

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

A virtual meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) was held via ZOOM on February 24, 2022.

Members Present

Jason Cox, Vice Chair
Keith Humphrey
Debra Mikulka
Amber Shultz

Tiffany Anderson
Eddie Estes
Rita Johnson

Others Present

Cloud County Community College
Fort Scott Community College
Manhattan Area Technical College
Neosho County Community College
Northwest Kansas Technical College
Salina Area Technical College

Kansas Board of Regents Staff Present

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

Susanna Lee
Elaine Frisbie
Lisa Beck
Steve Funk
Tobias Wood
Susan Henry

CALL TO ORDER

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

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Cox called for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2022 meeting.

Motion: Member Anderson moved to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2022 meeting. Following a second by Member Estes, the motion carried.

REPORTS

Introductions
None.

Chair's Report

Vice Chair Cox shared with members that he was in Singapore all last week at the Singapore Air Show, where he met with some of his customers and others from the United States to talk about workforce challenges, and that, while they all agreed that there's no single solution to the workforce challenges that we're facing, everyone understands and knows that the close alignment and cooperation between the government entities and technical education and businesses is one of the keys to solving this problem.

Member Liaison Reports

Vice Chair Cox asked if any TEA members had reports on their activities to share. Member Estes shared that Dodge City Community College will be attending the 3I show on March 17th-19th, and he feels it is important to have visibility there with the people who attend the show. He reported that on the second day of the show, Kansas workforce One will be present and added that basically, businesses are looking for qualified people to work in their plants. Finding qualified workers has been somewhat of a challenge for many folks so I wanted you to be aware that the Community College will be here 17th and 18th and 19th and that will be our 68th addition of the 3I show. Member Mikulka reported she met with Labette Community College President Watkins, Neosho County Community College President Inbody and Ft Scott Community College President Johnston and is happy to report that things are going well, however they are dealing with some supply chain issues that affects their ongoing construction projects. Member Anderson shared a news article in the meeting chat regarding Topeka's efforts in employing and finding employment for CTE students who have enough credits to graduate, including many who have already obtained an industry credential. She also shared that Topeka Public Schools is benefiting from the State Board of Education changes regarding substitute teacher qualifications, helping with staffing shortages. She expressed excitement that many of these newly available substitute teachers are seasoned CTE industry graduates. She reported that the Commission for Racial Equity and Justice, for which she is the Chair, will be presenting to KBOR with recommendations about how to ensure there is equity and equitable access to colleges for students, and she would be glad to relay an invitation for a similar presentation to the TEA if the group is interested.

Vice President for Workforce Development Report

Vice Chair Cox called on Vice President Smathers to provide members with a Workforce Development report. Vice President Smathers reported that the KSU Polytechnic Unmanned Aircraft Systems program has been put on hold indefinitely, and it is expected that the new KSU president will review the program and continue discussions with both Cloud Community College and WSU Tech as the opportunity arises. He informed members that Board staff completed collections and year-end results for Adult Education and Carl Perkins federal grants and is now in the process of clarifying some of the information with the Federal government, and staff is also working on the WIOA submission for Title II funds for the adult education programs. Vice President Smathers reported that Board staff continues to work on a number of projects, including the engineering grant goals, Kansas Department of Commerce projects, the Lumina Military Articulation Grant, adult education training, service areas, and The Promise Act. He added that work on The Promise Act continues to require major efforts, working with the Legislature, attending legislative sessions, and answering questions.

Report from the Community Colleges

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

Report from the Technical Colleges

Vice Chair Cox 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

Neosho County Community College: Diagnostic Medical Sonography (51.0910)

Excel in CTE Fees

Neosho County Community College: Diagnostic Medical Sonography (51.0910)

Promise Act

Northwest Kansas Technical College: EMT (51.0810)

Neosho County Community College: Diagnostic Medical Sonography (51.0910)

Vice Chair Cox 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 Mikulka, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

OTHER MATTERS

KTIP Report

Vice Chair Cox called on Associate Director Chambers to present the KTIP Report. Associate Director Chambers directed members to their meeting packet with the academic year 2020 KTIP highlights. She explained that when it comes to looking at KTIP data every year, especially because of the age of the data once it is compiled, it can be difficult to see how the data is useful beyond program reviews and as a tool to identify duplicate programming during program and curriculum committee work. She emphasized added that the data gives a sense of 2019, 2020, and 2021 average wage statewide, average hourly and the average hourly median, and then the average hourly entry level wage and how that's changed over those three years. She explained to members how to interpret the highlights relative to Kansas Department of Labor data, high demand occupations, high wage occupations, competitive wages, and occupational projections, as well as correlation to local and statewide needs assessments. Members expressed their appreciation for the data and its format.

Carl D. Perkins Report

Vice Chair Cox called on Associate Director Wood to present the Carl D. Perkins report. Associate Director Wood explained that The Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V) is the primary federal funding source to states for the improvement of secondary and postsecondary career and technical education programs. The purpose of the Act is to develop more fully the academic, career and technical skills of secondary and postsecondary students who elect to enroll in career and technical education programs. Associate Director Wood gave a brief background on Carl D. Perkins and provided a PowerPoint presentation of an overview of Perkins V law and how it impacts the institutions in Kansas. He explained that the reauthorization of the Perkins law combined some language and aligned some definitions with other related federal laws. He gave the background of the Act from 1963 and then reauthorized in 2018 and explained that Perkins V specifically addresses students in special populations, which includes students who had been underserved in the past or who may have substantial education needs. He discussed the goals of the Perkins V Kansas State Plan and discussed the funding provided by the federal government under this Act, CTE participants, CTE concentrator data, comprehensive local needs assessment, performance, and target negotiations. He informed members that this year the Perkins federal appropriation was nearly \$1.2 billion for all states, with just over \$12 million appropriated for Kansas, which is split evenly between secondary and postsecondary CTE Pathways and programs.

Legislative Update

Vice Chair Cox called on Vice President Frisbie to provide members with a legislative update. Vice President Frisbie gave a brief report to members on the recent and upcoming activities of the Legislature.

She informed members that the Legislature wrapped up their work on February 23rd and they will return to Topeka on March 1st, when the committee's will start working on bills and having hearings on items that come to them from the opposite chamber. She reported that a bill making some changes and improvement to last year's Promise Act legislation has been referred to the Senate, and they've employed a legislative maneuver to send it back to an exempt committee to keep the bill alive if it does not pass the full Senate. She reported on other items of interest, including the budget, which is on track to be \$1.4 billion dollars higher than the revenue estimates for last year, sorting out all of state government expenses and incorporating changes to revenues as they consider tax changes, focus on shrinking the gaps between tiered and non-tiered state aid, focus on fully funding the Excel in CTE program, and provide more state support for capital outlay for the CTE programs equipment and facilities.

NEXT MEETING REMINDER

Vice Chair Cox reminded members that the next regular TEA meeting is scheduled to be in-person at the KBOR offices on March 31, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Vice Chair Cox adjourned the meeting at 11:21 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant