

**KANSAS POSTSECONDARY
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY**
MINUTES
April 25, 2024

The Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) met virtually on April 25, 2024, via Zoom. Proper notice was given according to law. The meeting was called to order by Member Beene at 10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Keith Humphrey
Ray Frederick
Todd Zimmer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Reist moved to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2024, meeting and following a second by Member Hess, the motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS

None.

REPORTS

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

None.

MEMBER LIASON REPORTS

None

REPORT FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Vice President White reported on the Workforce Development team's activities including various members attending conferences regarding changes to the Uniform Grant Guidance, SkillsUSA, and career technical education at the federal level. She also noted that all three committees will meet in May to discuss their goals for the 2024-2025 academic year and provided an update on the status of the Automation Engineer Technology, Industrial Machine Mechanic, and Welding alignments. Colleges were reminded that the Extraordinary Costs for Healthcare programs are due May 1st and to submit any online Excel in CTE course listings to be posted on the KBOR website.

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 provided members with a report on the activities of the technical colleges.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Technical Program and Curriculum Committee

New Program

- Fort Scott Community College: Heavy Equipment Operations (49.0202): Certificate B/30 credit
- Northwest Kansas Technical College: Healthcare Specialist (51.2601): Certificate A/18 credit hours, Technical Certificate B/35 credit hours,

Promise Act

- Northwest Kansas Technical College: Healthcare Specialist (51.2601)

Excel in CTE Fees

- Northwest Kansas Technical College: Healthcare Specialist (51.2601)

2024-2025 Excel in CTE Qualifying Credential List

Member Beene called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Sneden so moved, and following a second by Member Hoover, the motion carried by roll call vote.

OTHER MATTERS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Members received a Legislative update from Fred Patton during which he noted that the Legislature had reconvened after a three-week break. Before the break, many of the desired legislative actions were completed, and the Governor signed relevant legislation, leaving them in a positive position. The Budget Committees reconvened today to discuss budget projections and potential enhancements. Changes in the comprehensive grant and pay plan for the region system were highlighted, and there is hope these would mirror actions taken for the rest of State government. He noted ongoing debates on tax plans and potential vetoes, with focus also on remaining Conference Committee reports, particularly Senate Bill 291 concerning Cybersecurity.

FY24 KANSAS TECHNOLOGY INTERNSHIP GRANT AWARDS

Associate Director, Crystal Roberts, presented a summary of proposals and award amounts for consideration. The State Technology Internship Grant provides opportunities for career and technical education faculty to participate in internships with business and industry partners to update their knowledge and skills and build industry partnerships. The grant is awarded annually through a competitive process, and key criteria for the grant include full-time teaching in a technical program at a 2-year public postsecondary institution in Kansas, matching support from private business partners, and timely submission of required reports. The proposals were reviewed by a committee of Board staff, and Associate Director Roberts presented them for discussion and approval.

Member Beene called for a motion to approve. Member Reist so moved, and following a second by Member Anderson, the motion carried.

2024-2025 TEA CALENDAR

For the next academic year 2025 (2024-2025), the Board has set the following meeting dates:

- Board Retreat July 29-31, 2024
- September 18-19, 2024

- November 20, 2024
- December 18-19, 2024
- January 15-16, 2025
- February 12-13, 2025
- March 12-13, 2025
- April 16, 2025
- May 14-15, 2025
- June 11-12, 2025

Since various TEA items require Board approval, the meeting schedule should provide for TEA Committee review, full TEA review, any applicable Board Committee review, and final Board approval. To accommodate all meeting requirements the following method is used:

- TEA meetings should be 2 to 3 weeks prior to the coordinating Board meeting.
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Important items to note on the AY25 meeting schedule:

- The Board is not planning to meet during October 2024. Any items approved by the TEA in September 2024 will be held until the November 2024 Board meeting.

Member Beene called for a motion to approve. Member Sneden so moved, and following a second by Member Hoover, the motion carried.

2026 TEA APPROPRIATION REQUEST REMINDER

Vice President White reminded the attendees about the TEA appropriation request. The request will be discussed in detail at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting on May 16th. Members were encouraged to provide feedback so that the request can be finalized for the board retreat in July. She concluded by inviting further discussion and feedback from members and colleges to ensure readiness for the upcoming meetings.

ELECTION OF TEA OFFICERS REMINDER

Vice President White reminded attendees about the need to elect a new chair for the TEA for the next year. She noted that no recommendations or volunteers had been received yet. If any TEA members are interested in serving as chair, vice chair, or want to nominate somebody else, please let Vice President White know. The election will be discussed at next month's meeting, and a decision will need to be made with action taken at that time.

NEXT MEETING REMINDER

Member Beene reminded members that the next regularly scheduled TEA meeting will be held at the KBOR offices on May 30, 2024, at 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Beene called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 A.M. Member Anderson followed with a second, the motion carried.