

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

A virtual meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) was held via ZOOM on January 27, 2022.

Members Present

Mark Hess, Chair	Tiffany Anderson
Jason Cox, Vice Chair	Eddie Estes
Keith Humphrey	Rita Johnson
Debra Mikulka	Mike Beene
Mike Johnson	
Stacy Smith	

Others Present

Heather Morgan, Kansas Association Community College Trustees
Cloud County Community College
Coffeyville Community College
Cowley Community College
Flint Hills Technical College
Fort Scott Community College
Garden City Community College
Hutchinson Community College
Independence Community College
Labette Community College
Manhattan Area Technical College
Neosho County Community College
North Central Kansas Technical College
Pittsburg State University – Kansas Center for CTE
Pratt Community College
Washburn Institute of Technology

Kansas Board of Regents Staff Present

Scott Smathers	Elaine Frisbie
April Henry	Matt Casey
Sue Grosdidier	Cindy Farrier
Vera Brown	Lisa Beck
Eric Tincher	Steve Funk
Charmine Chambers	Tim Peterson
Hector Martinez	Susan Henry
Susanna Lee	

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hess at 10:00 A.M. Chair Hess provided members with virtual meeting guidelines.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Hess called for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2021 meeting. Member Beene noted an amendment needed to add him as an attendee of that meeting.

Motion: Member Beene moved to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2021 meeting as amended. Following a second by Member Estes, the motion carried.

REPORTS

Introductions

None.

Chair's Report

Chair Hess shared with members that his company, Hess Services, loaned trucking equipment to North Central Kansas Technical College allowing them to continue student participation in their CDL program, while their truck undergoes repairs from damage caused by a recent storm.

Member Liaison Reports

None.

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 he has received questions regarding the KSU Polytechnic Unmanned Aircraft Systems program and that the effort has been put on hold temporarily while KSU works with both Cloud Community College and WSU Tech to seek a resolution. He informed members that staff is completing collections and year-end results for Adult Education and Carl Perkins federal grants and expressed appreciation for Kansas Department of Education support with information to complete the submissions. Vice President Smathers reported he met with Kansas Department of Commerce Director of Workforce AID, Allyssa Johnson, and is impressed with her plans for this program. He added he intends to have Ms. Johnson do a presentation for the TEA, and he believes her ideas are progressive, tying in closely to President Johnston's requests regarding non-credit hour training that the college's want to offer and how they might be supported in that effort. He reported that Board Staff continues working on many projects, including engineering grant goals, Department of Commerce projects, the Lumina Military Articulation grant, virtual Adult Education training and the Promise Act.

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

Program and Curriculum Committee

New Excel in CTE Fees

WSU Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology: AMT (47.0607)

WSU Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology: Powerplant (47.0608)

Program Alignment
Medical Assistant

Chair Hess called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items from the Technical Program and Curriculum Committee. Committee Chair Johnson informed members that the committee had lengthy discussion regarding the Consent Agenda items and recommends approval by the TEA.

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

DISCUSSION AGENDA

Excel in CTE Fee Process

Chair Hess called on Technical Program and Curriculum Committee Chair R. Johnson to lead discussion regarding the Excel in CTE Fee Process. Committee Chair Johnson explained that at the last committee meeting, the committee discussed information provided by Board Staff per their request regarding the Excel in CTE fees by program, focusing on three programs that have the highest high school enrollment, which are Certified Nurse Aide, Home Health Aide and Welding. Committee Chair Johnson explained that the Committee expected to see some variation in the fees charged to the student by institutions, however they did not expect to see such a broad variation in the amount of fees charged within a program. The Committee had extensive discussion and requested that Board Staff work with the community and technical colleges to gather more specific information on the actual fees the institutions charge to students for Excel in CTE fees. The Committee discussed that it would be beneficial for institutions to share their compensation structure regarding Excel in CTE fees with each other and perhaps enable lowering the costs to students across the state. Committee Chair Johnson informed TEA members that this review has resulted in many questions by the Committee, and that discussion will continue at the committee level prior to presenting the committee findings to the TEA.

OTHER MATTERS

Legislative Update

Chair Hess called on Director Casey to provide members with a legislative update. Director Casey gave a brief report to members on the recent and upcoming activities of the Legislature. He shared that the Legislature is three weeks into session and is less than a month away from the turnaround date of February 24, which marks the midpoint of the regular session and when all the bills need to be passed from their originating Chamber. He reported that The Promise Act trailer bill is a ten-page bill that addresses many different amendments and clarifying language pieces to the Promise Act that was passed last year and the committee is planning to move it along in the process. He reported that the Governor released her budget recommendations with an excellent number of items included in the budget for higher education, and specifically for the two-year sector, including funds to fully fund the Excel in CTE program, and funds towards tiered and non-tiered courses and Capital outlay.

Energy Related Career Technical Education Videos Project

Chair Hess called on Senior Project Director Peterson to share the Energy Related Career Technical Education Videos Project. Senior Project Director Peterson gave a brief background of the project, thanking business partners, ITC Holdings, Sunflower Electric and Cox media as well as Pratt Community College, Cloud Community College and North Central Kansas Technical College faculty and staff for their assistance with the project. He shared three video projects focusing on wind technology and electric power technology and explained it is hoped to distribute these videos through a variety of venues, including websites, social media outlets and career fairs, to help students find out what programs exist and where they can obtain specific training. He added that the Build Something Now campaign aligns closely with the Board Strategic Plan.

State Aid for Tiered and Non-Tiered Courses (“Gap Report”)

Chair Hess recognized Vice President Frisbie to provide information regarding the AY2021 Gap Report. Vice President Frisbie reminded members that approximately 11 years ago the legislature enacted Senate Bill 143 which established the cost model that is currently used to allocate funds to the two-year colleges, for their technical college courses and their non-technical college courses. Vice President Frisbie presented the gap report as computed according to the institution enrollment data and adjusted for inflation on the cost rates. She explained the cost model produces a gap report that identifies the funding shortfall for each college when considering local resources and available state funding. The AY2021 GAP Calculation was provided to TEA members, and Vice President Frisbie explained how these numbers are calculated and generally interpreted the figures as listed for the institutions. She explained that the final numbers for the actual distribution will be presented to the TEA at the May 26, 2022 meeting, and those numbers will depend upon several things, including how much money the legislature appropriates for tiered and non-tiered courses and if there is any proviso language attached to those appropriations that would dictate how any funding may have to be attributable to gaps. She added that there could be big swings in the dollar amounts for each college, depending on what the legislature does this session, however the Governor has recommended to the legislature to appropriate \$2 million more next year for tiered courses and \$4 million more for non-tiered courses.

Promise Act Update

Chair Hess recognized Vice President Smathers to provide a Promise Act update. Vice President Smathers shared a PowerPoint presentation providing background on the Promise Act and provided a summary of how the Act is currently written. He reported that in this first semester, there were 384 grants awarded by community colleges, (excluding pending data from Barton Community College), 255 were awarded by technical colleges, and 24 awarded by independent colleges, for a total of 663 total awards given, with the primary recipients being full-time students. He provided a chart to TEA members with awards details from data reported by the institutions. Vice President Smathers also shared details regarding the trailer Bill that is currently in committee discussion at the Legislature.

Kansas Center for CTE

Chair Hess recognized Dr. Greg Belcher from Pittsburg State University to inform members regarding the University’s Kansas Center for CTE. Dr. Belcher explained that the Center was established in 2014 and it is a professional development Center for current technical educators, both at secondary and postsecondary levels working under four pillars which are workshops, resources, mentoring and coursework, continuing the professional development of teachers. He shared the website with TEA members for reference.

NEXT MEETING REMINDER

Chair Hess reminded members that the next regular TEA meeting is scheduled to be a conference call and will be held virtually on February 24, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Hess adjourned the meeting at 11:58 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant