

**KANSAS POSTSECONDARY
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES**

January 25, 2024

The Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) meeting was held in the Board Office located in the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 S.W. Jackson, Suite 520, Topeka. Proper notice was given according to law. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Ray Frederick at 10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ray Frederick, Vice Chair
Mark Hess
Cindy Hoover
David Reist
Curtis Sneden
Todd Zimmer
Mike Beene
Natalie Clark
Angela White

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Vice Chair Frederick announced that due to previous scheduling commitments, Item D under Other Matters, which is the Legislative Update, will be moved to immediately follow the Approval of the Minutes.

Vice Chair Frederick called for a moment of silence to recognize two TEA members who recently lost family members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Sneden moved to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2023, meeting and, following a second by Member Clark, the motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Vice Chair Frederick introduced Fred Patton with the Government Affairs division of the Harris Kelsey law firm. He provided a brief summary of his background serving in education and in the Legislature. While in the Legislature he served on various education and budget committees. He reported that the Legislature is in week three of the session with a variety of bills being introduced and informational hearings being held; and he is working on drafting bills in line with the Board's priorities and goals.

INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair Frederick introduced Becky Warren, Kansas Director of Skills USA. Director Warren thanked Board staff for having two members that sit on their board. The Skills USA postsecondary state officer team introduced themselves and shared their experiences with the program.

Vice Chair Frederick welcomed the newest TEA member, Todd Zimmer, and Interim Vice President Rita Johnson. He recognized Scott Smathers as the new Dean at Washburn Tech.

REPORTS**REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

None.

MEMBER LIASON REPORTS

Member Clark reported that the Kansas Department of Education held a citizenship day earlier this month, thanking participants for a worthwhile event.

REPORT FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Interim Vice President Johnson provided members with an update on Board staff activities, including the upcoming submission of the Carl D Perkins Consolidated Annual Report (CAR) on January 31st, staff attending KSDE's Annual Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) luncheon, actively working with core partners to draft the new four-year WIOA state plan, assisting the Kansas Corporation Commission in seeking a federal grant to train residential energy contractors, and reviewing the programs eligible for Promise Act scholarships, pursuant to state statute. She reported that Director Martinez was appointed to the Kansas State Workforce Board by the Governor Kelly on January 12, 2024, and added that he also now serves on the Digital Equity Advisory Board with the Office of Broadband Development in the Department of Commerce. She also noted that the Kansas Adult Education Association (KAEA) conference will be held in Topeka February 26th through the 28th, and informed members that Dr. Katie Reck has joined Seward County Community College as Director of Adult Education. She reported that the Kansas Adult Education enrollment at the end of the second quarter had over 4,200 participants. She also shared a reminder to colleges that their Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA), as required of Perkins recipients every two years, is due by February 1st.

REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Garden City Community College President Ruda provided members with a report on the activities of the community colleges.

REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL COLLEGES

Manhattan Area Technical College President Genandt reported that he attended a Flint Hills Regional Leaders Retreat in Manhattan and shared that a presenter from a large marketing company gave insight on the various characteristics and preferences of the younger generations and the impact on education and skilled workforce.

DISCUSSION AGENDA**EXCEL IN CTE FEES**

Associate Director Chambers presented the 2025 Excel in CTE fees for member review. Her presentation included the statute and background information and spreadsheets itemizing the fees by institutions and by program. She explained that Board staff is also requesting guidance for clarity regarding specific types of fees including course materials, printing fees, and fee variances for common certification tests. Documents provided to members included a list of allowable and non-allowable fees, new and updated fees by course or program, and a comparison of academic year 2024-2025 fees. She informed members that Board staff provides a webinar each year for institutions to review the process and discuss changes, and institutions were encouraged to submit the actual fees, rather than an estimation. This year the collection was reopened to allow institutions an opportunity to revise their fees as Board staff received feedback from some institutions that the originally submitted fees may not reflect the actual fees a high school student would be expected to pay.

Member discussion included concerns regarding the large variances of program fees for the same program offered by different institutions; large fees becoming a barrier to students; options where fees are paid by unified school districts, grants, and scholarships; and the importance of the institutions receiving funds for the actual costs of offering programs to high school students. Vice Chair Frederick suggested that the TEA is not ready to move forward with action on the Excel in CTE fees and suggested postponing discussion pending further review of programs. Members agreed further review was needed for programs in which fees have increased more than \$150, are one of the 27 aligned programs, or are programs with the highest participation with fee rates higher than the median fee rate for the program area. Director White explained to members that this will be a manual process and the goal would be to complete this process for TEA review and vote by March, keeping in line with the institutions' timeline for enrolling students.

Member Hoover moved to table discussion of Excel in CTE fees pending additional explanation for those programs increasing fees more than \$150. The TEA would also like a reasonable justification for fees above the median rate on programs that are one of the 27 aligned programs and those with highest participation rate. If no response is received those increases would not be approved. Following a second by Member Sneden, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

OTHER MATTERS

INSTRUCTIONAL COST MODEL CALCULATIONS/GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Vice President Frisbie provided members with a PowerPoint presentation and explained that the instructional cost model is used to calculate the State's share of state aid for the community and technical colleges delivering courses to adult students as well as for high school students in the Excel in CTE program. She provided members with a summary of the data used in determining this funding based on instructor cost, instructional and institutional support and, for technical courses, extraordinary costs, which covers specific equipment and consumable expenses. She explained the formula used to determine funding uses data provided by institutions for over 10,000 courses, each of which align within one of six different tiers of funding. She explained that over the past years the Legislature imposed provisos, mitigating the full adoption of the instructional cost model for tiered and non-tiered funding. She reported that full recentering utilizing the instructional cost model begins in AY 2025.

Vice President Frisbie also informed members that the Governor has presented her FY 2025 budget, with an ending balance this fiscal year of \$2.8 billion. Vice President Frisbie provided a brief summary of the Governor's budget items as they apply to higher education including tiered and non-tiered course credit hour aid, and Excel in CTE and adult education funding.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE REPORT

Mike Beene, with the Kansas Department of Commerce provided members with a report and PowerPoint presentation highlighting the successful partnerships and collaboration with education partners in economic development in Kansas and the recruitment of new businesses and expansion of businesses in the State.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REPORT

Angela White, with the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL), provided members with a PowerPoint presentation and a report on the Department's Labor Market Information Services division (LMIS) activities. She explained that LMIS is the statistical branch of KDOL that collects, analyzes, and reports data received from Kansas employers, with support funding through two federal grants from the United States Department of Labor. She presented an overview of the data reports from LMIS accessible through the KDOL website which includes information on the Kansas unemployment rate; job openings by

industry, occupation, and geographical area; median wages by county; high demand jobs and high wage jobs listed by career cluster and career pathways.

NEXT MEETING REMINDER

Vice Chair Frederick reminded members that the next regularly scheduled TEA meeting will be held virtually on February 29, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Frederick adjourned the meeting at 1:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant