

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

The December 2, 2021 meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) was held at the Kansas Board of Regents office, 1000 SW Jackson Street, Suite 520, Topeka, Kansas and virtually via ZOOM.

Members Present

Mark Hess, Chair

Rita Johnson

Mike Johnson, via ZOOM

Debra Mikulka

Tiffany Anderson

Jason Cox, via ZOOM

Eddie Estes, via ZOOM

Keith Humphrey

Stacy Smith

Amber Shultz

Mike Beene

Others Present

Northwest Kansas Technical College

Cloud County Community College

Neosho County Community College

Flint Hills Technical College

Barton Community College

Labette Community College

Kansas City Kansas Community College

Coffeyville Community College

WSU Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology

Hutchinson Community College

Johnson County Community College

Garden City Community College

Cowley Community College

Salina Area Technical College

Washburn Institute of Technology

Pratt Community College

Butler Community College

Colby Community College

Kansas Board of Regents Staff Present

Scott Smathers

Hector Martinez

Lisa Beck

Sue Grosdidier

Charmine Chambers

Steve Funk

Susan Henry

April Henry

Eric Tincher

Vera Brown

Tobias Wood

Cindy Farrier

Susanna Lee

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hess at 10:01 AM.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion: Member R. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of October 28, 2021. Following a second by Member Frederick, the motion carried.

REPORTS

Introductions

None.

Chair's Report

Chair Hess reported that on November 4th he visited Cloud County Community College and met with President Knoettgen and Vice President of Academic Affairs Zant, touring the campus and reviewing some of their programs, specifically renewable energies. He commended them for a great program and well-run campus. Later in the month he reported he met with President Burks at North Central Kansas Technical

College, adding that his company, Hess Services, is in a business partnership with the college, and in response to the challenges of the current labor market, Hess Services will be recruiting people from Puerto Rico offering to enroll them in CDL training at North Central Kansas Technical College in January.

Chair Hess presented Member Frederick with an award of appreciation for his years of serving as the Chairman of the TEA.

Member Liaison Reports

Chair Hess invited TEA member activity reports.

Member R. Johnson informed members that Member Anderson was nominated to serve as the Grand Marshall at the Topeka holiday parade next week.

Vice President for Workforce Development Report

Chair Hess called on Vice President Smathers to provide Members with a Workforce Development report. Vice President Smathers reported that the Board named Ken Hush as Acting President of Emporia State University at their last board meeting and we look forward to working with him until a new president is named. He reported that this morning the Board is announcing that Dr. Richard Linton will be replacing General Meyers as President of Kansas State University. Vice President Smathers reported that at the Council of President's (COPs) committee meeting during the last board meeting, the KSU Polytechnic Unmanned Aircraft Systems program was not unanimously approved as two universities abstained from the vote. He added that the program is going back in front of COPs at this month's meeting, so the review of the program has been delayed. If the program is approved by the COPs committee, it will then be moved on to the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BASC) in January, and then to the full Board in January or February.

Vice President Smathers reported that staff is busy collecting and entering year end results for both Adult Basic Education and Carl Perkins federal grants, expressing appreciation to both staff as well as institutions for their efforts. He added that staff is working on other projects, including the engineering grant goals, joint commerce projects, the Lumina Foundation Military articulation grant, service areas, and The Promise Act. He asked members for a sitting group photo after this meeting as well as individual photos for the TEA page on the KBOR website.

Report from the Community Colleges

Chair Hess called upon Fort Scott Community College President Johnston to provide members with a report from the community colleges.

Report from the Technical Colleges

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

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Technical Program and Curriculum Committee

1. New Program Proposals

- Northwest Kansas Technical College: Child Care Specialist (19.0708)
- Northwest Kansas Technical College: Plumbing (46.0503)
- Washburn Institute of Technology: Industrial Production Technology (47.0409)
- WSU Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology: Manufacturing Technology (15.0613)
- WSU Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology: Registered Nursing (51.3801)

2. Excel in CTE Fees

- Northwest Kansas Technical College: Child Care Specialist (19.0708)
- Northwest Kansas Technical College: Plumbing (46.0503)
- Washburn Institute of Technology: Industrial Production Technology (47.0409)

- WSU Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology: Manufacturing Technology (15.0613)
3. Promise Act
- Northwest Kansas Technical College: Child Care Specialist (19.0708)
 - Northwest Kansas Technical College: Plumbing (46.0503)
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 - WSU Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology: Manufacturing Technology (15.0613)
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Chair Hess called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items from the Technical Program and Curriculum Committee, noting that in the issue paper recommendation for the Northwest Kansas Technical College Child Care Specialist new program proposal, there is a typographical error that should be corrected to reflect the Technical Certificate A is 17 credit hours.

Motion: Member Beene moved to approve the Consent Agenda items. Following a second by Member R. Johnson the motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Distribution of Kansas State Safety Funds
Commercial Driver Training Fund (K.S.A. 8-272)
Motorcycle Safety Fund (K.S.A. 8-267)

Chair Hess called on Associate Director Chambers to present a summary on the distribution of Kansas State Safety funds. Associate Director Chambers provided members with the FY22 Commercial Driver Training Participating Institutions and Allocations and the Motorcycle Safety Participating Institutions and Allocations.

Commercial Driver Training Participating Institutions, and Allocations:

Purpose of the Funds

Provide additional funding to institutions providing training for Commercial Driver Training. Institutions reporting a Commercial Driver training program in the Kansas Higher Education Data System are contacted to provide student names, dates of training, and dates of licensure testing for the fund.

FY22 Available Fee Funds \$157,143

Institution	# of students	Amount paid per student	Allocation per Institution
Seward County Community College	26	\$850	\$22,100
Northwest Kansas Technical College	3	\$850	\$2,550
Salina Area Technical College	15	\$850	\$12,750
Barton Community College	12	\$850	\$10,200
Dodge City Community College	36	\$850	\$30,600
TOTAL	92		\$78,200

Motorcycle Safety Participating Institutions, and Allocations:

Purpose of the Funds

Provide additional funding to institutions providing approved courses in motorcycle safety. Institutions providing the training courses are contacted by KSDE, and KSDE provides a total headcount and dollar amount per institution for distribution of the funds from KBOR.

FY22 Available Fee Funds \$86,400

Institution	Headcount	Allocation per Institution
Butler Community College	48	\$3,840
Hutchinson Community College	269	\$21,520
Johnson County Community College	548	\$43,840
Kansas City Kansas Community College	215	\$17,200
TOTAL	1,080	\$86,400

AY 23 Excel in CTE Fees

Chair Hess called on Director Henry to present the AY 23 Excel in CTE Fees. Director Henry reminded members that each year the Excel in CTE Fees must be reviewed for approval. She informed members that this year, institutions only submitted Excel in CTE Fees for review if there was a change in the fees for the program or a new program added. She directed members to the meeting packet for fees that have been reviewed by staff and determined to meet the criteria as agreed upon by the TEA. Member Smith requested the opportunity to review all program fees. Director Henry responded that information is readily available and can be provided to him. He stated that school districts had asked him to address their concerns regarding identifying cost barriers so that school districts can fairly address them. Director Henry reminded members that at their last meeting, it was discussed that the TEA would like to review Excel in CTE fees by program and will be starting with the programs with the highest enrollment. Member Mikulka stated that it would be helpful if an additional column was added to the report identifying the increase or decrease amount in the fees. Director Henry stated that information is readily available to provide to the TEA.

Motion: Following discussion, Member Mikulka moved to approve the Excel in CTE Fees as presented. Following a second by Member Frederick, the motion carried.

Legislative Update

Chair Hess recognized Vice President Smathers to provide members with a legislative update in the absence of Director Matt Casey. Vice President Smathers informed members that the legislature held a special session on November 22nd, finished in one day and passed a bill clarifying the vaccine exemption process for medical or sincerely held religious beliefs. He explained that the universities who had established policies are in the process of adjusting to the new state legislative law and will be following state and federal law. Vice President Smathers reported that we are waiting to hear from the Federal Government whether the MOE waiver will be accepted and that could have a major monetary impact on our institutions. We have submitted our budget appeal to the governor and won't know her final budget recommendations until the first week of the legislative session which begins on January 10th. He thanked members for approving the letter to the Governor as part of the request asking for additional funds for postsecondary. He reported that the Promise Act trailer bill is currently being drafted, and it should be ready for the beginning of the legislative session. The trailer bill will affect the rules and regulations statutory requirements so completion of the rules and regulations, which are due in March by statute, may be temporarily placed on hold pending the disposition of the trailer bill in January.

January TEA Meeting

Chair Hess reminded members that their January meeting was scheduled to take place January 19, 2022 at the Mid America Workforce Summit Conference, and informed members that unfortunately that conference is going to be cancelled due to COVID concerns. He asked members about rescheduling a location for the January meeting, noting that the Board is meeting at the KBOR offices on January 19th, so it would seem appropriate to reschedule the date as well so that institutions wouldn't have two meetings simultaneously. He suggested that the date be moved to January 27th, offering the meeting as in-person at the KBOR offices or remotely via ZOOM. Following discussion, members agreed to move the January meeting to January 27, 2022 at 10AM at the KBOR offices, with a remote ZOOM option. Member Estes thanked members for their

continued support for the Mid America Workforce Summit over the years and expressed hope for the conference to return in 2023.

TEA FY 2021 Legislative Report

Chair Hess called on Vice President Smathers to present the TEA FY 2021 Legislative Report. Vice President Smathers reminded members that when the TEA was last renewed, the sunset date of the TEA was removed, and one of the requirements is that the TEA must file a legislative report annually with the legislature. Historically, this report was prepared by Board staff and directly submitted to the legislature, but starting last year, it will first be presented to the TEA for discussion and approval prior to submission to the legislature. He directed members to the report in their meeting packet. Members expressed their appreciation to Board staff for compiling the report for their review and helping with all the work that was accomplished.

Motion: Member R. Johnson moved to approve the TEA FY 2021 Legislative report as presented. Following a second by Member Shultz, the motion carried.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Hutchinson Community College

Chair Hess recognized President Carter File to provide members with an informational update on activities from Hutchinson Community College.

Northwest Kansas Technical College

Chair Hess recognized President Ben Schears to provide members with an informational update on activities from Northwest Kansas Technical College.

NEXT MEETING REMINDER

Chair Hess reminded members that the next TEA meeting will be held in-person at the KBOR offices on January 27, 2022 at 10:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Hess adjourned the meeting at 11:44 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant