



**March 12, 2026**  
**Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority**  
**Budget and Finance Committee**

Curtis State Office Building  
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Topeka, KS 66612

**2025 - 2026 Committee Members**

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Keith Humphrey

David Reist, Vice Chair  
Amber Shultz

Todd Zimmer  
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# TEA Budget and Finance Committee Meeting

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# 2025-2026 KANSAS POSTSECONDARY TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY GOALS



## Goals

- 1) Evaluate the impact of the modernized National Career Cluster Framework implementation on the Kansas postsecondary education system, funding, and reporting. Develop a plan for transfer to the new Framework which aligns with the secondary education system.
- 2) Investigate the active duty and veteran student services in the Kansas postsecondary system, specifically the use of military-originated credit articulation and transfer procedures. Evaluate current military-originated credit data, identify reporting gaps, and develop a set of criteria and recommendations for effective military-originated data collection and reporting.
- 3) Resume program performance reviews using previously established criteria to validate and communicate the value of technical education in developing a skilled workforce and meeting the needs of business and industry.
- 4) Identify and share best practices in reducing and/or eliminating the actual fees high school students participating in the Excel in CTE programs are assessed and ensure actual costs and potential subsidies are adequately communicated.
- 5) Partner with Kansas technical colleges to develop and implement targeted objectives that guide the use of the Kansas Technical College Operating Grant Fund (HB 2195) in supporting instructional and operational priorities.
- 6) Collaborate with the Excel in CTE Task Force to develop a system-wide policy for course failures, create consistent placement guidelines for participating high school students, and finalize the review of Excel in CTE programs needing further analysis.
- 7) Diversify and strengthen the Adult Education funding base to expand and sustain services, while advancing collaboration and integration among Community Colleges, Technical Colleges, and Adult Education Centers.

## Agenda

### Technical Education Authority Goals & Meeting Agenda

#### I. Call to Order

Presenter: Chair Sneden

#### II. Approval of Minutes

##### A. January 8, 2026 Meeting

#### III. Consideration of Discussion Agenda

##### A. Act on Technical College Operating Grant Objectives (House Bill 2195)

Presenters: Vera Brown, Dr. Caron Daugherty, Dr. Greg Nichols, Scott Smathers, Dr. Sheree Utash

*The 2025 Legislature passed House Bill 2195, providing a statutory basis for technical college operating grants. The TEA Goal #5 is to partner with Kansas technical colleges to develop and implement targeted objectives that guide the use of the Kansas Technical College Operating Grant Fund established in HB 2195 to support instructional and operational priorities.*

##### 1. Act on Technical College Operating Grant Objectives from Flint Hills Technical College

Presenter: Dr. Caron Daugherty

*Dr. Caron Daugherty will present Flint Hills Technical College's targeted objectives for the Kansas Technical College Operating Grant Fund.*

##### 2. Receive Technical College Operating Grant Objectives from Salina Area Technical College

Presenter: Dr. Greg Nichols

*Dr. Greg Nichols will present Salina Area Technical College's targeted objectives for the Kansas Technical College Operating Grant Fund.*

##### 3. Receive Technical College Operating Grant Objectives from Washburn Institute of Technology

Presenter: Scott Smathers

*Scott Smathers will present Washburn Institute of Technology's targeted objectives for the Kansas Technical College Operating Grant Fund.*

##### 4. Receive Technical College Operating Grant Objectives from Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology

Presenter: Sheree Utash

*Dr. Sheree Utash will present Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology's targeted objectives for the Kansas Technical College Operating Fund.*

#### IV. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 9, 2026

**KANSAS POSTSECONDARY  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY**  
Budget and Finance Committee  
MINUTES  
January 8, 2026

The Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority's Budget and Finance Committee met on January 8, 2026, via Zoom. Proper notice was given according to law.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Curtis Sneden, Chair  
David Reist, Vice Chair  
Keith Humphrey  
Ray Frederick  
Amber Shultz  
Todd Zimmer

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Reist at 8:32 A.M.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Frederick moved to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2025, meeting. Following a second by Member Zimmer, the motion carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA**

**Instructional Cost Model Review and Calculated State Share**

Elaine Frisbie, Vice President for Finance and Administration, presented the instructional cost model for academic year 2025, explaining how state funding is calculated for resident students at technical and community colleges. She detailed the four elements of the cost model - instructor costs, instructional support costs, institutional support costs, and extraordinary costs for tiered courses - and showed how the model will result in an \$8.8 million increase in state aid for fiscal year 2027. President Frisbie will present the cost model and state aid calculations at the full TEA meeting on January 22, 2026.

