



# **POSTSECONDARY TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY (TEA) FY 2021 SUMMARY REPORT**

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The purpose of this report is to fulfill the reporting requirements of the Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) per K.S.A. 74-32,402(a)(12).

The TEA was initially created and empowered in the 2007 Legislative Session in Sections 1 through 4 of House Bill 2556 (codified at K.S.A. 74-32,401 through 74-32,404) and was renewed without a sunset in 2019 via SB 71. The TEA consists of twelve members with nine members appointed from across the state and one *ex officio* member assigned from the Departments of Education, Commerce, and Labor. The TEA's purpose is to work under the auspices of the Kansas Board of Regents (Board) and to make recommendations to the Board regarding the coordination, statewide planning and improvements to the postsecondary technical education system.

In FY 2021, the full TEA met nine times with three face-to-face meetings held in Topeka and six meetings held virtually or by phone. In addition to the regular TEA meetings, separate committee meetings (Budget & Finance, Advocacy & Marketing, and Programs & Curriculum) were held virtually or by phone on an as-needed basis. As part of the TEA's responsibilities, during the past year, the TEA:

- Evaluated twenty-one Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and recommended twenty for approval (K.S.A. 71-1802);
- Reviewed and recommended grants for the Kansas Nursing Initiative, Kansas Innovative Technology & Internship program, Motorcycle Safety Fund, Commercial Driver's License Training program, and Carl D. Perkins program;
- Reviewed and approved Excel in CTE student fees (per K.S.A. 72-3810);
- Reviewed and recommended to the Board federal fund distributions;
- Supported and encouraged the expansion of micro-internships;
- Continued with the extraordinary cost review and approval process for the state approved CTE programs;
- Approved updated program alignments for the Welding Technology program and the Automotive Collision and Refinishing Technology program;
- Reviewed and approved updated AO-K to Work (K.S.A. 76-731a) credentials and pathways;
- Supported expansion of the Accelerating Opportunity: Kansas@Work program;
- Reviewed the 2019 Kansas Training Information Program (KTIP) report (K.S.A. 74-32,418);
- Reviewed federal Carl D. Perkins and Adult Education funding distributions and performance;
- Advocated for Excel in CTE and two-year college funding;
- Approved the new Adult Education provider awards;
- Supported the Build Something New CTE marketing campaign;
- Reviewed the GAP analysis and impact of re-centering state funding among the institutions;
- Approved the updated requirements for an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Applied Technologies degree;
- Reviewed the 2021-2022 Excel in CTE Qualifying Credentials; and
- Reviewed and recommended the two-year college funding distributions for FY 2021.

The TEA continues to work on a variety of programs and initiatives in support of career and technical education programs throughout Kansas.

Please contact the Kansas Board of Regents office with any questions regarding the TEA.