

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

The April 25, 2019 meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) was held via conference call at the Kansas Board of Regents, 1000 S. Jackson Street, Suite 520, Topeka, Kansas.

Members Present

Ray Frederick Jr., Chair , in-person
Rita Johnson
Mike Beene
Jason Cox

Debra Mikulka
Delia Garcia
Sabrina Korentager
Eddie Estes
Mark Hess

Others Represented

Northwest Kansas Technical College
Coffeyville Community College
Cowley Community College
Pratt Community College

Johnson County Community College
Kansas City Community College
Flint Hills Technical College

Kansas Board of Regents Staff Present

Scott Smathers
April Henry
Tobias Wood
Susan Henry
Eric Tincher
Erin Guardiola

Connie Beene
Charmine Chambers
Chris Lemon
Vera Brown
Lisa Beck

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Frederick at 10:02 A.M. He added an item to the Agenda under “Other Matters” for nominations for TEA leadership for next year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Member Estes moved to approve the minutes of March 28, 2019. Following a second by Member Beene, the motion carried.

REPORTS

Introductions
None.

Chair’s Report

Chair Frederick shared that on April 2, 2019 he attended an Industry Advocate Team Meeting hosted by WSU Tech. On April 18, 2019 he attended WSU Tech Center City Campus for a luncheon for a local HVAC Trade Association, Kansas Cooling Contractors group. He reported both activities were well received by business and industry partners.

Member Liaison Reports

Chair Frederick invited TEA member activity reports. Member R. Johnson reported that on March 29, 2019, she and Vice President Smathers visited the technical programs at the various campuses of Cowley Community College, visiting the Arkansas City, Winfield, Wellington and Mulvane campuses. She thanked Dr. Rittle and his staff for their hospitality. Member Estes reported that he and Vice President Smathers attended the KACCTE meeting and participated in career pathways discussions with the U.S. Department of Education Committee.

Vice President for Workforce Development Report

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Scott Smathers to provide members with a Workforce Development report. Vice President Smathers informed members that WFD Staff is busy with wrapping up projects for the end of this Fiscal Year and Annual Year. The WFD group held its largest military alignment meeting, including multiple military branch representatives and institution instructors for training electricians, plumbers, carpenters and in masonry. Vice President Smathers reported he had visited five institutions, travelled to Washington DC for meetings, met with the Association of General Contractors with Senior Director Connie Beene and attended the KACCTE meeting with Member Estes. Vice President Smathers and Director April Henry attended a meeting at Ft. Riley, discussing military programs and their interaction with institutions. Senior Director Beene is working on wrapping up approvals for the Perkins Transition Plan and continues work on the new Perkins State Plan. He reported the Governor signed Senate Bill 71 removing the TEA sunset date, and signed Senate Bill 199, which is the new High School Equivalency Bill. WFD staff will be working on the new rules and regulations for this bill and will bring it before the TEA for input. WFD is seeking feedback from two-year institutions for evaluation of extraordinary costs, hoping to have a plan in place for consideration at the August TEA meeting.

Report from the Community Colleges

Chair Frederick called upon Pratt Community College President Mike Calvert to provide members with a report from the community colleges.

Report from the Technical Colleges

Chair Frederick called upon Northwest Kansas Technical College President Ben Schears to provide members with a report from the technical colleges.

CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA

Budget and Finance Committee

Kansas Nursing Initiative Grant

After announcing the recusal of Member M. Johnson and Member Mikulka, Chair Frederick called upon KBOR Associate Director Vera Brown to present the Kansas Nursing Grant distribution proposal. Director Brown reported that on an annual basis, the Kansas Legislature appropriates approximately \$1.7 million to support accredited nursing programs. Associate Director Brown shared that a total of 29 proposals were received; 17 from two-year institutions and 12 from four-year institutions. Of the 29 proposals, seven applied for 10% of total fund set aside as they didn't meet either the accreditation or NCLEX minimum score requirement.

Motion: Following discussion, Member Estes moved to approve the Kansas Nursing Initiative grants requests as presented. Following a second by Member R. Johnson, the motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Update on Adult Education: Walmart Grant

Chair Frederick called on Senior Associate Director Chris Lemon to present an update on the Adult Education Walmart Grant. Senior Associate Director Lemon reported that KBOR staff is in the process of reviewing applications to participate in the AO-K at Work grant, which is the grant from Walmart Inc., to develop customized training programs in partnership between Kansas Adult Education Centers and retail and service-sector employers. Several applications have been received and staff is in the final stages of reviewing and approving the applications, to award approximately \$250,000 to multiple programs/multiple employer partnerships. An overview of the institutions who receive these grant funds, as well as a highlight of the employer partnerships, will be shared with members at the May TEA meeting.

Tentative Calendar Review

Chair Frederick called on Director April Henry to share the AY 2020 calendar for the TEA and its committees. The calendar will be shared with the committees in May for discussion, and then will be referred to the TEA in May for approval.

Nominations for TEA Leadership

Chair Frederick shared with members that it is time to appoint the Chair and Vice Chair for the TEA 2019-2020 session. He requested nominations be sent to Vice President Smathers.

NEXT MEETING REMINDER

Chair Frederick reminded members that the next TEA meeting will be May 30, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the Kansas Board of Regents offices.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Member Garcia moved to adjourn the meeting. Following a second by Member Estes, Chair Frederick adjourned the meeting at 10:31 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant