

**KANSAS POSTSECONDARY  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY  
MEETING**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

A virtual meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) was held via ZOOM on April 27, 2023.

**Members Present**

Ray Frederick

Tiffany Anderson

Eddie Estes

Keith Humphrey

Debra Mikulka

David Reist

Curtis Sneden

Mike Beene

Natalie Clark

**Others Present**

Flint Hills Technical College

Highland Community College

Hutchinson Community College

Manhattan Area Technical College

Neosho County Community College

**Kansas Board of Regents Staff Present**

Scott Smathers

April Henry

Sue Grosdidier

Vera Brown

Eric Tincher

Charmine Chambers

Hector Martinez

Susan Henry

Susanna Lee

Elaine Frisbie

Laura Leite

Tim Peterson

Crystal Roberts

Tobias Wood

Cindy Farrier

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Frederick at 10:00A.M. Chair Frederick provided members with virtual meeting guidelines.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chair Frederick asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda and called for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 30, 2023 meeting.

**Motion:** Member Estes moved to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2023 meeting, following a second by Member Sneden, the motion carried.

**REPORTS**

Introductions

None.

### Chair's Report

Chair Frederick reported that he attended the open house and toured the facility of the Future Ready Center in Wichita along with Member Hoover and Member Estes on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Chair Frederick reported that the center is the result of collaboration and partnership between WSU Tech and U.S.D. 259 and congratulated both entities for their commitment to business and industry in the area.

### Member Liaison Reports

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

Member Anderson reported that the Dean of Washburn Tech presented at a recent inter-council government meeting, highlighting activities for Excel in CTE and internships. She informed members that she is the Chair of the group, which includes the mayor, city manager, board presidents and superintendents for the Shawnee County region. She reported that Topeka Public Schools has its first two-year graduate, graduating with both a high school diploma and associate degree, through a program in partnership with Washburn Tech, and expressed her appreciation as Washburn Tech continues to expand their programs and services.

Member Estes reported that he visited the Future Ready Center in Wichita, attended the KACCT meeting, visited Northwest Kansas Technical College, Colby Community College. He reported that Senator Moran was at Northwest Kansas Technical College and the Governor was at Dodge City High School, where she participated in a round table discussion regarding special education.

Member Clark thanked Member Estes for representing the TEA in attending the KSDE Advisory Committee meeting recently, along with members from the Board of Regents and Kansas Department of Commerce, with this meeting's focus on emerging trends and architecture. She praised TEA member support of the secondary/postsecondary collaboration. She reported attending the meeting at the Future Ready Center in Wichita and expressed appreciation for Kansas Workforce centers.

### 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 has been traveling around the nation, participating in conferences, and visiting colleges. Vice President Smathers thanked the presidents at Kansas City Kansas Community College, Johnson County Community College, Fort Scott Community College, Neosho County Community College, Pittsburgh State University and Coffeyville Community College for meeting with him and providing their insight and feedback on assorted topics. He congratulated Director Hector Martinez who was elected as Secretary of the National COABE, which is the Coalition of Adult Basic Education organization, and he will be representing the state of Kansas nationally. Vice President Smathers reported there are a multitude of workforce development initiatives going and Board staff are active with the State Broadband Initiative with the Department of Commerce. He informed members that there will be a meeting with the two-year colleges later in the day, for feedback on the cost model. He reminded members to submit expense reports as soon as possible as the end of the fiscal year is June 30<sup>th</sup>, as well as informing Board staff of intentions to travel in the month of June with details so that proper funds will be allocated for their expenses. He reminder members that their Statement of Substantial Interest, as required by the State of Kansas, must be completed, and returned by the end of this month.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

## Budget and Finance Committee

- FY24 Kansas Nursing Initiative Grant Awards
- State Innovative Technology Internship Grant Awards

## New Programs

- North Central Kansas Technical College: Respiratory Care (51.0908)
- Neosho County Community College: Automotive Technology (47.0604)

## Promise Act

- North Central Kansas Technical College: Respiratory Care (51.0908)

## Excel in CTE Fees

- Neosho County Community College: Automotive Technology (47.0604)
- Independence Community College: Welding Technology (48.0508)

Chair Frederick called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as submitted by the Budget and Finance Committee and the Technical Program and Curriculum Committee.

**Motion:** Member Reist moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as submitted by the Budget and Finance Committee and the Technical Program and Curriculum Committee. Following a second by Member Beene, the motion carried by a roll call vote. Member Mikulka abstained from the vote.

**OTHER MATTERS**

## Legislative Update

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to provide members with a legislative update, as Director Casey is actively involved in budget discussions and unable to attend the meeting. Vice President Smathers gave a brief report to members on the recent activities of the Legislature. He reported that the Legislature is in Veto Session that began on Wednesday. They are considering veto overrides and putting together an omnibus budget before wrapping up their work by the end of the week.