**Review and Discuss House Bill 2195**

Vera Brown, Director for Career Technical Education, reviewed House Bill 2195. She explained that the bill requires technical colleges to develop and implement objectives for their operating grant funds. Director Brown reviewed the updated definition of "instruction and operations" that was developed with technical college leadership. Technical colleges will negotiate and propose their individual objectives for the use of the Kansas Technical College Operating Grant to the Budget and Finance Committee and the full TEA, with four colleges presenting in March and three in April. Technical colleges will then submit reports on the use of the Kansas Technical College Operating Grant funds to board staff in July, to be presented to the Budget and Finance Committee and full TEA in August. The committee discussed the definition of operational costs for technical colleges, which is not explicitly defined in the statute. The working definition was developed with input from technical college representatives, focusing on administrative and infrastructure expenses that are not directly tied to teaching. The committee agreed to pass this presentation to the full TEA meeting on January 22, 2026, without making any changes.

**NEXT MEETING REMINDER**

Chair Sneden reminded the committee of their next meeting on February 6, 2026, via Zoom.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Member Frederick moved to adjourn the meeting and after a second from Vice Chair Reist, Chair Sneden adjourned the meeting at 9:05 A.M.

**Act on Technical College Operating Grant Objectives (House Bill 2195)**

**Background:**

The legislation enacted by the 2025 Legislature provides as follows:

Section 1.

- (a) There is hereby established in the state treasury the Kansas technical college operating grant fund, which shall be administered by the state board of regents. **All expenditures from the Kansas technical college operating grant fund shall be for instruction and operations to meet target objectives established by the postsecondary technical education authority for each technical college's region and the entire state.** All expenditures from the Kansas technical college operating grant fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the executive officer of the state of regents or the executive officer's designee.
- (b) As used in this section, "technical college" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 71-1802, and amendments thereto, and the Washburn institute of technology.

**Expenditure Categories:**

Instructional costs are exclusively related to expenses that directly support the core mission of teaching. This includes faculty salaries and benefits for both credit and non-credit courses, departmental expenses for academic programs such as classroom resources, materials, lab supplies, remedial and tutorial instruction costs, technical instruction, continuing education programs, and any expenses for organized instructional activities offered for credit within degree or certificate programs.

Operational costs are administrative and infrastructure expenses necessary for the colleges' functionality but are not directly tied to teaching. These include administration, student services, institutional support functions, auxiliary enterprises, facilities, and buildings.

**Process:**

Each institution will present their planned activities and measurable objectives to the Budget and Finance Committee of the TEA and the full TEA. The completed forms from presenting institutions are included in the packet.

**Timeline:**

March – Budget and Finance Committee meeting – four technical college presentations of proposed activities  
April – Budget and Finance Committee meeting– three technical college presentations of proposed activities  
May – TEA meeting – the Authority reviews and approves the proposed activities  
July – Technical colleges submit their reports of the activity results  
August – Budget and Finance Committee meeting – the Committee reviews the results  
August – TEA meeting – the Authority reviews the results

**Act on Technical College Operating Grant from Flint Hills Technical College**

Kansas Technical College Operating Grant Fund  
 HB 2195  
 Activities and Measurable Objectives Form

Name of Institution: FLINT HILLS TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Presentation of Objectives:

Budget and Finance Committee (date): 12 MARCH 2026

Technical Education Authority (date): May 28, 2026

Final Report (date):

Presentation of Results:

Budget and Finance Committee (date):

Technical Education Authority (date):

<b>Planned Activity (Provide concise description)</b>	<b>Instructional or Operational?</b>	<b>Budgeted Expenditure Amount</b>	<b>Measurable Objective (March/April)</b>	<b>Measurable Result (August)</b>
Faculty Salaries & Benefits	<b>Instruction</b>	\$87,369	Personnel and Retention: Benefits & Regional wage competitiveness	
Classroom & Lab Renovations	<b>Instruction</b>	\$5,617	Facilities   Enrollment increase	
Building Purchase for CDL and Precision Agriculture	<b>Instruction</b>	\$504,695	Facilities Program Development Short-term Training	
Architectural fees – additional academic spaces and renovations for existing classroom and labs	<b>Instruction</b>	\$100,000	Facilities   Enrollment increase	
IT / Computers and Monitors	<b>Instruction</b>	\$25,000	Equipment for CTE Programs   Teaching & Learning	
IT / Classroom Data Projectors and Document Cameras	<b>Instruction</b>	\$25,000	Equipment for CTE Programs   Teaching & Learning	
Admin/Staff Salaries & Benefits	<b>Operations</b>	\$79,723	Personnel and Retention   Benefits & Regional wage competitiveness	
Facilities – Boiler Replacement	<b>Operations</b>	\$38,045	Facilities   Maintenance and Repair	
Facilities – Roof Replacements	<b>Operations</b>	\$118,318	Facilities   Maintenance and Repair	

Maintenance Building Construction – final expenses	<b>Operations</b>	\$16,233	Facilities   Reclaim academic spaces from ad hoc maintenance storage and office spaces	
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$1,000,000		

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Name of the College President or Authorized Administrator

Caron Daugherty

Signature of the College President or Authorized Administrator



**Act on Technical College Operating Grant from Salina Area Technical College**

Kansas Technical College Operating Grant Fund  
 HB 2195  
 Activities and Measurable Objectives Form

Name of Institution: Salina Area Technical College

Presentation of Objectives:

Budget and Finance Committee (date):

Technical Education Authority (date): May 28, 2026

Final Report (date):

Presentation of Results:

Budget and Finance Committee (date):

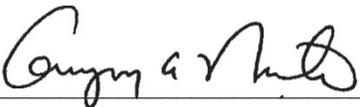
Technical Education Authority (date):

<b>Planned Activity (Provide concise description)</b>	<b>Type of Cost: Instructional or Operational?</b>	<b>Budgeted Expenditure Amount</b>	<b>Measurable Objective (March/ April)</b>	<b>Measurable Result (August)</b>
Purchase system to modernize the dental clinic Dexis OP Pan/3D system	Instructional	\$91,676.00	Modernize clinic equipment for use in Dental Hygiene program	
Purchase ACRT equipment Painting Simulator	Instructional	\$40,000.00	Acquire training equipment for students to simulate use prior to actual repair	
Purchase laptop computers for staff	Operational	\$50,000.00	To facilitate flexible work arrangements for employees including when travelling	
Purchase computer equipment College Server	Instructional and Operational	\$100,000.00	Update computer technology used by staff and students and safeguard sensitive data	
Purchase equipment Industrial Maintenance and Automation Various automation trainers	Instructional	\$167,129.00	Increase equipment for newly started program in IMA	

Purchase organizational software Student Information System	Operational	\$551,195.00	Modernize the SIS system to become user friendly and improve student accessibility for enrollment and data access.	
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Name of the College President or Authorized Administrator Dr. Gregory A. Nichols

Signature of the College President or Authorized Administrator 

**Act on Technical College Operating Grant from Washburn Institute of Technology**

Kansas Technical College Operating Grant Fund  
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 Activities and Measurable Objectives Form

Name of Institution: Washburn Institute of Technology (Washburn Tech)

Presentation of Objectives:

Budget and Finance Committee (date): March 12, 2026

Technical Education Authority (date): May 28, 2026

Final Report (date):

Presentation of Results:

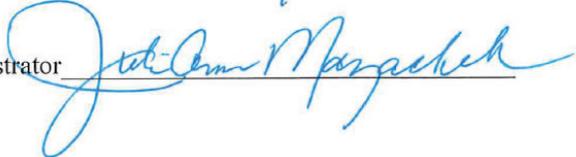
Budget and Finance Committee (date):

Technical Education Authority (date):

<b>Planned Activity (Provide concise description)</b>	<b>Instructional or Operational?</b>	<b>Budgeted Expenditure Amount</b>	<b>Measurable Objective (March/April)</b>	<b>Measurable Result (August)</b>
Buildout of the Washburn Tech North campus facility. Included at the campus will be Electrical Technology Program, the Cosmetology Program, the Industrial Machine/Maintenance Technology Program and our Business & Industry group. In addition, a new FAME (Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education) program will be launched in partnership with Go Topeka and some of our Business & Industry Partners.	Both Instructional and Operational	\$1,000,000	Additional class and lab space for the programs plus expanded space for B&I am training and continuing education courses.	By the end of August 2026, we plan to be up and operational.
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$1,000,000		

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Name of the College President or Authorized Administrator Juli Ann Mazachek

Signature of the College President or Authorized Administrator 

**Act on Technical College Operating Grant from Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology**

Kansas Technical College Operating Grant Fund  
 HB 2195  
 Activities and Measurable Objectives Form

Name of Institution: Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology

Presentation of Objectives:

Budget and Finance Committee (date):  
 Technical Education Authority (date): May 28, 2026

Final Report (date):

Presentation of Results:

Budget and Finance Committee (date):  
 Technical Education Authority (date):

<b>Planned Activity (Provide concise description)</b>	<b>Instructional or Operational?</b>	<b>Budgeted Expenditure Amount</b>	<b>Measurable Objective (March/April)</b>	<b>Measurable Result (August)</b>
National Center for Aviation Training Building Expansion	Operational	\$1,000,000	Construction of the building 60% complete.	
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$1,000,000		

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Name of the College President or Authorized Administrator

*Sherrea Hask*

Signature of the College President or Authorized Administrator

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