

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

A virtual meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) was held via conference call on August 20, 2020.

**Members Present**

Ray Frederick, Jr., Chair	Eddie Estes
Jason Cox	Stacy Smith
Rita Johnson	Mike Johnson
Mike Beene	Tiffany Anderson
Debra Mikulka	Mark Hess

**Others Represented**

Manhattan Area Technical College  
Cowley Community College

**Kansas Board of Regents Staff Present**

Scott Smathers	Matt Casey	Connie Beene
April Henry	Lisa Beck	Chris Lemon
Sue Grosdidier	Tim Peterson	Vera Brown
Charmine Chambers	Tobias Wood	Elaine Frisbie
Erin Guardiola	Susan Henry	Steve Funk
Kelly Oliver		

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Frederick at 10:01 AM. Chair Frederick read the guidelines for conducting virtual meetings as provided by KBOR legal staff.

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

Chair Frederick called for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2020 meeting. Member R. Johnson noted a correction to state Work Keys Assessment on page 8 was required.

**Motion:** Member Estes moved to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2020 meeting with noted correction. Following a second by Member R. Johnson and no opposition from members, the motion carried.

**REPORTS**

**Introductions**

Chair Frederick called for any introductions. Member Anderson mentioned that Dr. Morrell from Topeka Public Schools would be listening to the meeting today.

**Chair's Report**

Chair Frederick thanked the institutions and KBOR staff for finding ways to continue to serve students during the COVID19 Pandemic. Chair Frederick reported that on June 18, 2020 he presented a TEA update to KBOR via ZOOM meeting, on July 21, 2020 he participated in a ZOOM meeting with the

technical college presidents, and August 12, 2020, he met with Sheree Utash of WSU Tech discussing the plans for bringing students back to campus.

#### Member Liaison Reports

Member R. Johnson thanked the Technical Colleges for including her in their ZOOM Retreat meeting on July 21, 2020 and applauded their extra efforts to serve students.

Member Beene informed members that last week the Department of Commerce announced a series of webinars regarding COVID relief grant opportunities, which are available for preview at [Kansascommerce.gov](http://Kansascommerce.gov).

Member M. Johnson reported that he joined the community college and technical colleges on their weekly call and noted the ongoing extra efforts that are required for operations during the pandemic.

Member Anderson reported that Washburn Tech has been conducting regular meetings with school administrators planning for student return to the institutions.

Member Estes applauded the institutions and KBOR staff for their extra efforts.

#### Vice President for Workforce Development Report

Vice President Smathers reported KBOR staff continues to work remotely due to the pandemic, with the date for staff returning to the office still to be determined. He reported that some committees have met in person at the KBOR offices, and that Workforce Development staff continue to support the Coordinating Council, the Future of Higher Education Council, and the Governor's Education Council, as well as continuing to participate in multiple calls with the Department of Commerce, Kansas Department of Education, and the technical colleges and community colleges. He reported work continues on Excel in CTE, the logistics of potential budget cuts, with the State asking for budget submission including a 10% cut for next year, distribution of COVID grant funds, special grants with federal programs, program alignment and the Board's Pillar III program. He reported that the Pathways to Careers (SB199) program, which provides students the opportunity to earn their high school equivalency as well as gain work experience, was approved by the Board and was implemented in July. He informed members that the Engineering Initiative Grant expires at end of upcoming year and staff will work to get the grant renewed, as businesses express the need for more engineers. He informed members that Senior Director Beene and Director Henry worked on obtaining the new Lumina grant for the military program, and staff is working to establish goals for Perkins and Adult Education grants, as well as providing coverage in the Adult Education Department for Associate Director Tincher who is on military deployment through February. He reported that the State Methods of Administration (MOA) plan has been submitted, which ensures equal access to higher education for all, and Associate Director Wood and Associate Director Chambers are continuing institution audits. Vice President Smathers invited member input of topics for the TEA Strategic Planning Session which will be held following the September 24, 2020 TEA meeting.

#### Report from the Community Colleges

Chair Frederick called upon Cowley Community College President Rittle to provide members with a report from the community colleges.

Report from the Technical Colleges

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Frederick requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items from the Budget and Finance Committee and the Technical Program and Curriculum Committee:

Budget and Finance Committee

Follow up questions regarding liability insurance

Technical Program and Curriculum Committee

New Program Proposals

Garden City Community College: Industrial Machine Mechanic (47.0303)

Johnson County Community College: Plumbing Technology (46.0503)

Excel in CTE Fees

Johnson County Community College: Plumbing Technology (46.0503)

**Motion:** Member M. Johnson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Following a second by Member Estes, the motion carried by roll call vote.

**CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA**

Advocacy and Marketing Committee

Chair Frederick called on Advocacy and Marketing Committee Chair Estes to present the TEA member institution visit assignments. Chair Estes requested that Vice President Smathers lead the discussion on the best way to operate under the current pandemic. Members unanimously agreed that member contact with institutions by assignments is very valuable and that if they are unable to visit the institutions in person, continued contact virtually is important. Vice President Smathers informed members that an operation proposal will be composed and provided at the September TEA meeting.

Budget and Finance Committee

Extraordinary Costs

Chair Frederick recognized Budget and Finance Committee Chair M. Johnson to lead discussion regarding Extraordinary Costs. Chair M. Johnson called upon Associate Director Chambers to present members with information. Associate Director Chambers explained that based on the data supplied by institutions directly for Extraordinary Costs between 2015-2019 for the 78 programs reviewed, the Budget and Finance committee recommends that 40 programs maintain the current Extraordinary Cost, 24 programs increase the Extraordinary Cost, and 14 programs decrease the Extraordinary Cost, rates and information as provided to members in their meeting packet.

The next round of approximately 50 programs to be reviewed over the next year will be compiled and provided to members at the September TEA meeting.

**Motion:** Following discussion, Member R. Johnson moved to approve the first round of Extraordinary Costs as presented. Following a second by Member Mikulka, the motion carried by roll call vote.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

### Federal Fund Distribution to the Colleges

Chair Frederick called on Senior Director Oliver to provide members with information regarding the Federal Coronavirus Relief funds distributions to the colleges. Senior Director Oliver explained that in accordance with the federal CARES Act and 2020 House Bill 2016 enacted during the 2020 Special Session of the Legislature, the State Finance Council approved an allocation of \$64,942,923 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the public higher education institutions at their meeting on July 29. Of that amount, \$9,400,000 was approved for community and technical colleges. The funds are for the institutions to make necessary preparations and expenditures to deliver in-person instruction and prepare for campus operations in the Fall 2020 semester. At their meeting on August 13, the Board of Regents approved allocation of the distributions as outlined below. The community and technical colleges requested a share of the state's Coronavirus Relief Fund grant, and they were approved \$9,400,000 for three distinct functions: purchase of personal protective equipment (\$2.7 million), purchase of equipment (\$5.2 million) and for costs associated with the disruption to delivering the Excel in CTE program to secondary students (\$1.5 million). Each institution was recommended to receive an equal base amount, and then the college's share of the total AY 2019 FTE enrollment was applied to arrive at their share of the amounts. Funds will need to be expended by the end of this year. Member M. Johnson recognized the assistance of KACCT Heather Morgan for her role in working with institutions in preparing the information used to distribute this funding.

<b>College</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
Allen Community College	\$312,743
Barton Community College	449,635
Butler Community College	581,379
Cloud County Community College	256,778
Coffeyville Community College	302,866
Colby Community College	249,605
Cowley Community College	336,019
Dodge City Community College	258,339
Flint Hills Technical College	268,523
Fort Scott Community College	295,182
Garden City Community College	276,309
Highland Community College	373,988
Hutchinson Community College	545,832
Independence Community College	215,787
Johnson County Community College	1,012,491
Kansas City Kansas Community College	557,355
Labette Community College	254,753
Manhattan Area Technical College	208,419
Neosho County Community College	297,855
North Central Kansas Technical College	216,014
Northwest Kansas Technical College	230,102

Pratt Community College	238,033
Salina Area Technical College	234,917
Seward County Community College	287,094
Washburn Institute of Technology	463,956
WSU Campus of Applied Science and Technology	676,026
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,400,000</b>

TEA Committees 2020-2021

Chair Frederick informed members of the 2020-2021 TEA committee assignments and thanked the current committee chairs for their continued leadership in the committees for the upcoming year.

Legislative Update

Chair Frederick called on Director Casey to provide members with a legislative update. Director Casey informed members that revenues are facing a \$1.4 billion shortfall for FY2022. He provided a broad overview of predictions of recovery of the economy, adding that odds are slim to secure additional higher education funding, with potential cuts to the budget expected. He added that the stimulus bill may help backfill revenues, with a lot of things still to be determined related to the pandemic and shutdown of the economy.

KSDE K-12 Update

Chair Frederick recognized Member Smith to provide members with a KSDE K-12 update. Member Smith provided members with a PowerPoint presentation outlining the KSDE K-12 vision of meeting the needs of students in the upcoming year given the challenges of the pandemic. Members expressed concerns regarding the impact of the pandemic on Excel in CTE student enrollments.

KBOR Retreat Summary

Vice President Smathers presented members with a brief summary of the KBOR Retreat. Items of discussion included university budget reviews relative to expected cuts, including an \$8.5 million reduction in funding for Excel in CTE; review of the strategic plan; Pillar III; emphasis on diversity; and the status of state reopening plans. Board goals discussions included freedom of speech, a systemwide general education comprehensive plan, financing deferred maintenance, analysis of space at universities, promoting transparency, limiting damage due to budget cuts, setting tuition rates, and the engineering grant. TEA Members responded to the summary expressing the importance of the technical colleges and community colleges in providing training and re-training of students relative to the changing environment.

**NEXT MEETING REMINDER**

Chair Frederick informed members that the next meeting will be Thursday, September 24, 2020 at the KBOR office, followed by the Strategic Planning Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Frederick adjourned the meeting at 12:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant