

**APPROVED MINUTES
KANSAS POSTSECONDARY
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING**

The April 28, 2016 meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) was conducted via conference call at the Kansas Board of Regents, 1000 SW Jackson Street, Suite 520, Topeka, Kansas.

Members Present

Ray Frederick Jr., Chair	Steve Kearney
Eddie Estes	Kathy Howell
Thomas Burke	Debbie Gann
Linda Fund	Lana Gordon

Members Absent

Joseph Glassman	Antonio Suave
Randy Watson	Bruce Akin

Others Represented

Coffeyville Community College	Flint Hills Technical College
Cowley Community College	Johnson County Community College
Manhattan Area Technical College	Northwest Kansas Technical College
Pratt Community College	Salina Area Technical College
Washburn Institute of Technology	

Kansas Board of Regents Staff Present

Rita Johnson	April Henry
Charmine Chambers	Connie Beene
Elaine Frisbee	Susan Henry

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Frederick at 10:03 AM.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Member Kearney moved to approve the minutes of March 31, 2016. Following a second by Member Howell, the motion carried.

REPORTS

Introductions

None.

Chair Report

Chair Frederick informed the members of the TEA that since the last meeting he, Director Gruber and Dean Coco, from Washburn Tech met in Topeka with Century Business Technologies and Enlightened LED to discuss their company needs for skilled workforce. He reported that he, Stan Ahlerich from Commerce and Director Gruber met in early April with SNT, a company in Wichita, regarding the company's need for coders and programmers. Discussions included how institutions can assist with providing targeted training and a skilled workforce. Chair Frederick met with Sheri Utash, from Wichita

Area Technical College, in Wichita to discuss the needs of Century Business Technologies, Enlightened LED and SNT, and he plans follow-up meetings to involve Butler Community College, Hutchinson Community College and Cowley Community College.

Member Liaison Report

Member Estes reported that the State Workforce Board recently met to discuss national performance standards with presentations from Jason Brown of the Kansas Economy and Labor Market Group and Tobias Wood. Member Estes stated that he plans to share more details with the Technical Education Authority at a later date.

Member Burke requested a roll call of the TEA members on the conference call.

Vice President for Workforce Development Report

Vice President Johnson informed members that a Workforce AID project started in Garden City on April 18, 2016 with seven participants, who will earn 8 college credit hours and certifications for OSHA10, CPR, Forklift, NCCR, Industrial Maintenance Mechanic, and Millwright. The partnership is sponsored by Midwest Energy and CoBank and Finney County Economic Development.

Vice President Johnson reported that the Jobs for Innovative Industry Skills Training competitive grants through the Chamber of Commerce have been awarded. Eight community and technical colleges have received over \$350,000 to enhance, expand or develop AO-K programs.

Last week, the Kansas Board of Regents Governance Committee met and approved policy recommendations regarding the oversight and implementation of system-wide Credit for Prior Learning policy and the CPL guidelines. Full Board of Regents approval is expected at the next meeting.

By request from Director Beene, Vice President Johnson shared that the state funded Microsoft Academy Initiative for secondary students has yielded over 1100 secondary students and faculty earning IT credentials. In addition, during the same period, over 500 postsecondary students and faculty have earned IT credentials supported with post-secondary Perkins funds.

Next month will be updates on the military initiatives and reserve and leadership grants and any new Workforce AID updates.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Frederick recognized Committee Chair Howell who reported that the Technical Program and Curriculum Committee met April 14, 2016 and approved the following new program:

Wichita Area Technical College

- Massage Therapy (51.3501) – Associate of Applied Science degree/63 credit hours, Technical Certificate A/25 credit hours

Motion: Member Burke moved to approve the Wichita Area Technical College Massage Therapy Associate of Applied Science degree/63 credit hours, Technical Certificate A/25 credit hours program. Following a second by Member Kearney, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA

Budget and Finance Committee

Chair Frederick recognized Director Beene to present a State Innovative Technology Grant Award proposal for approval. Director Beene shared that KBOR staff reviewed this proposal and recommends

approval by the Technical Education Authority. The following is a summary of the proposal submitted and award amount requested for consideration:

- \$3,000 Kansas City Kansas Community College Michael Florence
Project: Requested grant funds will be used to increase instructor skill and further knowledge in commercial appliance service and repair. Instructor will gain experience that will be incorporated into the classroom in the area of diagnosing and repairing commercial appliances, thus providing students with experiences in the commercial work environment.
Business/Industry Match: The required business/industry match for this project will be met by a donation of training time and tools, valued at \$3,930. Internship will be completed at Food Equipment Repair in Kansas City, MO.

Motion: Member Gann moved to approve the \$3,000 grant award to Kansas City Kansas Community College. Following a second by Member Burke, the motion carried.

Legislative and Budget Update

Chair Frederick recognized Vice President for Finance and Administration, Elaine Frisbie, to present an update on the legislative session and the State budget.

The Legislature is taking preliminary steps on the State budget in recognition of the lower revenue estimates. Expenses for 2016 and 2017 indicate the State is spending \$175-\$190 million more than incoming revenue. The following options were presented to the legislature by the Governor and the Budget Director to be considered:

- \$17.7 million cut to Regents universities in 2017.
- 5% cut to Kansas University, Kansas State University and Wichita State University, and the rest of the Regents system and postsecondary education would be cut by 3%. This option reduces the Board of Regents budget by \$5.9 million. Of that amount, \$2.3 million would be from the non-tiered state aid to colleges, \$1.7 million would be cut from the tiered funding. All line items from the General Fund would be cut, including over \$600,000 from SB 155 funding, \$656,000 from financial aid programs and also cuts operations in Adult Basic Education programs.

The advocates in the State House are trying to implore the legislature to find another option that wouldn't impact state agencies and our institutions in this way. If no decision is made by the Legislature, the Governor would make the decision on balancing the budget for 2016 and 2017.

Vice President Frisbie gave an update on substantive legislation. There is a conference committee on education that has worked out HB 2662, which will include SB 388, which is the CLEP bill, as well as SB 193, which is the DegreeStats bill. It will also add the provision to put Johnson County Community College permanently into the GED Accelerator Program, and will also include provisions regarding regulation of the private postsecondary institutions.

Last year the legislature enacted the working after retirement bill, HB 2095, which focuses KPERS discussions on the K-12 sector, but affects all KPERS employers. This year SB 168 is an addition to HB2095, and is a prohibition from making employment arrangements with retirees before their retirement. The Internal Revenue Service views does not view these types of retirement arrangements favorably and will penalize KPERS if such arrangements are made.

OTHER MATTERS

Chair Frederick informed members that the nominating committee has met and will bring forward recommendations for next year's Chair and Vice Chair positions for action at the May 26, 2016 TEA meeting.

In addition, Chair Frederick recognized that Vice President Johnson has announced her retirement that he has met with Blake Flanders, KBOR President and CEO to discuss the process for filling this vacancy. Chair Frederick noted that he will be identifying a search committee to review applications, interview candidates, and will forward a list of acceptable candidates to President Flanders for consideration. He also shared that a draft job-description has been developed and will be emailed to all TEA members; any comments or suggested recommendations are to be sent to Chair Frederick by May 6, 2016. It is expected the position will be advertised in early May.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28AM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant