



TEA Budget and Finance Committee Meeting

Kansas Board of Regents

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The 2025 Legislature passed House Bill 2195, providing a statutory basis for technical college operating grants. The TEA Goal #5 is to partner with Kansas technical colleges to develop and implement targeted objectives that guide the use of the Kansas Technical College Operating Grant Fund established in HB 2195 to support instructional and operational priorities.

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For fiscal year 2027, the Kansas Legislature is expected to appropriate approximately \$3.7 million to support nursing programs. Institutions submit application to support

nursing faculty, purchase supplies, and focus on student success.

V. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 14, 2026

March 12, 2026 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair Curtis Sneed at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2026. The meeting was held virtually via zoom. Proper notice was given according to the law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Curtis Sneed, Chair
 David Reist, Vice Chair
 Keith Humphrey
 Ray Frederick

Approval of Minutes

Member Reist moved to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2026, meeting. Member Frederick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consideration of Discussion Agenda

Act on Technical College Operating Grant Objectives (House Bill 2195)

Vera Brown, Director for Career Technical Education, presented background information regarding House Bill 2195 and introduced technical colleges to present their proposals.

Four submitted proposals were reviewed and presented for discussion and recommendation:

1. Flint Hills Technical College: President Caron Daugherty presented the college’s objectives. She shared that the funding will be invested in several different areas, including faculty retention, facilities, and technology.
2. Salina Area Technical College: Nicole McClintock, Director of IT College, presented the college’s objectives. She shared that the primary usage will be for instructional technology and equipment, IT infrastructure, and upgrading the student information system.
3. Washburn Institute of Technology: Dean Scott Smathers highlighted the institute’s objective of expanding instructional capacity with the purchase and remodeling of a vacant building.
4. Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology: Sheree Utash, President of WSU Tech, shared that funding is used to construct a new facility at the National Center for Aviation Training to expand capacity and support Kansas’s role as the Air Capital of the World.

Chair Sneed moved to place all four presentations of objectives on the full TEA’s discussion agenda in May. The motion was seconded by Member Reist and the motion passed.

Adjournment

Chair Sneed adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Act on Technical College Operating Grant Objectives (House Bill 2195)

Background:

The legislation enacted by the 2025 Legislature provides as follows:

Section 1.

- (a) There is hereby established in the state treasury the Kansas technical college operating grant fund, which shall be administered by the state board of regents. **All expenditures from the Kansas technical college operating grant fund shall be for instruction and operations to meet target objectives established by the postsecondary technical education authority for each technical college's region and the entire state.** All expenditures from the Kansas technical college operating grant fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the executive officer of the state of regents or the executive officer's designee.
- (b) As used in this section, "technical college" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 71-1802, and amendments thereto, and the Washburn institute of technology.

Expenditure Categories:

Instructional costs are exclusively related to expenses that directly support the core mission of teaching. This includes faculty salaries and benefits for both credit and non-credit courses, departmental expenses for academic programs such as classroom resources, materials, lab supplies, remedial and tutorial instruction costs, technical instruction, continuing education programs, and any expenses for organized instructional activities offered for credit within degree or certificate programs.

Operational costs are administrative and infrastructure expenses necessary for the colleges' functionality but are not directly tied to teaching. These include administration, student services, institutional support functions, auxiliary enterprises, facilities, and buildings.

Process:

Each institution will present their planned activities and measurable objectives to the Budget and Finance Committee of the TEA and the full TEA. The completed forms from presenting institutions are included in the packet.

Timeline:

March – Budget and Finance Committee meeting – four technical college presentations of proposed activities
April – Budget and Finance Committee meeting– three technical college presentations of proposed activities
May – TEA meeting – the Authority reviews and approves the proposed activities
July – Technical colleges submit their reports of the activity results
August – Budget and Finance Committee meeting – the Committee reviews the results
August – TEA meeting – the Authority reviews the results

Kansas Technical College Operating Grant Fund
 HB 2195
 Activities and Measurable Objectives Form

Name of Institution: Manhattan Area Technical College

Presentation of Objectives:

Budget and Finance Committee (date): April 9, 2026

Technical Education Authority (date): May 28, 2026

Final Report (date):

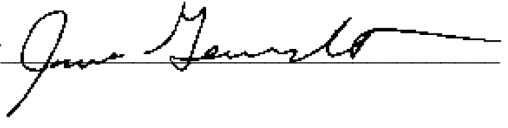
Presentation of Results:

Budget and Finance Committee (date):

Technical Education Authority (date):

Planned Activity (Provide concise description)	Type of Cost: Instructional or Operational?	Budgeted Expenditure Amount	Measurable Objective (March/ April)	Measurable Result (August)
Advanced Technology Center building construction	Operational	\$1,000,000	Make scheduled principal and interest payments on construction loan supporting the Advanced Technology Center.	Loan payments completed as scheduled, ensuring continued operation of a fully occupied facility serving students in advanced technology programs.
				By the fall semester 2025 this facility has increased enrollment in HVAC, and Industrial Maintenance Technology, and allowed MATC to begin a plumbing technology program.

Name of the College President or Authorized Administrator: James D Genandt

Signature of the College President or Authorized Administrator: 

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Name of Institution: **Fort Hays Tech | Northwest**

Presentation of Objectives:

Budget and Finance Committee (date): **April 9, 2026**

Technical Education Authority (date): **May 28, 2026**

Final Report (date):

Presentation of Results:

Budget and Finance Committee (date):

Technical Education Authority (date):

Planned Activity (Provide concise description)	Type of Cost: Instructional or Operational	Budgeted Expenditure Amount	Measurable Objective (March/ April)	Measurable Result (August)
CDL Training - Instructor Salary & Equipment	Instructional	78,500	Increased Enrollment and Completions in CDL Course	
Expansion of Mechanical Engineering Curriculum to Expand/Supplement NSF-ATE Grant	Instructional	15,177	Increased Enrollment in Mechanical Engineering	
Marketing and Branding enhancements	Operational	18,060	Increased Overall Enrollment & public image	
Increased Instructor Salaries and Health Benefits to Support Employee Retention	Instructional	120,801	Employee satisfaction/retention	
Increased Staff Salaries and Health Benefits to Support Employee Retention	Operational	97,617	Employee satisfaction/retention	
Innovative Passive Home Construction to supplement grant funds.	Instructional	55,000	Enrollment, Retention & Completion in Construction Technology Program	
On campus Childcare Center construction and building updates to supplement grant funds.	Both Instructional & Operational	80,000	Increased enrollment in the Child Care Specialist Program	

Auto Tech & Maintenance Shop Roof Replacement	Both Instructional & Operational	61,345	Building is able to sustain regular operations	
Campus Security	Operational	65,000	Implementation of alert system, installation of lighting and access controls.	
Precision Ag updates	Instructional	137,400	Increased enrollment in Precision Ag	
Student Housing Facility Updates	Operational	97,000	Improved on-campus housing enrollment and retention.	
Facilities – Mechanical upgrades to environmental systems of our facilities	Operational	61,600	Improved student satisfaction.	
New program implementation support	Instructional	112,500	Enrollment increase	
	Total	1,000,000		

Add rows as needed.

Name of the College President or Authorized Administrator Dr. Corey Isbell, President

Signature of the College President or Authorized Administrator



Kansas Technical College Operating Grant Fund
 HB 2195
 Activities and Measurable Objectives Form

Name of Institution: **Fort Hays Tech | North Central**

Presentation of Objectives:

Budget and Finance Committee (date): **April 9, 2026**

Technical Education Authority (date): **May 28, 2026**

Final Report (date):

Presentation of Results:

Budget and Finance Committee (date):

Technical Education Authority (date):

Planned Activity (Provide concise description)	Type of Cost: Instructional or Operational?	Budgeted Expenditure Amount	Measurable Objective (March/ April)	Measurable Result (August)
Employee (Faculty) Retention Bonuses	Instructional	102,901.25	Lower turnover by 20%	
Employee (Staff) Retention Bonuses	Operational	83,506.24	Lower turnover by 20%	
Core Campus Reports/Processes	Instructional	7,500.00	In Year 1, at least 80% of instructors will use Blackboard– CoreCampus for course management and reporting tasks, reducing manual data entry by 25%.	
Core Campus Reports/Processes	Operational	10,500.00	In Year 1, at least 75% of recurring institutional reports will be produced using CoreCampus reporting tools, reducing report preparation time by 25% .	
Hansen Construction Career Center	Instructional	795,592.51	Increase student enrollment in Construction Tech, Electrical, and Plumbing Heating and Eric Conditioning by 33% in Year 1	

Name of the College President or Authorized Administrator: Eric Burks

Signature of the College President or Authorized Administrator _____



Act on FY27 Kansas Nursing Program Grant Awards

Background

The Kansas Legislature is expected to appropriate approximately \$3.7 million to support nursing faculty, lab supplies and students success in fiscal year 2027. Institutions submit proposals on how they will utilize the funds to support nursing faculty and purchase program supplies. The goal of the initiative is to produce high-quality nursing programs with a focus on student success.

The following eligibility criteria are utilized for nursing programs to receive grant funding:

- Approved by the Kansas Board of Nursing and nationally accredited
- Most recent 3-year average NCLEX test scores at or above the 3-year national average
- Documented articulation of one of the following: RN to BSN, BSN to MSN, MSN to DNP, APRN, etc.

In an effort to assist nursing programs that do not meet the above criteria, a portion of grant funding is set aside for programs to obtain national accreditation or improve NCLEX test results. Grants are awarded on a yearly basis, which allows institutions to address deficiencies and receive additional funding in subsequent years. In addition to nursing program support, the grant also provides support for statewide nursing professional development events.

Response to the Request for Proposals

A total of 34 grant proposals are recommended for funding: 18 from two-year institutions and 16 from four-year institutions. Of the 34 applicants, 5 applied for set-aside funding to assist with national accreditation or NCLEX score improvement.

Proposal Review

The review committee consisted of Board staff in the Workforce Development and Academic Affairs units, along with staff from the Kansas Board of Nursing and Kansas Hospital Association. After reviewing each proposal, the committee recommends the following awards:

Institution	Project Summary	Award Amount
Baker University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional development for faculty/administrators • Release time for faculty mentorship program • Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) Engage series test preparation resources for students • Mental Health Counselor position to support students • Lab supplies and equipment, including VR headsets, headwall mounted units for nursing simulations 	\$245,000
Barclay College*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salary for two new faculty positions to support increased enrollment in new BSN program 	\$48,000
Barton Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant for competency-based curriculum • Professional development for faculty • Lab supplies and equipment, including Nursing Anne patient simulator, IV pumps, and heart/lung sound training manikin 	\$97,944

Benedictine College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional development for faculty Test preparation materials for students (ATI, Hurst Live NCLEX Review, Osmosis) Faculty stipends for academic coaching Lab supplies and equipment for simulations, including hospital bed, pediatric manikins & warmer, and stethoscopes that simulate heart/lung sounds 	\$143,993
Bethel College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student subscriptions to Simple Nursing study platform Classroom set of textbooks required for nursing students Subscription to VR Patients (patient simulator) Lab supplies, including IV poles/pumps, Nursing Kelly and Nursing Anne patient simulator manikins 	\$79,278
Butler Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stipends for new faculty mentorship program Level Up RN student resources for NCLEX preparation Simulation lab supplies, including infant warmer and Oculus VR headsets 	\$73,000
Cloud County Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional development for faculty ATI and Level Up RN study and test preparation resources for students High Emotion Emily infant simulator manikin 	\$120,509
Colby Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salary for new Lab/Clinical Coordinator position Off-contract time for curriculum development Faculty stipends for student tutoring 	\$48,386
Dodge City Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional development for faculty ATI, KeithRN, and ExamSoft test preparation materials and software Consumable Lab supplies Simple SIMON manikins 	\$161,832
Emporia State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faculty stipends for Student Success Center tutors ATI NCLEX-RN study module for seniors Lab supplies IV training arms and IV pumps 	\$44,263
Fort Hays State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional development for faculty Faculty stipends for additional tutoring in Student Success Lab and Practice Lab ATI NCLEX-RN, Kaplan KLIC, Osmosis, Lecturio platforms for student study and test preparation Lab supplies, including injection training simulators 	\$245,000
Fort Hays Tech North Central (Beloit)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ATI Complete package for students Consumable lab supplies 	\$34,688
Fort Hays Tech North Central (Hays)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional development for faculty Nurse Tim instructional and curriculum support ATI Complete Package with Live NCLEX review; KeithRN test prep 	\$66,685
Fort Scott Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ATI test preparation materials Pediatric simulator manikin 	\$48,034

Hesston College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional development for faculty UbiSim and Bodyswaps VR simulation subscriptions ATI Launch test preparation materials for students Lab supplies, including bariatric manikin, wound care trainers, injection arms, and hospital room equipment 	\$88,807
Highland Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional development for faculty Faculty stipends for tutoring NCLEX study resources for students Lab supplies, including SimVS IV pump trainers 	\$29,305
Hutchinson Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KeithRN and SimCapture subscriptions for students Lab supplies, including SimVS IV trainers 	\$20,505
Johnson County Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional development for faculty Stipends for curriculum development ATI and Level Up RN test prep resources Lab equipment, including a medication dispenser and IV pumps/IV modules 	\$88,884
Kansas City Kansas Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultant for curriculum development (PN Exit Option) Faculty stipends for student mentoring Hospital beds for simulation lab 	\$55,698
Kansas Wesleyan University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide salary raises for nursing faculty Faculty stipends for student tutoring Professional development Nursing program entry exam support and NCLEX support Lab supplies, including hospital bed, IV pumps, male simulator torso, and ostomy trainers 	\$49,909
Labette Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum Development retreat for faculty Concept Mapping critical judgement workshop for students Lab supplies and equipment to simulate clinical assessment on pediatric patients 	\$29,591
Manhattan Tech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional development for faculty and administrators Organizational memberships and subscriptions for faculty ATI, KeithRN, and ExamSoft subscriptions for students Lab supplies, including Chester Chest Central Line training manikin, obesity simulation garments, hospital furniture for sim lab, and newborn baby manikins with bassinet 	\$79,110
MidAmerica Nazarene University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional development for faculty Lab supplies, including pediatric simulator manikin and Nursing Kelly manikins 	\$86,270
Neosho County Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase wages for nursing faculty Level Up RN study and test preparation resources Lab supplies, including Clinical Chloe patient simulators 	\$88,485
Newman University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional development for faculty ATI and UWorld test preparation services for students Lab supplies, including VR simulation, Chester Chest trainer, IV arms, and hospital equipment 	\$143,926

Ottawa University**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NurseTim webinar subscription for faculty • Student Success Coordinator position • NCLEX Clinical Judgement Intensive Institute for students • NCLEX Success Continuum for graduated students • UWorld test and study resources for students 	\$104,149
Pittsburg State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New faculty positions • Professional development for faculty • NCLEX On-Site Live Review for students • Test preparation resources • Lab supplies, including VR simulation software and goggles, auscultation manikins, and otoscopes 	\$245,000
Salina Tech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Assistant Director of Nursing position 	\$40,000
Seward County Community College**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional development for faculty • ATI test preparation services for students 	\$85,700
University of Kansas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjunct faculty and simulation lab positions • Professional development for faculty • UWorld subscriptions for student test preparation • Standardized Patients (actors portraying patients) • Lab supplies, including a Mama Anne birthing manikin 	\$210,801
University of St. Mary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stipends for faculty tutors/mentors • Professional development for faculty • Subscriptions and memberships to nursing associations • ATI, NurseThink, ExamSoft, Kaplan, and other resources • Lab supplies, including Lucina birthing manikin, arrhythmia simulator, code cart and mobile workstation 	\$245,000
Washburn Institute of Technology*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACEN accreditation workshop for faculty • Salary for new Assistant Director of Nursing position • ACEN accreditation site visit fees 	\$72,125
Washburn University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional development for faculty • Stipends for tutoring students and mentoring new faculty • Mental health training for faculty and students • ATI and Evolve student test preparation resources • Lab supplies, including VR simulation scenarios, birthing simulators, and injection trainers 	\$223,629
Wichita State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salaries for new faculty and adjuncts • Professional development for faculty • Stipends for curriculum development and tutoring • Standardized Patients (actors portraying patients) • Consumable supplies for simulation lab 	\$212,455
WSU Tech**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional development for faculty • ATI Supreme package for nursing students • NEX Prep – NCLEX test taking support for students • SimVox Pro simulation subscription 	\$52,891

* Alternate Application A for Accreditation Support

** Alternate Application B for NCLEX Score Improvement Support

Alternate applications A & B are not eligible for consumable supplies or laboratory equipment.

Recommendation

With assistance from the Kansas Board of Nursing and Kansas Hospital Association staff, Board staff have reviewed the proposals and hereby submit the recommended awards to the Budget and Finance committee for discussion and approval.