## Qualifying Credentials: Excel in CTE 2023-2024

Chair Frederick called on Associate Director Chambers to present the Excel in CTE 2023-2024 Qualifying Credentials. Associate Director Chambers explained that the list as provided in the meeting packet is being presented for the TEA recommendation to the Board of Regents. She reminded members that every year, Board staff, in collaboration with KSDE and the Department of Labor, review the demand and wage criteria for the occupations that compile this listing. She highlighted that criteria includes that occupations must be high demand, must require at least a high school diploma, and must also be accompanied by an associated occupationally specific industry, recognized certification or license. These certifications also need to be attainable by a high school student within 6 months of completing high school, or before, and the wages for these occupations must be at least 70% of the average annual wage for the State. She added that if the wage does not meet the criteria, but the credential is considered stackable and required for the next occupation level, it can be included on the list, such as certified nursing, as needed for entry into a wide range of health care occupations. She reminded members that the list is revisited annually for updates, as certain occupations fluctuate regarding high wage and high demand status.

**Motion:** Member Anderson moved to approve the Excel in CTE 2023-2024 Qualifying Credentials and to forward the TEA recommendation to the Board of Regents for their consideration. Following a second by Member Estes, the motion carried by roll call vote.

#### KBOR-Corrections Update

Chair Frederick called on Associate Director Grosdidier to provide members with a KBOR corrections update. Associate Director Grosdidier explained the Board of Regents' connection to corrections, which includes providing training to the Adult Education centers and providing resources and tools to meet the educational needs of providers and those facilities. She provided a list of the two-year colleges that currently work with the facilities in their areas. She reported that according to self-reported data, over 50% of individuals coming into correctional facilities do not have a high school diploma, and she commended her Board staff team and the adult education center instructors and corrections staff as they all work together meeting the specific challenges within the Department of Corrections for GED completion and program certifications, bridging the gap from release and reducing recidivism.

#### Enrollment Report

Chair Frederick recognized Vice President Frisbie to provide members with an enrollment report. Vice President Frisbie explained that enrollment data for the two-year sector was provided in the meeting materials. She acknowledged the efforts of the institutions in providing the information that supplies the enrollment report and allows Board staff to provide a Degree Stats portal, which can help families understand the costs of associate and bachelor's degrees. She highlighted the Key Stats Reporting portal and the Student Success Index which helps two-year schools understand, that when they have a student leave their campus and go to a four-year university, it is still considered a success, even though they might not have earned a credential at the two-year school. Vice President Frisbie explained that employment and wage data is leveraged for reports in collaboration with the Kansas Department of Labor to provide information to legislative policymakers regarding earning potential for students with credentials. Vice President Frisbie provided members with overviews regarding declining enrollments, cost model information, transfer programs to the four-year universities, the growing proportion of credit hours delivered to high school students, the increase in distance education/ delivering education online, trends with the Promise Act and the effects of declining ACT performance.

#### Excel in CTE Results

Chair Frederick called on Associate Director Chambers to provide members with Excel in CTE results. Associate Director Chambers explained that during the last TEA meeting, members requested an update on participation trends for the Excel in CTE programs, and that update is provided in their meeting materials, with highlighted information of added data of participation, credit hours that are generated and industry recognized certifications that have been earned, with quick reference to show the State funding appropriation versus the calculated cost for each year. Associate Director Chambers informed members that this report is located on the KBOR website under Workforce Development.

#### TEA FY 2025 Appropriations Request

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to lead discussion regarding the FY 2025 Appropriations Request. Vice President Smathers informed members that he has not yet received input from TEA members or the community or technical colleges. He reminded members that if they would like to make any recommendations to the Board of Regents regarding allocations requests to the Legislature for the two-year sector, they will need to complete their submissions list at the next meeting. Vice President Smathers informed members that Board staff will prepare a list of suggestions according to previous allocation requests for their review.

#### TEA AY 2024 Calendar

Chair Frederick asked members for comments after their review of the TEA AY 24 revised calendar which was provided in their meeting materials. He noted that the calendar was revised after discussions at the March TEA meeting, specifically the meetings near the Thanksgiving and winter holidays, both of which were suggested to be held remotely. In addition to maintaining a number of face-to-face meetings. The

August and October meetings were scheduled as face-to-face while the September meeting was then scheduled to be held virtually.

**Motion:** Member Beene moved to approve the TEA AY 24 calendar as presented. Following a second by Member Reist, the motion carried by a roll call vote.

**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.

**NEXT MEETING REMINDER**

Chair Frederick reminded members that the next regularly scheduled TEA meeting will be in-person at the KBOR offices on May 25, 2023, beginning at 10:00 A.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Frederick adjourned the meeting at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant