

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

The January 20, 2016 meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) was held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Pioneer Room, 1717 SW Topeka Blvd, Topeka, Kansas.

Members Present

Ray Frederick Jr., Chair
Steve Kearney
Thomas Burke
Michael Copeland
Lana Gordon

Bruce Akin, Vice Chair
Eddie Estes
Debbie Gann
Linda Fund

Members Absent

Joseph Glassman
Kathy Howell
Randy Watson

Others Represented

Director and Officers of SkillsUSA
Flint Hills Technical College
Hutchinson Community College
Kansas City Kansas Community College
Wichita Area Technical College

Washburn Institute of Technology
Seward County Community College/ATS
Johnson County Community College
Northwest Kansas Technical College
Barton Community College

Kansas Board of Regents Staff Present

Rita Johnson
April Henry
Eric Tincher
Pam Greene

Zoe Gruber
Charmine Chambers
Susan Henry

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Frederick at 10:00 AM.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Member Copeland moved to approve the minutes of December 10, 2015. Following a second by Member Gann, the motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Frederick thanked Member Estes for his work on the Kansas Workforce Summit. Chair Frederick recognized Becky Warren the State Director for SkillsUSA Kansas who then introduced the members of the organization's Postsecondary State Officers team. Each of the state officers shared their beneficial experience with the SkillsUSA program.

REPORTS

Chair Report

Chair Frederick informed the members of the TEA that in January he attended a meeting and workshop at Wichita Area Technical College on Work Ethics that was relevant and inspiring. The speaker, Josh

Davies, is also a speaker at the Workforce Summit this week and Chair Frederick encouraged attending his session. He also attended a legislative luncheon in Wichita, focusing on aviation, technical education and the need for skilled workforce. Last week, Chair Frederick participated in a Workforce AID video.

Member Liaison Report

None.

Vice President for Workforce Development Report

Vice President Johnson extended sympathies to Jackie Vietti, and her family, whose husband Ray passed away December 24, 2015. They have established a Vietti Student Success Scholarship fund at Butler Community College in his memory.

Vice President Johnson reminded members that at the last TEA meeting, the TEA recommended that both the preferred and alternate tiered funding options be presented to the Board at the December KBOR meeting. During that meeting, Dr. Inbody representing community colleges, Eric Burks representing Technical Colleges and TEA Chair Frederick were asked to share comments from their perspectives. Board Chair Bangerter then asked that the options be reviewed by the Fiscal Affairs and Audit committee and all comments that were submitted to the Board will be shared with the Committee. The funding item will be on the Board's Agenda this afternoon.

Vice President Johnson noted that each TEA member should have received an email from Vice President Frisbie regarding the Governor's budget recommendations. Overall, higher education and technical education fared pretty well. Highlights include the incentive payments to school districts for SB 155 were reduced \$700,000, leaving \$50,000 in the fund for credentials. The actual credentials testing fees were reviewed and it is estimated that \$50,000 would be sufficient for the credentials, as school districts are required to pay half of the cost of those examinations. The tuition for technical education, both SB 155 funds and A-OK, remains at the \$20.75 million that was appropriated. No additional funds were added this year. There was a transfer of funds from the performance based GED Accelerator Initiative for 2016 and the funding was removed for 2017. This program has been operating with an excess from 2015 and so the program is still currently viable. The state aid for community and technical colleges has been maintained and was not cut. Likewise, funding for capital outlay, innovative technology grants and community college competitive grants all remained at the originally appropriated levels.

Last month, while reviewing the outcome metrics report, some members expressed concerns over the number of credentials reported for practical nursing programs. Staff reviewed the data and the criteria for reporting; some adjustments were made and results recalculated. The system-wide results for that program has improved to 56% of the graduates exiting with a credential. Of special note, North Central Kansas Technical College and Neosho County Community College practical nursing programs now meet all three metrics and their programs are eligible for the \$7,500 bonus.

Director Beene, Associate Director Mercer and Vice President Johnson, along with members of the State Board of Education, attended the Annual Citizenship Day luncheon last week at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka. The luncheon was a culmination of activities for the secondary state officers of the eight CTE student organizations.

CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA

In the absence of Committee Chair Howell, Chair Frederick noted that the Program/Curriculum Committee met January 7, 2016 and recommend approval of the following programs by the Technical Education Authority:

- **Northwest Kansas Technical College** Precision Agriculture Technology (01.0308) - Associate of Applied Science degree/68 credit hours, Technical Certificate/35 credit hours, Technical Certificate/17 credit hours
- **Seward County Community College/Area Technical School** Health Information Technology (51.0707) - Associate of Applied Science degree/65 credit hours, Technical Certificate/38 credit hours
- **Washburn Institute of Technology** Dispatch Technology (43.9999) - Technical Certificate/19 credit hours
- **Wichita Area Technical College** Carpentry (46.0201) - Associate of Applied Science degree/62 credit hours, Technical Certificate/36 credit hours

Motion: Member Copeland moved to recommend approval. Following a second by Member Kearney, the motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Chair Frederick recognized Associate Director Chambers to present the proposed first distributions for the Tuition for Technical Education (SB 155 & AO-K Proviso) and the Postsecondary Education Performance-Based Incentives (GED Accelerator) appropriations for FY2016.

The state appropriation for Excel in CTE initiative is \$21,500,000 for FY 2016. Of this amount, \$750,000 was originally appropriated for the incentives to school districts (for industry-recognized credentials earned by graduates), \$20.75 million is for tuition for high school students enrolled in postsecondary tiered technical courses, and at least \$500,000 is designated for adults without a high school diploma or GED enrolled in tiered technical courses in designated Accelerating Opportunity-Kansas (AO-K) approved pathways. Funding for tuition is distributed twice a year based on actual student enrollments submitted and certified to the Kansas Higher Education Data System by the colleges. The proposed distribution amounts presented were calculated based on current FY 2016 enrollments (summer and fall enrollments, as of November 6, 2015), as well as an adjustment for reconciliation for AY2015.

Associate Director Chambers provided an overview of the spreadsheets for the proposed FY 2016 first distribution amounts provided to the TEA for approval, explaining that, if approved, the first distributions will be made in January 2016.

Motion: Member Copeland moved to approve the first distribution amounts for FY 2016 in the amounts of \$11,076,379 Tuition for Technical Education and \$52,290 for GED Accelerator, totaling \$11,128,669. Following a second by Member Kearney, the motion carried.

Workforce AID Update

Chair Frederick recognized Director Gruber to present an update of the Workforce Aligned with Industry Demand (Workforce AID) initiative.

Director Gruber reported the second cohort of an existing project with Caterpillar and Washburn Institute of Technology, began yesterday with nine recruits; six students previously started in training last month, for a total of 15 students training for jobs with Caterpillar. The Caterpillar team is impressed with the students in the training. The project at Cowley Community College for Rubbermaid in Winfield is

currently recruiting students. Rubbermaid trainers will provide some of the plastics curriculum. There is a new project with Security Benefit to provide Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL) training for existing employees. Classes will be one day a week held at SBC and proposals from colleges interested in delivering this training are currently being accepted. Last Friday, Director Gruber, Member Gann and Chair Frederick, along with partners from Caterpillar traveled to Wichita to create a Workforce AID video, in partnership with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The video will be unveiled at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce national conference in March in Washington D.C. Filming took place in a hangar and welding lab at Wichita Area Technical College and on location at Spirit AeroSystems. Former students who had participated in the Workforce AID program shared their positive experiences.

OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

Dean Hollenbeck, President of Flint Hills Technical College, expressed appreciation for the student organizations such as SkillsUSA for being an integral part of instruction. Chair Frederick added comments regarding his positive personal family experience with SkillsUSA. Member Copeland added appreciation for SkillsUSA from the Kansas Department of Commerce perspective, helping businesses prosper.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56AM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant