

March 27, 2025

**KANSAS POSTSECONDARY
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY**
MINUTES
March 27th, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ray Frederick, Jr. (Chair)
Curtis Sneden (Vice Chair)
Mike Beene
Natalie Clark
Mark Hess
Cindy Hoover
Debra Mikulka
Amber Shultz
David Reist
Todd Zimmer
Keith Humphrey (via Zoom)
Dr. Tiffany Anderson

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Frederick called the March 27, 2025, meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority to order at 10:00 am.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

After confirming that there were no requests to modify to the agenda, Chair Frederick asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 30, 2025. Member Sneden moved to approve the minutes as presented, and with Member Reist seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

III. INTRODUCTIONS & REPORTS

A. INTRODUCTIONS

Charmine Chambers, Director for Workforce Development, introduced the newest Kansas Board of Regents staff member, Brandi Wells who is the Workforce Development Program Specialists.

B. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Frederick shared a recent opportunity he had with Scott Smathers at Washburn Institute of Technology. Their discussion included plans for the North facility which will significantly enhance their presence and extend their outreach efforts in Topeka, Kansas.

C. TEA MEMBER REPORTS

Member Anderson provided updates on the K-12 education, highlighting recent developments such as the new CTE Teacher Pathway. She also mentioned hearing earlier that morning about the potential for an Aviation Pathway in Topeka. Topeka Center for Advanced Learning & Careers (TCALC) has expressed interest in presenting at a future meeting. Additionally, Anderson shared that her 8th-grade students are eager to present to the Board about CTE from a middle-school perspective.

Member Clark, representing the Kansas State Department of Education, reported on a recent Business Professionals of America (BPA) event held in Wichita. She also highlighted the DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) and HOSA (formerly Health Occupation Students of America) events occurring on the campus of Kansas State University this month along with other current events. Upcoming events include an FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) gathering in Topeka next week, as well as TSA (Technology Student Association) meeting next week.

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D. REPORT FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Vice President for the Workforce Development, April White, explained the transition of adult education data management from in-house to a third-party vendor by July 1st. Hector Martinez, Director for Adult Education, noted that this transition to a new subgroup, utilized by 30 other states, will facilitate federal reporting, and streamline internal processes. Additionally, the third-party vendor offers supplementary reports that the Adult Education team currently lacks. She also highlighted the ongoing review processes for both the Adult Education and Nursing grants, an update on the Police Science program realignment activity, as well as upcoming deadlines for items such as extraordinary costs and program alignment verifications.

E. REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Seth Carter, President of Colby Community College, provided updates regarding initiatives undertaken by Kansas community colleges, structured in alignment with the strategic plan pillars established by the Kansas Board of Regents. Monthly, six colleges present their advancements, emphasizing key areas such as affordability, access, and success. The full report is available in the agenda packet materials.

F. REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL COLLEGES

Jim Genandt, the President of Manhattan Area Technical College, provided updates regarding the technical colleges in Kansas, emphasizing their development, collaborations, and initiatives. These institutions are dedicated to advancing the strategic objectives set forth by the Board of Regents, which include enhancing access, affordability, and success for families, fostering a strong talent pipeline and innovation for businesses, and promoting economic prosperity. The full report is available in the agenda packet materials.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Frederick introduced the consent agenda as presented in the full agenda. Member Beene motioned to approve all items on the consent agenda seconded by Member Anderson. Motion passed unanimously. Additional information regarding the consent agenda can be found in the full March agenda materials.

V. CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Director Chambers gave a brief overview of the CTE Fee Task Force, which was recommended during the January 30, 2025, TEA meeting. On March 13, 2025, the Budget and Finance Committee met to identify preliminary steps for forming the group. Member Sneden stated that one of the Task Force's goals is to enhance the clarity and uniformity of CTE fee data submissions.

OTHER MATTERS

Fred Patton, representing Government Affairs, delivered a concise yet informative legislative update, detailing legislative activities, including budget development, key policy changes, and upcoming initiatives.

Vera Brown, Director for Career Technical Education, provided an update on the newly introduced federal CTE performance indicators, which necessitate the establishment of new baseline performance levels. The legislation includes a formal definition of "CTE concentrators" and mandates that states adjust their data collection methods and criteria for determining student inclusion in each measure when calculating performance levels. Furthermore, Perkins V has introduced changes to the process by which states set and modify performance targets. For additional information on this topic, please refer to the written report in the full agenda or visit KBOR's website.

Vice President White introduced a localized issue between Fort Scott Community College and its partner facility, Southeastern Technical Academy for Rural Students (STARS). After full discussion and review of the information provided, it was determined that this matter is local in nature. Member Reist recommended that both entities collaborate to develop and coordinate a plan to support the students currently attending STARS. Member Mikulka seconded the motions, which passed unanimously.

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The TEA Board recognized Member Mark Hess for his dedicated service as his appointment comes to an end this term. Member Hess expressed his gratitude for the privilege of serving on the board and emphasized his commitment to continue honoring the TEA in a public capacity. He reflected on the meaningful experiences and contributions during his time and reiterated his intention to support the TEA's mission in the future.

VI. NEXT MEETING REMINDER

Chair Frederick concluded the meeting with a brief reminder about the next TEA meeting, which will be held via Zoom on April 24, 2025. He encouraged everyone to mark their calendars and thanked all attendees for their participation.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Frederick adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.