

**KANSAS POSTSECONDARY  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY  
MINUTES  
November 16, 2023**

The Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) met virtually on November 16, 2023 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chair Keith Humphrey at 10:00 A.M. Proper notice was given according to law.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Keith Humphrey, Chair  
Ray Frederick, Vice Chair  
Mark Hess  
Cindy Hoover  
Debra Mikulka  
David Reist  
Curtis Sneden  
Todd Zimmer  
Mike Beene  
Natalie Clark  
Amber Shultz

**AMENDMENT OF AGENDA**

Chair Humphrey informed members that he would like to add Item “H” under Other Matters on the meeting agenda, for the review and discussion of his Budget letter to the Governor prior to its submission. Member Sneden moved to approve the amendment to the agenda as presented, and following a second by Member Frederick, the motion carried by roll call vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Clark moved to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2023, meeting and, following a second by Member Hoover, the motion carried.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Humphrey introduced and welcomed new TEA Member Todd Zimmer.

**REPORTS**

**REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

Chair Humphrey reported that he attended the WSU Tech Foundation annual luncheon, where private donors for scholarships and student recipients were recognized, including his company, Jet AirWerks.

**MEMBER LIASON REPORTS**

None.

**REPORT FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Vice President Smathers congratulated Adult Education Director Hector Martinez, who was named President-elect of the Coalition of Adult BasicE(COABE), which is a national group of approximately 45,000 people. Vice President Smathers reported that work continues on meeting the needs of the migrant workforce in Kansas and the nation, which is a new area for Kansas to address with its adult education programs.

He reported that, due to some confusion regarding the Excel in CTE fee reporting process, the review of the fees will be delayed pending the reopening of the fee collection process for institutions to obtain clarification. He reported that he and Director White presented at the Kansas Principal's Conference in Wichita on November 7<sup>th</sup>, and appreciated the input received.

#### REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Garden City Community College President Ruda provided members with a report on the activities of the community colleges.

#### REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL COLLEGES

Salina Area Technical College President Nichols provided members with a report on the activities of the technical colleges.

#### OTHER MATTERS

##### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Members received a Legislative update from Director of Government Relations Adam York. His report included a brief outlook of items for discussion in the upcoming fiscal year. He reported that 2024 is an election year for all members of the legislature, and that this legislative session will begin on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

##### TEA FY 2023 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Vice President Smathers presented members with the TEA FY 2023 Legislative Report. He directed them to the report included in the meeting materials and reminded members that each year the TEA is required by Statute to submit a report on their accomplishments. Member Reist moved to approve the TEA FY 2023 Legislative report as presented and, following a second by Member Shultz, the motion carried by roll call vote.

##### STATE INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Associate Director Roberts presented members with the State Innovative Technology Grant recommendations as was provided in the meeting materials. Representatives from the institutions with grant recipients were present on the call and available for member questions. Member Hoover moved to approve the grant recommendations as presented, and, following a second by Member Hess, the motion carried by roll call vote. Member Mikulka abstained from the vote.

##### KSDE K-12 UPDATE

Members received a KSDE K-12 update from Member Clark, reporting in her capacity as Assistant Director of Career Standards and Assessment Services with the Kansas Department of Education. Member Clark provided a PowerPoint presentation that included information on Kansas student competencies, civic engagement, individual plans of study and outcomes, academic graduation, work-based learning, postsecondary success, information on the activities of the Kansas Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education, etc.

##### LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING REALIGNMENT

Members received information on the Licensed Practical Nursing Realignment from Director White. She provided background on the nursing programs in Kansas, as regulated by the Kansas Board of Nursing. She explained that the Kansas Council of Practical Nurse Educators is seeking a review of the , existing program alignment, and the new alignment would allow more flexibility for programs to adapt to their local needs while maintaining outcomes set by the Board of Nursing. She added that the Board of Nursing has approved the changes as presented. Chair Humphrey called for a motion to approve the proposed revision to the practical nursing program alignment and course outcomes as presented. Member Frederick so moved, and, following a second by Member Beene, the motion carried by roll call vote.

**PERKINS STATE DETERMINED LEVELS OF PERFORMANCE**

Members received a report on the Perkins State Determined Levels of Performance from Director White. She explained that each state is required to establish the State Determined Performance Levels based on core indicators. She referred members to the meeting materials that contain a list of the 10 core indicators that the State is measured on every year, adding that the core indicator performance for academic years 2021 and 2022 was also included in their materials. The State Perkins team, consisting of Board staff and State Department of Education staff may adjust the federal negotiated levels of performance annually, based on each prior two years of performance data and feedback received during annual statewide formal comment periods.

**DISCUSSION OF LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR**

Chair Humphrey asked Vice President Smathers to lead discussion regarding the TEA letter to the Governor, thanking her for her current budget support and requesting additional CTE funding. Vice President Smathers provided a copy of the letter to TEA Members for their review indicating that it is expected that the TEA will be requesting additional funding from the Governor annually. The TEA members expressed their support of the request for additional funding.

**NEXT MEETING REMINDER**

Chair Humphrey reminded members that the next regularly scheduled TEA meeting will be held virtually on December 21, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Humphrey adjourned the meeting at 11:42 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant