

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

The September 27, 2018 meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) was held at the Kansas Board of Regents, 1000 SW Jackson Street, Suite 520, Topeka, Kansas.

Members Present

Ray Frederick Jr., Chair
Rita Johnson
Mike Johnson
Lana Gordon
Mike Beene

Eddie Estes
Debra Mikulka
Stacy Smith
Sabrina Korentager
Jason Cox

Members Absent

Dong Quach
Bret Spangler

Others Represented

North Central Kansas Technical College
Pratt Community College
Coffeyville Community College
Cowley Community College
Manhattan Area Technical College
Fort Scott Community College
Allen County Community College

Salina Area Technical College
Cloud County Community College
Hutchinson Community College
Flint Hills Technical College
Labette Community College
Neosho County Community College

Kansas Board of Regents Staff Present

Scott Smathers
Charmine Chambers
Tobias Wood
Susan Henry
Chris Lemon

April Henry
Connie Beene
Eric Tincher
Vera Brown

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Frederick at 10:02 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Member Estes moved to approve the minutes of August 30, 2018. Following a second by Member M. Johnson, the motion carried.

REPORTS

Introductions

Chair Frederick recognized new TEA members Debra Mikulka, Sabrina Korentager and Jason Cox and invited each to introduce themselves and what brings them to serve on the TEA. Chair Frederick recognized Pratt Community College President Calvert, who introduced Pedro Leite, who is the new Vice President of Student Services at Cloud Community College.

Chair's Report

Chair Frederick reported that on September 10th he attended an event at the WSU Tech NCAT campus, toured the facility and met for roundtable discussions with local elected officials, business and industry representatives and educators. On September 18th he attended a ribbon cutting for the opening of the remodeled WSU Tech South Campus. He has also met with private welding schools in Wichita, helping a new start-up school to communicate with a larger more established private tech school for collaboration.

Member Liaison Reports

Member Estes thanked Member Smith for his leadership with the Kansas Advisory Council for Tech Ed. Member Smith added that the KSDE CTE department has been heavily involved in exploring work-based learning, participating in policy academies and putting together useful tools for classrooms, extending learning into communities, with internships and job shadowing opportunities. Next month, KSDE will hold career advising workshops at regional service centers. Member Mikulka reported that she recently returned from a National Council of Workforce Education meeting in Florida, where national conversations surround what states are doing with high school students and on-the-job training, and the importance of building pathways between high schools, community colleges and technical colleges to address the skilled labor gaps. Member Gordon reported that the Governor's Education Council is looking at how to bring together education and business and industry to keep skilled workers in Kansas.

Vice President for Workforce Development Report

Chair Frederick recognized Vice President Smathers, who reported that both the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate have passed the new appropriations package, which includes approximately an additional \$100 million dollars in adult education and Perkins funding nationwide. He informed members that he participated in the first KBOR meeting of the year, and thanked institutions who attended for their participation. Vice President Smathers moderated a panel for the 2018 Manufacturing Summit in Wichita held by Department of Commerce, and thanked Member Beene of the Department of Commerce. He reported that KBOR WFD held an internal staff retreat last month and participated in a phone meeting with representatives from the State of Washington about GED and exploring competency-based diplomas. Vice President Smathers met with new TEA members Cox, Mikulka, and Korentager for their orientation to the TEA. He reported that WFD staff is working on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Conference which will be held in Wichita in October, as well as program reviews, reviewing government reports, conducting adult education training, and working on the OCTAE report that is due on October 1st. He informed members that the Governor's Education Council is reviewing the accessibility of technical programs through Excel in CTE, discussing fees, books, tools and supplies and if the Excel in CTE program is cost prohibitive to students. The Council is focusing on job needs by state areas, expanding internships, apprenticeships, job shadowing and developing paid internships. Discussions also included the possibility of recommending a legislative review of Excel in CTE, conducting additional research on how training funds are spent and preventing duplication, and expanding data sharing between state agencies.

Report from the Community Colleges

Chair Frederick recognized Pratt Community College President Mike Calvert to provide members with a report and update on recent activities from the community colleges.

Report from the Technical Colleges

Chair Frederick recognized North Central Kansas Technical College President Eric Burks, to provide members with a report and update on recent activities from the technical colleges.

OTHER MATTERS

TEA College Assignments

Chair Frederick called upon Member Estes and Vice President Smathers to present the TEA member institution assignments and recommended member contact guidelines.

Motion: Member R. Johnson moved to approve the TEA member institution assignments as presented. Following a second by member M. Johnson, the motion carried.

Military Articulation Update

Chair Frederick recognized Associate Director Wood to present an update on Military Articulation. U.S. Army experts, Army University, Kansas National Guard, Kansas postsecondary institutions, and KBOR staff have collaborated to award credit for prior learning to service members based on their Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) and their skill level (based on military schooling). Kansas serves as a model for the nation for awarding credit to service members, and Kansas institutions continue to increase the number and type of credit hours awarded for military service. Board staff created the Kansas Collaborative on Military Credit (KS-CMC) Advisory Committee to guide and support strategies to maximize opportunities for service members to earn credit for military training leading to attainment of certificates, credentials, and degrees. Associate Director Wood presented members with an informational power point with celebrations of institution participation, now including four universities, fifteen community colleges and six technical colleges; total articulations to date of over 30 Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) and over 130 bridge programs developed, with 14 technical colleges and 102 community college articulations submitted.

KBOR Goals

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to present and explain the KBOR goals that were approved last month. Board Goals for 2018 – 2019 are as follows:

1. The Board will develop an outline for a new strategic plan for the higher education system in Kansas.
2. The Board will pursue ways to increase access to higher education including the expansion of need-based aid, the promotion of mechanism to provide the early awarding of scholarships, and the seeding of college saving accounts.
3. The Board will develop and implement a unified communication and advocacy plan for all sectors of the higher education system.
4. The Board will designate the Council of Business Officers to collaborate on a new university sector-level approach to gain greater efficiencies.
5. The Board will study university and college service areas to determine if the delivery model for off-campus instruction continues to meet the educational needs of Kansans.

6. The Board will pursue continued coordination of its efforts to increase postsecondary success with the State Board of Education.

Existing and New Program Review Process

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to lead discussions regarding the existing and proposed new program review process. Discussion is in response to concerns raised regarding the subjectivity and inconsistencies of the current review process. State statute (K.S.A. 71-1802) Postsecondary Tiered Technical Education State Aid provides definitions for community colleges, technical college, credit hour, eligible institutions, non-tiered courses, tiered courses and technical programs. It defines a "technical program" as any program of study comprised of a sequence of tiered technical courses and non-tiered courses, which program is identified by the state board as a technical program for funding purposes. Technical programs must: (1) Be designed to prepare individuals for gainful employment in current or emerging technical occupations requiring other than a baccalaureate or advanced degree; (2) lead to technical skill proficiency, an industry-recognized credential, a certificate or an associate degree; and (3) be delivered by an eligible institution. Vice President Smathers provided an informational power point presentation to members and invited member feedback, suggesting that additional conversations may continue during the afternoon strategic planning session meeting, with the goal of discussions to provide more specific guidelines for the program review process. Additional information will be provided to TEA members regarding the determination of tiered and non-tiered courses, and later, Chair Frederick stated input from the institutions will be welcomed for consideration as well.

COLLEGE PRESENTATIONS

Chair Frederick recognized President Masterson to provide members with a report and update on recent activities from Allen Community College.

Chair Frederick recognized President Watkins to provide members with a report and update on recent activities from Labette Community College.

NEXT MEETING REMINDER

Chair Frederick reminded members that the next TEA meeting will be October 25, 2018 at 10:00 AM via conference call.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Member M. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. Following a second by Member R. Johnson, Chair Frederick announced that members will return to the Board room for the strategic planning session at 1:05, and adjourned the meeting at 12:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant