

**KANSAS POSTSECONDARY  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY  
MINUTES  
October 26, 2023**

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  
Tiffany Anderson  
Mark Hess  
Cindy Hoover  
Debra Mikulka  
David Reist  
Curtis Sneden  
Mike Beene  
Natalie Clark  
Angela White

**RECOGNITION OF MEMBER SERVICE**

The TEA and Board of Regents President Blake Flanders recognized former member Eddie Estes for his years of service with the TEA.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Reist moved to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2023, meeting and, following a second by Member Anderson, the motion carried.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Vice Chair Frederick introduced Angela White as Secretary Shultz' appointed member from the Kansas Department of Labor.

**REPORTS**

**REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

None.

**MEMBER LIASON REPORTS**

Member Anderson expressed her appreciation for former Member Estes, recognizing his contributions for Career Technical Education. She shared that the Topeka Center for Advanced Learning & Careers (TCALC ) in partnership with Stormont Vail Hospital has placed credentialed students in facilities to gain experience. She informed members that Highland Park High School, for the first time in its history, has a 90% graduation rate with a 76% free lunch rate.

Member Mikulka reported that she attended the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Conference in Manhattan the first week of October and expressed appreciation for the information shared.

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

Vice President Smathers reported that Board staff has recently submitted the first round of Adult Education federal reports and continues to work on Carl D. Perkins and Adult Education federal reports

that are due in January. He reported that Board staff participated in the WIOA Conference in Manhattan that had approximately 300 attendees and great vendor participation and added that Associate Director Grosdidier was recognized at the conference for her national GED award. He reported that Board staff has been traveling to meet with colleges for Adult Education and Perkins trainings this month, attended the Advance CTE National Conference and the Adult Education National Training Institute Conference in Baltimore, and will be travelling to Wichita for a Principals' conference on November 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss higher education in the state and opportunities for high school students, such as the Promise Act Scholarship and Excel in CTE programs. Vice President Smathers reported that he met with new TEA member, Todd Zimmer, and that Board staff will be working with the Kansas Department of Education and the Kansas Hospital Association on a Kansas Healthcare Career Day virtual event.

#### 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 appeared via Zoom to provide members with a report on the activities of the technical colleges. Vice President Smathers presented the report due to audio technical difficulties.

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chair Frederick called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Beene so moved, and following a second by Member Reist, the motion carried.

#### *Technical Program and Curriculum Committee*

##### New Program

Labette Community College: Diagnostic Medical Sonography (51.0910)

Salina Area Technical College: Industrial Machine Mechanic (47.0303)

Hutchinson Community College: Audio Technology (10.0203)

##### Promise Act

Labette Community College: Diagnostic Medical Sonography (51.0910)

Salina Area Technical College: Industrial Machine Mechanic (47.0303)

##### Excel in CTE Fees

Salina Area Technical College: Industrial Machine Mechanic (47.0303)

#### OTHER MATTERS

##### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Members received a Legislative update from Director of Government Relations, Adam York. He reported that the Legislative Interim Session is ongoing. His report included information regarding testimony by Board Staff at the Legislative Budget Committee hearings and the Special Committee on Education.

##### MILITARY ARTICULATION UPDATE

Members received a military articulation update from Associate Director Wood. He shared information regarding the process of translating military skills and awarding college credit for military training. He

directed members to the Board website page, where service members can explore the opportunities available to them and provided a PowerPoint presentation. He informed members that Kansas is a national leader in military articulation support and the Kansas Board of Regents office has earned three military member support awards in recognition of their efforts.

#### HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY UPDATE

Members received a high school equivalency update from Associate Director Grosdidier. She shared data and information in the meeting materials regarding the Kansas High School diploma (GED), the Kansas Pathway diploma, completion strategies and rates and over-all pass rates, adding that Kansas continues to maintain a higher passing rate than the national average.

#### ADULT EDUCATION UPDATE

Members received an Adult Education update from Associate Director Lee. She referred members to the Adult Education update for Fiscal Year 2023 data provided in their meeting materials. Associate Director Lee informed members that Board staff resumed in-person monitoring of the 20 programs across the State in over 50 locations and scheduled the Fiscal Year 2024 professional development training. She highlighted program performance, including Cross-TREK (Cross-Teaching Remote Education in Kansas), the Kansas GED pass rate, and measurable skill gain rates, adding that the GED pass rate and measurable skill gain rates are above the national average.

#### COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT FY25-26 UPDATE

Members received an update on the Perkins Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) FY25-26 from Associate Director Brown. She provided background on the eligibility process for determination of Perkins Federal financial assistance according to the CLNA, which she explained is now data-based. She explained that the state is divided into 19 regions surrounding locations of KANSASWORKS Workforce Centers, referring members to the meeting materials. She explained that Board staff conducts training and bi-weekly webinars for the regions, and expressed appreciation to the state-wide regional needs assessment teams which include secondary and postsecondary staff, community members, students, parents, and representatives of special populations, tribal organizations, and business and industry.

#### AO-K REPORT

Members received the Accelerating Opportunity Kansas (AO-K) report from Associate Director Leite. She explained that AO-K follows a career pathways model with students earning stackable credentials as they are enrolled simultaneously in college technical education and adult basic skills programs. She explained program details and referred members to the funding and enrollment data provided in the meeting materials. She explained that the AO-K program has the same benefits as the Excel in CTE program, but it is for students outside the traditional college age, consisting of a working relationship between Career Technical Education providers and Adult Education providers, and providing tuition free access to tiered CTE courses for qualified students.

#### COURSE BUCKET REVIEW METHODOLOGY

Members received information on the course bucket review methodology from Associate Director Chambers. She provided a brief history of the process which began in 2011 with over 28,000 courses for review. She explained that each institution is not required to use the exact same naming convention for their courses, and so the “bucket” system was created to provide a means to group like courses together and explained that each course entered into the data system is reviewed individually and is now assigned manually to the appropriate bucket. She provided background information for Pharmacology courses for which the system has been applied to date in the meeting materials. She explained that Board staff proposes a three-year timeline and methodology as outlined for further evaluation of all course buckets in the system and as included in the meeting materials. She informed members that Board Staff recommends

approval of the re-assignment of Pharmacology courses into program-specific buckets for AY2023 funding calculations, and the approval of the timeline and methodology outlined for further evaluation of all course buckets in the system. Member Mikulka so moved, and following a second by Member Reist, the motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING REMINDER**

Vice Chair Frederick reminded members that the next regularly scheduled TEA meeting will be held virtually on November 16, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Frederick adjourned the meeting at 12:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant