

**KANSAS POSTSECONDARY  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY  
MINUTES  
September 28, 2023**

The Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) met virtually on September 28, 2023 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Ray Frederick at 10:00 A.M. Proper notice was given according to law.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ray Frederick, Vice Chair  
Tiffany Anderson  
Eddie Estes  
Cindy Hoover  
Debra Mikulka  
David Reist  
Mike Beene  
Natalie Clark  
Secretary Amber Shultz

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Sneden moved to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2023, and September 19, 2023 meetings and, following a second by Member Shultz, the motion carried.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

None.

**REPORTS**

**REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

None.

**MEMBER LIASON REPORTS**

Member Sneden reported he recently met with a Shawnee County delegation discussing business opportunities in Kansas pertaining to aircraft, maintenance, repair, and overhaul, and a major aspect of conversations focused on the necessity of a skilled workforce.

Member Estes reported that in October, Dodge City Community College (DCCC) will be holding a Career Exploration Day, noting that last year approximately 700 students attended the event.

Member Anderson expressed her appreciation to the new Dean at Washburn Tech, who personally visited her. She reported that the Topeka Center for Advanced Learning & Careers (TCALC ) expanded pathway opportunities to offer college credit in partnership with Allen Community College, and will be holding a Manufacturing Day in October. TCALC will also be involved in a College Fair in October in partnership with GO Topeka and Shawnee and Douglas County businesses.

Member Clark reported that the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) and Board staff began conducting the engineering cluster review and have met regarding the areas of architecture and construction, finance and engineering, program alignment, and Kansas Department of Labor information. She added that each of the review committees has representatives from the community and technical colleges, and from the four-year institutions.

**REPORT FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Vice President Smathers reported that Board staff attended a State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO) conference in Colorado which discussed cost model formulas, and how to reward colleges based on outcomes. Board staff continues to prepare for the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Conference in Manhattan the first week of October and is preparing for the end of the year federal final reports with participation in federal training sessions and meetings. He informed members that Adam York was hired as the new Director of Government Relations. He provided members with the 20-day Enrollment report, and informed members that he would provide them with a link for the report by Kansas University Economy Professor Donna Ginther, as was shared with the Board last week, projecting job and degree requirements by the year 2030. He informed members that the Board has cancelled their official board meeting in October and will be spending that time in campus visits at K.U. Med and Kansas University.

**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 provided members with a report on the activities of the technical colleges.

**OTHER MATTERS****LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Members received a Legislative update from Vice President Frisbie. She reported that the 2024 Legislative Session will start January 8<sup>th</sup>, with special interim committees meeting this session, as well as the standard joint committees that meet every year. The interim committees are one source for new bills in the coming session. She informed members that the meetings are broadcast on the Legislature's YouTube channel, explaining that Board staff monitors interim activity, and at times are invited to testify. She reported that Dr. Flanders will testify this afternoon to the Legislative Budget Committee about the state universities' capital projects financed with ARPA funding, and he will also testify to the Special Committee on Education with the colleges on October 10<sup>th</sup> regarding several topics, including the Board's early college initiative in the budget request.

**BOARD OF REGENTS UNIFIED STATE APPROPRIATION REQUEST**

Members received an update on the Board of Regents' Unified State Appropriation FY 2025 request from Vice President Frisbie. She shared information on the Higher Education Coordination Act along with the Unified Budget Preparation Calendar, explaining that this year, the Board endorsed a supplemental request for adult education, and agreed with the TEA recommendation that state aid for tiered and non-tiered courses, Excel in CTE, and the Promise Scholarship Act should be fully funded. She provided members with a list itemizing the Board of Regents' request in the meeting materials.

**BOARD OF REGENTS GOALS AY 2024 (2023-2024)**

Members were provided the Board of Regents goals for AY 2024 in the meeting materials and received a brief summary of the goals from Vice President Smathers, focusing attention on those goals that closely relate to the TEA goals. Members discussed the importance of supporting the goals, expressing appreciation for the cooperation between the institutions in meeting the skills needs as indicated by business and industry.

**EXCEL IN CTE FEE TRAINING/COLLECTION**

Members received an update concerning the Excel in CTE fee collection for this year and the data collection for the Academic Year 2025 from Associate Director Chambers. She explained that the data collection for AY 2025 Excel in CTE fees opened on Monday, September 25th and closes on October 31<sup>st</sup>. She explained that Board staff provides technical assistance including reporting guidelines and training to institutions for the reporting of their fees data, and informed members that a webinar will be held October 4<sup>th</sup> to assist institutions as they are entering their data into the KHEDS data system. She explained that the AY 2024 fees previously approved by the TEA and the Board are listed on the Board website, and the updated fees for AY 2025 will be reviewed by Board staff and submitted to the TEA for approval.

**NEXT MEETING REMINDER**

Vice Chair Frederick reminded members that the next regularly scheduled TEA meeting will be held in-person at the Kansas Board of Regents offices on October 26, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Frederick adjourned the meeting at 11:01 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant