel in CTE for FY21; \$8.3 for Excel in CTE for FY22; an increase of \$24.9 million for higher education system wide; and \$1.4 for the National Guard Scholarship

program. Omnibus bill discussion will include the addition of \$10 million for the Kansas Promise Scholarship program for which Board staff is working on details of implementation.

NEXT MEETING REMINDER

Chair Frederick reminded members that the next TEA meeting is scheduled to be in-person at the KBOR offices on May 27, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. Chair Frederick polled members on their desire to meet in-person at the KBOR offices, which was the consensus.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Frederick adjourned the meeting at 11:14 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant