

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

A virtual meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) was held via conference call on March 26, 2020.

Members Present

Ray Frederick Jr., Chair
Jason Cox
Rita Johnson
Mike Johnson
Debra Mikulka
Mike Beene
Stacy Smith

Mark Hess
Eddie Estes
Tiffany Anderson

Others Represented

Barton Community College
Seward Community College
Salina Area Technical College
Heather Morgan (KACCT)
Coffeyville Community College
Kansas City Kansas Community College
Manhattan Area Technical College
Garden City Community College
Dodge City Community College

Kansas Board of Regents Staff Present

Scott Smathers
Connie Beene
April Henry
Chris Lemon
Vera Brown
Tobias Wood
Erin Guardiola
Susan Henry
Charmine Chambers
Elaine Frisbie

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Frederick at 10:00 AM. Chair Frederick called for a roll call of members participating in the virtual meeting. Chair Frederick read the guidelines for conducting virtual meetings as provided by KBOR legal staff. Vice President Smathers noted to Chair Frederick to amend the meeting Agenda to include approval of the March 6, 2020 special meeting minutes.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Member R. Johnson noted to Chair Frederick that on the minutes of the February 27, 2020 meeting there was a typographical error on page six under Cowley Community College. The sentence “remove the tools fees in the Automotive Service Tech program” is repeated, one of which should be removed.

Motion: Member Anderson moved to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2020 and March 6, 2020 meetings, with correction of the typographical error noted by Member R. Johnson on page 6 of the minutes from the February 27, 2020 meeting. Following a second by Member Estes, by member roll call the motion carried.

REPORTS

Introductions

None.

Chair's Report

Chair Frederick reported that he visited Coffeyville Community College and toured their Columbus campus.

Member Liaison Reports

Member Estes reported that the April 1, 2020 multi-school event at Garden City Community College with the Army National Guard and a Blackhawk helicopter was unfortunately cancelled.

Member Beene reported that there are multiple agency websites addressing COVID-19 resources and that the Department of Commerce received information from the federal government regarding Phase III relief bill for small business and unemployment insurance claims. He reported that unemployment claims have had the largest spike in history with over 11,000 claims to date and those numbers are climbing. He informed members that job openings in essential industries will be posted through social media and both the Kansas Works and Department of Commerce websites.

Member Anderson reported that the Topeka Public Schools website now has a COVID-19 resources link with a continuous learning plan, including CTE and secondary resources and curriculum. She reported that TPD K-12 students have all been issued computers to begin virtual learning beginning March 30th, T-CALC engineering program students are working on creating masks in answer to the shortage of masks, and the CTE curriculum has been re-written to be completely virtual and materials delivered to students to keep them engaged.

Vice President for Workforce Development Report

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to provide Members with a Workforce Development report. Vice President Smathers reported KBOR staff has been working remotely since March 16, 2020. He reported that the Pathways to Careers public hearing will now be held remotely in early April, staff has participated in a number of Perkins, Adult Education, and OCR rules and regulations web meetings, staff has received Perkins and Adult Education allocation notices to review and share, and the Adult Education RFP responses will be reviewed. He informed members he was asked to attend the US Chamber of Commerce Talent Pipeline Management Program Review meeting in Washington, DC in early March, and he and President Flanders attended the Phi Theta Kappa luncheon hosted by the KACCT. He participated in a call with ITC Holdings, which does transmission lines work, seeking to work with businesses to create short job description videos for a snapshot for students. They are willing to fund those efforts when we move forward in near future with normal operations. Vice President Smathers reported that while staff

continues to work on extraordinary costs for cost model, the disruption for the institutions requires allowing more time to collect data, with a tentative timeframe to complete this summer.

Report from the Community Colleges

Chair Frederick called upon Seward County Community College President Trzaska to provide members with a report from the community colleges.

Report from the Technical Colleges

Chair Frederick called upon Manhattan Area Technical College President Genandt to provide members with a report from the technical colleges.

CONSENT AGENDA

Budget and Finance Committee

State Innovative Technology Grant Policy Change

Chair Frederick called for a motion to approve.

Motion: Member M. Johnson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Following a second by Member Mikulka, the motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Election of Officers

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to share information regarding the upcoming TEA officer elections. Vice President Smathers informed members that the election for next year's TEA Chair and Vice Chair will be held at the May meeting. He invited input from members on their willingness to serve as an officer or recommend others for the positions.

Excel in CTE Fee Review

Chair Frederick thanked members and staff for their work on the completion of phase one of the Excel in CTE fee review process with approvals for fees that met the agreed upon criteria. He informed members that he has asked Member M. Johnson to have the Budget and Finance committee conduct additional review of the fees as there were additional questions and disparities among institutions. He assigned committee members Beene, Cox and Hess, along with himself, to continue with phase two of the review of the fees with KBOR staff.

TEA Budget Request for FY2022

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to provide information on the FY2022 TEA Budget Request. Every year the TEA is asked to recommend funding requests from the Legislature for the upcoming year's budget. Vice President Smathers requested input from members on what information the TEA would like to see to aid in their decision making for review at the April TEA meeting, with a final recommendation voted on during the May 2020 TEA meeting.

2020-2021 Excel in CTE Qualifying Credentials

Chair Frederick called on Associate Director Chambers to present information regarding the 2020-2021 Excel in CTE Qualifying Credentials. Associate Director Chambers informed members that the list of

credentials qualifying for the incentive program is developed by the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) in consultation with KBOR and the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) based on the following criteria:

- Occupations must appear on the high demand/high wage occupations list and have an overall demand score between 10 and 30 using the metric developed by KDOL based on job vacancy, short-term job projections, long-term job projections, and wage data.
- Wages for the occupation must be at least 70 percent (\$31,694) of the average annual wage in Kansas (\$45,277 – 2019 Wage Survey, for year 2018) or, if the occupation does not meet the wage criteria, the credential for the occupation must be a stackable credential and required for the next occupation level.
- The education level for the occupation requires at least a high school diploma as designated by KDOL.
- Occupations must have an associated, occupationally specific industry-recognized credential (certification or license).
- Courses leading to that certification/license are available to high school students.
- The certification/licensure is attainable by a high school student within six months of high school graduation or before.

Associate Director Chambers informed members that for AY2020-2021, the following occupations are on the 2020 Phase-Out Occupation list; Automotive Body and Related Repairers under SOC code 49-3021, and Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers under SOC code 49-2022. Certifications for these programs must be earned by December 2020 to be eligible for incentive/reimbursement funding. Farm Equipment Mechanics under SOC code 49-3041 is included on the 2021 Phase-Out Occupation list, and certifications must be earned prior to December 2021 to be eligible for the incentive funding. The qualifying credentials list does not limit any program eligibility for the SB 155 tuition reimbursement or Carl D. Perkins funding.

Motion: Member R. Johnson moved to approve the 2020-2021 Excel in CTE Qualifying Credentials as presented and to forward to KBOR for approval. Following a second by Member Hess, the motion carried.

Excel in CTE Special Collection #2 and Legislative Budget Update

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Frisbie to provide members with information regarding the Excel in CTE Special Collection #2 and Legislative Budget update. Vice President Frisbie informed members that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the special data collection #2 for enrollment data for Excel in CTE, the AOK Proviso and GED Accelerator, that was to run from 3/2/2020 to 5/1/2020, has been cancelled. Currently KBOR staff is reviewing for the best methodology for allocation of funds using the data currently available, which will be presented to members for approval at the April 30, 2020 TEA meeting. She explained that funds for AY20 will be reconciled with the AY21 data collection in the Fall. She reminded members that the Legislature approved to add \$4.5 million to the current year's funding.

Vice President Frisbie provided members with a trend table for FY16 – to FY21 for all state programs that run through KBOR for funding for the two-year institutions. She pointed out that since FY16 to FY21 there is an increase of \$22 million, most of which, or approximately \$17.4 million is for Excel in CTE funding, so remaining state aid to the two-year institutions over this time period has grown only by \$5 million. She offered that in review of tiered and non-tiered funding, the TEA may wish to advocate with KBOR for FY22 to see increases in state investment. She pointed out that capital outlay for equipment to the two-year institutions has been the same since the 1970's and so this may be an area that the TEA should consider in their requests for line item increases.

NEXT MEETING REMINDER

Chair Frederick reminded members that the next TEA meeting will be held by conference call on April 30, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Member M. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. Following a second by Member Cox the motion carried, and Chair Frederick adjourned the meeting at 10:53 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant