



POSTSECONDARY TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY (TEA) FY 2020 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 2020, the full TEA met ten times with five face-to-face meetings held in Topeka and five 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 eighteen Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and recommended thirteen 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 the Jobs & Innovative Industry Skills Training program;
- Approved the new Carl D. Perkins State Plan;
- Reviewed and approved Excel in CTE student fees (per K.S.A. 72-3810);
- Created a CTE talking points brochure;
- Evaluated and affirmed the methodology used for calculating extraordinary costs within the tiered cost model;
- Began the extraordinary cost review and approval process for approximately one-third of the state approved CTE programs;
- Approved the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) State Plan;
- Reviewed and approved the new high school equivalency AO-K to Work (K.S.A 76-731a) rules and regulations;
- Evaluated existing programs based on performance and reclassified 8 programs as non-tiered (K.S.A. 74-32,402);
- Reviewed the 2018 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 RFP and providers for the new WIOA State Plan;
- Received a report on the Get AHEAD initiative;
- Reviewed the GAP analysis and impact of re-centering state funding among the institutions;
- Reviewed the 2020-2021 Excel in CTE Qualifying Credentials; and
- Reviewed and recommended the two-year college funding distributions for FY 2020.

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.