



# **POSTSECONDARY TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY (TEA) FY 2019 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 Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (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 and to make recommendations to the Board regarding the coordination, statewide planning and improvements to the postsecondary technical education system.

In FY 2019, the full TEA met nine times with six face-to-face meetings held in Topeka and three meetings held via conference call. In addition to the regular TEA meetings, separate committee meetings (Budget & Finance, Advocacy & Marketing, and Programs & Curriculum) were held by phone on an as needed basis. As part of the TEA's responsibilities, during the past year, the TEA:

- Evaluated twenty Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and recommended five for approval;
- Reviewed and recommended grants for the Kansas Nursing Initiative, Kansas Innovative Technology & Internship Program, Motorcycle Safety Fund, Commercial Driver's License Training program, and the Jobs & Innovative Industry Skills Training program;
- Revised the criteria for defining technical programs;
- Evaluated existing programs based on the updated technical program criteria and reclassified 34 programs as non-tiered;
- Reviewed the 2017 Kansas Training Information Program (KTIP) report;
- Reviewed federal Carl Perkins and Adult Education funding distributions and program results;
- Advocated for Excel in CTE and two-year college funding;
- Received a report on the Get AHEAD initiative;
- Reviewed the GAP analysis and impact of recentering state funding among the institutions;
- Approved the Practical Nursing amended program alignment;
- Reviewed the 2019-2020 Excel in CTE Qualifying Credentials; and
- Reviewed and recommended the two-year college funding distributions for FY 2019.

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.