

**KANSAS POSTSECONDARY  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY  
MEETING**

A November 18, 2022, meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) was held at the Kansas Board of Regents office, 1000 SW Jackson, suite 520, Topeka, Kansas and virtually via ZOOM.

**Members Present**

Ray Frederick  
Keith Humphrey  
Debra Mikulka  
Mike Johnson  
Eddie Estes  
Rita Johnson

Mark Hess  
Mike Beene  
Beth Fultz

**Others Present**

Shonda Atwater, Kansas Department of Commerce  
Hutchinson Community College  
Manhattan Area Technical College  
Neosho County Community College  
Pratt Community College  
Salina Area Technical College  
Jeff Wagaman

**Kansas Board of Regents Staff Present**

Scott Smathers  
April Henry  
Sue Grosdidier  
Vera Brown  
Eric Tincher  
Charmine Chambers  
Susan Henry

Hector Martinez  
Susanna Lee  
Lisa Beck  
Laura Leite  
Tobias Wood  
Tim Peterson

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Frederick at 10:00A.M. Chair Frederick announced that he was changing the order of the meeting agenda to move the Extraordinary Costs item to after the Consent Agenda and prior to Discussion Agenda.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chair Frederick called for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2022, meeting.

**Motion:** Member M. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2022, meeting. Following a second by Member Estes, the motion carried.

**REPORTS**

Introductions  
None.

### Chair's Report

Chair Frederick reported that he had the opportunity to visit Flint Hills Technical College (FHTC) on October 25<sup>th</sup> and met with President Caron Daugherty, and they attended an Emporia Rotary Meeting, where FHTC was featured with faculty members present. He applauded the relationship between FHTC and the surrounding community. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, he reported that he attended the groundbreaking at Manhattan Area Technical College for their new Advanced Technology Center. This new facility will house their electrical plumbing and HVAC programs. It was a good event, well attended, and there were members from the Board of Regents, elected State officials and many members from the community in attendance as well. On November 15<sup>th</sup> he reported that he attended the ribbon cutting at Pratt Community College (PCC) for their newly remodeled facility for their welding program and TEA Member M. Johnson and community state legislators were also in attendance. He commended PCC for building relationships with their community, business leaders and elected officials.

### Member Liaison Reports

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

Member Hess reported that on November 15<sup>th</sup> he had the opportunity to attend the North Central Kansas Technical College (NCKTC) Founders Ceremony, as part of a week-long celebration recognizing people who have contributed to the college from its inception. The first founders award went to Leo and Albina Dialing, who are some local contributors that donated the property for the NCKTC in Hayes and they are commissioning a beer on their behalf at one of the local microbreweries in Hayes today.

Member Estes reported that in the last several weeks, Senator Moran's staff have been reviewing the road conditions in southwestern Kansas to accommodate increased trucking traffic, with the development with Hilmar Cheese Company. He added that with the addition of possibly nine to twelve additional dairies in the area as well, it is expected to impact the truck driving programs in technical education. He reported that recently Dodge City Community College hosted an entrepreneurial event sponsored by the local area economic development group, which was a competition involving funding for students.

Member Beene reported that on November 3<sup>rd</sup> he attended the WSU Tech Foundation luncheon for donors, where the donors had a chance to meet the students that received their scholarships.

Member M. Johnson reported that he attended the ribbon cutting at Pratt Community College (PCC) for their newly remodeled facility for their welding program along with Chair Frederick and commended PCC for adapting their product offerings to the local level and working with local industry. He reported he visited Hutchinson Community College (HCC) a few weeks ago, where he had lunch with President File and two HCC Trustees, and then toured the welding and computer science programs. He commended HCC for their coordination with area business and industry. He informed members that Barton Community College (BCC) had their HLC visit two weeks ago, and they fared very well. He also provided members with the BCC 2022 report, which highlights workforce training.

### Vice President for Workforce Development Report

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to provide members with a Workforce Development report. Vice President Smathers thanked Board staff for the office preparation for this meeting during the office construction. He informed members that Workforce Development Staff have been working on Excel in CTE Fees, Promise Act programs and Federal reporting. He reported that on November 15<sup>th</sup>, Barton Community College invited him to join discussions at Fort Riley regarding retention, along with Director Martinez and Associate Director Grosdidier. He informed members that new TEA member Curtis Sneden has been appointed as the new Governor selection, replacing Jason Cox. He reminded members that the Mid America Workforce Summit is scheduled for January 18-19, 2023.

**Report from the Community Colleges**

Chair Frederick called upon Hutchinson Community College President File 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****Program and Curriculum Committee****New Program Proposals**

- Neosho County Community College: Plumbing (46.0503)

**Excel in CTE Fees**

- Neosho County Community College: Plumbing (46.0503)

**Promise Act**

- Neosho County Community College: Plumbing (46.0503)

Chair Frederick called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items from the Technical Program and Curriculum Committee.

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

**Extraordinary Costs**

Chair Frederick commented to members that in his opinion, decisions regarding Extraordinary Costs shouldn't be rushed, and requires more discussion and consideration. He reminded members that he postponed discussion on this agenda item until this meeting, to allow institutions the opportunity to review and confirm their data that they previously provided to Board staff. Chair Frederick stated that he again suggests postponing action on this item, to allow new TEA members to get educated and up to speed on this subject matter. He stated that until then it shall be business as usual, and would mean discussions will continue, with formal action on this item in AY 2024. He informed members that the institutions agree with the postponement of action on this item.

**Motion:** Following discussion, Member Beene moved to postpone the decision regarding Extraordinary Costs to early AY 2024. Following a second by Member Humphrey, Chair Frederick called the motion carried by group vote. Chair Frederick then asked for a roll call vote, with dissensions from Member M. Johnson, Member Mikulka, and Member Estes. The motion carried 6-3 by roll call vote.

**DISCUSSION AGENDA****Apprenticeships**

Technical Program and Curriculum Committee Chair R. Johnson called on Director Henry to lead the apprenticeship program discussion. Director Henry explained that apprenticeships have been a hot topic for several years and the Board office has had little guidance on how to proceed with setting a framework to account for them. She introduced Shonda Atwater, the Director of Apprenticeships and Internships with the Kansas Department of Commerce who has assisted with developing the apprenticeship proposal and was in attendance to assist with questions, along with Dave Mullins and Bryce McFarland from Hutchinson Community College who were attending virtually to answer questions from the college point of view.

Director Henry explained that the Kansas Apprenticeship Council is ultimately responsible for apprenticeships, which operates under the Kansas Department of Commerce. Director Henry explained that over the past several months Board Staff has worked with the Department of Commerce, and with community and technical colleges currently operating apprenticeships to come up with the best way to handle reporting data for apprenticeship students. An application form was designed for the institutions to complete detailing responsibilities, institution and industry roles and program descriptions including credentials. In addition, the application for Registered Apprenticeship reviewed (and approved) by the Kansas Apprenticeship Council would be included along with the application form. A sample of the CA4 apprenticeship application was provided to members for their review and approval. She added that the Technical Program and Curriculum Committee members suggested some revision to the form, so a statement was added at the bottom of the application that says that “This application doesn't supersede the traditional program approval process”.

Director Henry informed members that Board staff is asking for authority to approve these programs as soon as they get approved by the Apprenticeship Council, to streamline the process to benefit the institutions and students.

**Motion:** Member Beene moved to approve the CA4 application form and to approve the Board staff recommended approval process for apprenticeship programs. Following a second by Member Hess, additional discussion continued.

**Revised Motion:** Member Beene moved to approve the CA4 application form and to approve the Board staff recommended approval process for apprenticeship programs, with the caveat that if the program approval will affect tiered state funding, the program must first be reviewed by the TEA Technical Program and Curriculum Committee and then will be brought to the TEA for approval. Following a second by Member Hess, 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 Frederick called on Associate Director Chambers to present the Distribution of Kansas Safety Funds for the Commercial Driver Training fund and the Motorcycle Safety fund. Associate Director Chambers informed members that she provided them with a summary of the State Safety Fund programs for which KBOR has responsibility for making distributions. These are specifically the commercial driver training, or CDL, as well as the Motorcycle Safety programs at the technical and community colleges. She gave a brief explanation of how the funding amounts are determined from institution data provided.

Legislative Update

Chair Frederick called on Director Casey to provide members with a legislative update. Director Casey gave a brief look at what the State House and Senate will look like next session after recent elections.

AO-K@Work Update and Future Plans

Chair Frederick called on Associate Director Beck to provide members with an AO-K@Work update. Associate Director Beck shared that all the funds provided by the Walmart Kansas at Work Grant have been expended and the final report was submitted. She provided a brief overview of the accomplishments with the grant which included exceeding primary goals in the number of program sites, worker participation and program completion. She explained that the program completion percentage was adversely affected by the pandemic. She explained that now that this grant is complete, funding will be

available through AFLA adult education funding to continue with similar programs. Chair Frederick congratulated Associate Director Beck on her retirement and thanked her for her service.

#### KSDE K-12 Update

Chair Frederick recognized Member Fultz, Interim Director of at the Kansas Department of Education (KSDE), to provide members with a KSDE K-12 update. Member Fultz informed members that there will be three new State Board of Education members starting in January. She shared the new initiatives developed under the new Deputy Commissioner and announced that Natalie Clark will be joining KSDE as the new Assistant Director for Career Technical Education in January, replacing Stacy Smith, and will replace her on the TEA as the KSDE ex-officio member. She shared information on partnerships with schools and businesses for student opportunities, as well as highlights regarding graduation requirements, Apprenticeships, work-based learning experiences, individual plans of study with an emphasis on specific career pathways, FAFSA accessibility, state assessment results and WorkKeys assessment.

#### TEA FY 2022 Legislative Report

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to provide members with the TEA FY 2022 Legislative Report. Vice President Smathers reminded members that the TEA is required to file a report with the Legislature annually outlining the previous year's TEA activities. The report was provided to members in their meeting packet.

Chair Frederick called for a motion to approve the report as presented.

**Motion:** Member M. Johnson moved to approve the FY 2022 TEA Legislative Report as presented. Following a second by Member Estes, the motion carried.

#### Departing TEA Member Recognition

Chair Frederick thanked departing TEA members Mike Johnson and Rita Johnson for their service and presented them with certificates of appreciation. The last meeting for these members will be on December 16, 2022.

#### **NEXT MEETING REMINDER**

Chair Frederick reminded members that the next meeting is a regularly scheduled conference call meeting on December 16, 2022 at 10:00 A.M

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Frederick adjourned the meeting at 11:54 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant