

**KANSAS POSTSECONDARY
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY
MEETING**

APPROVED MINUTES

A virtual meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) was held via ZOOM on February 23, 2023.

Members Present

Tiffany Anderson
Eddie Estes
Mark Hess
Cindy Hoover
Keith Humphrey
Debra Mikulka
David Reist

Curtis Sneden
Mike Beene
Natalie Clark
Amber Shultz

Others Present

Hutchinson Community College
Manhattan Area Technical College
Salina Area Technical 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
Matt Casey
Becky Pottebaum
Crystal Roberts

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Humphrey at 10:01A.M. Vice Chair Humphrey provided members with virtual meeting guidelines.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Humphrey asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda and called for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2023 meeting. Member Clark noted a change to the January 26, 2023 minutes, adding a percent sign to read “95% of the 286 districts” on page two, paragraph three, of her liaison report.

Motion: Member Sneden moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2023 meeting, with the amendment as requested above. Following a second by Member Anderson, the motion carried.

REPORTS

Introductions
None.

Chair's Report

None.

Member Liaison Reports

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

Member Anderson reported that a Kansas congressperson visited T-CALC, sharing information on CTE legislative items and learning about the model of T-CALC, as it partners with businesses to give students industry credentials. She reported that earlier that week the Shawnee County Delegation met with all the county superintendents, discussing postsecondary technical education and opportunities. She thanked Washburn Tech for partnering with Highland Park High School to try and increase student enrollments at Washburn Tech East.

Member Estes reported that he met with the President of Garden City Community College and commended them for building their rodeo program as well as their John Deere program.

Member Clark reported that the Kansas Department of Education conducted their Annual CTE Conference on February 6-8 in Manhattan. She reported that five hundred educators attended and expressed appreciation for the participation from postsecondary partners and other agencies.

Vice President for Workforce Development Report

Vice Chair Humphrey called on Vice President Smathers to provide members with a Workforce Development report. Vice President Smathers reported that Board staff completed Perkins and Adult Education federal reports. He reported that Board staff have been working on multiple legislative proposals and testimonies and attended the signing of the Governor's CTE Proclamation along with TEA members Anderson and Clark in late January. He thanked KSDE for taking the lead on efforts to put forth the proclamation. Vice President Smathers informed members that Board staff have been visiting colleges and thanked the institutions for their willingness to meet with staff. He reported that Director Henry provided a presentation at Washburn Rural High School, Associate Director Wood attended a military articulation conference in New York, and Board staff provided a virtual statewide training session on Perkins and Adult Education Federal rules and regulations. He informed members that Board Staff provided colleges with information regarding eligibility changes in Promise Act programs, and these changes will be on the March TEA meeting agenda. He expressed congratulations to Member Beene and the Kansas Department of Commerce for the business growth and added that new businesses will affect all institutions with demand for trained employees. He congratulated Barton Community College for their use of open educational resources providing textbook and course materials, saving students a total of over \$500,000 in fees. He congratulated Member Anderson for receiving the 2023 Woman Superintendent in School Leadership Award by the American Association of School Administrators.

Report from the Community Colleges

Vice Chair Humphrey called upon Hutchinson Community College President File to provide members with a report from the community colleges.

Report from the Technical Colleges

Vice Chair Humphrey called upon Manhattan Area Technical College President Genandt to provide members with a report from the technical colleges.

CONSENT AGENDA

Program and Curriculum Committee

New Program

- Garden City Community College: Computer Support Specialist (11.1006)

Promise Act

- Garden City Community College: Computer Support Specialist (11.1006)

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

Motion: Member Beene moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as submitted by the Technical Program and Curriculum Committee. Following a second by Member Hoover, the motion carried by a roll call vote.

OTHER MATTERS

Legislative Update

Vice Chair Humphrey called on Director Casey to provide members with a legislative update. Director Casey gave a brief report to members on the recent activities of the Legislature. He explained that February 24th is the turnaround date when all non-exempt bills must be passed by their chamber of origin, or the bill will be dead for the rest of the session, and this deadline marks the middle of the regular session. He explained that, after taking a break, the legislature will return on March 1st and continue their work on bills that came over from the opposing chamber. He explained that Budget hearings have begun in the House Higher Education Budget Committee and the Senate Higher Education Budget Committee, with recommendations forwarded to the Ways and Means Committee. He informed members that hearings were held in the Senate Education Committee on Senate Bill 48 and Senate Bill 102, but no action was taken. The House and Senate are both working on “General Orders,” discussing all of the bills that have passed out of committee and making their recommendations to either pass or not pass those bills to the opposing chamber.

Receive Information on State Aid for Tiered and Non-Tiered Courses (“Gap Report”) and Act on Determination of Tier 6 Rate Courses for State Aid

Vice Chair Humphrey recognized Vice President Frisbie to present the State Aid for Tiered and Non-Tiered Courses (“Gap Report”) and information for determination of Tier 6 Rate Courses for State Aid. Vice President Frisbie provided members with a presentation on the background of the cost model framework, and the methodology for calculating state aid for the colleges to deliver technical courses, adopted by the TEA in June, 2009. She explained that the cost model has annual inflationary adjustments applied throughout. She reminded members that this cost model from Senate Bill 143 is also what is used to calculate the colleges’ state aid for Excel in CTE for high school students for technical courses. State aid for that program is intended to cover 100% of colleges’ expenses, as colleges are prohibited from charging tuition to high school students for those courses. Vice President Frisbie explained the cost side and the revenue sides of the model’s calculations and provided members with two scenarios for using AY 2022 Cost Model data for calculating the funding for the colleges. She reminded members that, from the time of its inception back in 2011 through Fiscal Year 2022, the cost model was not adequately funded by the Legislature which resulted in gaps in state aid. The Legislature previously attached proviso language to the funding for distribution, directing that the funding for the colleges hold steady, regardless of what the cost model would otherwise direct. For 2023, the Legislature approved adequate state funds to cover the state’s share of the cost model. She explained that, in 2022, the Legislature adopted a 3-year proviso and provided members with information regarding the 3-year migration to full adoption of the instructional cost model.

Vice Chair Humphrey invited input from representatives from the community and technical colleges on the call, and their consensus was that, for 2024, they would like to see the TEA approve cost model data scenario two, which applies all of the normal cost model calculations, but holds the instructor cost rate for Tier 6 courses at the same rate as the year prior.

Motion: Following discussion, Vice Chair Humphrey asked for a motion to approve the Gap Report, and state aid for Tier 6 courses. Member Hoover moved to approve the Gap Report and to approve Scenario 2: AY 2022 Cost Model Data, Except Tier 6 Courses at AY 2021 Instructor Rate. Following a second by Member Estes, the motion carried by roll call vote.

Vice President Frisbie also shared that in the legislative interim last year, a task force with representatives from the community and technical colleges, Board of Regents, and legislators, met to talk about the cost model. She briefly explained the recommendations, one of which relates to how the cost model might also be applied either this year or in future years. She informed members that she would provide them with the official report and wanted members to be aware of the discussions that may result in a legislative proviso about how 2024 state aid would be apportioned to the colleges.

Academic Year 2021 Kansas Information Training Program (K-TIP) Highlights

Vice Chair Humphrey called on Associate Director Chambers to provide members with highlights from the Academic Year 2021 Kansas Training Information Program (K-TIP) report. Associate Director Chambers provided members with a brief historical overview of the report and reminded members that there is a portal on the Kansas Board of Regents website created by the Data, Research and Planning Unit where this data is accessible. She explained to members how to interpret the highlights relative to Kansas Department of Labor data, including high demand occupations, high wage occupations, competitive wages, and occupational projections, as well as correlation to local and statewide needs assessments. Members expressed their appreciation for the data and its format.

Update on Committee Meetings

Vice Chair Humphrey called on Vice President Smathers to provide members with an update regarding Committee meetings. Vice President Smathers explained that the TEA conference call committee meetings will now also be live-streamed and that the approved minutes of the committee meetings will be included at the back of each TEA agenda and meeting packet.

NEXT MEETING REMINDER

Vice Chair Humphrey reminded members that the next regularly scheduled TEA meeting will be in-person at the KBOR offices on March 30, 2023, beginning at 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Vice Chair Humphrey adjourned the meeting at 11:43 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant