

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

A virtual meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) was held via ZOOM on February 25, 2021.

**Members Present**

Ray Frederick Jr., Chair  
Rita Johnson  
Mike Johnson  
Debra Mikulka  
Mike Beene  
Tiffany Anderson

Mark Hess  
Eddie Estes  
Jason Cox  
Stacy Smith

**Others Present**

Jim Genandt, Manhattan Area Technical College  
Dennis Rittle, Cowley County Community College  
Heather Morgan, KACCT  
Tim Murrell, TCALC  
Seward County Community College

Hutchinson Community College  
Cloud County Community College  
Dodge City Community College  
Kansas City Kansas Community College  
Johnson County Community College

**Kansas Board of Regents Staff Present**

Scott Smathers  
Connie Beene  
Chris Lemon  
Sue Grosdidier  
Vera Brown  
Erin Guardiola  
Charmine Chambers  
Travis White  
Susan Henry

Elaine Frisbie  
April Henry  
Lisa Beck  
Tim Peterson  
Tobias Wood  
Kelly Oliver  
Matt Casey  
Cindy Farrier

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Frederick at 10:00 A.M. Chair Frederick provided members with virtual meeting guidelines. He then asked members if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. Member M. Johnson asked to add to the Agenda a discussion regarding the Kansas State University new program proposal to add an AAS in Unmanned Aircraft.

Motion: Member M. Johnson moved to add the Kansas State University new program proposal for an AAS in Unmanned Aircraft to the meeting Agenda for discussion. Following a second by Member Estes, the motion carried by roll call vote. Chair Frederick informed members that this item would be placed on the Agenda under “V. Other Matters, Item A.”

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

Chair Frederick called for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2021 meeting. Member M. Johnson moved to add a copy of the letter from the community colleges to the Governor as mentioned in Vice President Frisbie’s statement under “Other Matters, Item A Funding Distribution.”

**Motion:** Member M. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of January 28, 2021 with the addition of the letter from the community colleges to the Governor attached to the minutes. Following a second by Member Hess, the motion carried by roll call vote.

**REPORTS**

Introductions

None.

Chair's Report

Chair Frederick reported that due to the pandemic, he has not had an opportunity to travel, but he has been in communication with institutions. He reported that he sent emails to six Legislators requesting that they support and approve the recommendation of the House Higher Education Budget Committee of \$2.1 million to fully fund Excel in CTE for the current year FY21 and \$8.3 million for the budget year FY22. He expects an update from Director Casey in the legislative report later in the agenda.

Member Liaison Reports

Chair Frederick invited TEA member activity reports.

Member Estes reported that Dodge City Community College has revived the livestock judging program after a 15-year hiatus. He expressed his appreciation to the institutions for their support in legislative issues.

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 that Board staff continues to work remotely with no set date to return to the office. He reminded members that when TEA meetings are held at the KBOR office, a badge will be required to enter. The Micro-internship program has launched, and the Board staff is excited to see its success with both student and business involvement. He has been in contact with presidents to touch base and share information. Board staff continues working on program alignment, the military initiative, and federal and state meetings for Perkins and Adult Education.

Report from the Community Colleges

Chair Frederick called upon Cowley County Community College President Dennis Rittle to provide members with a report from the community colleges.

Report from the Technical Colleges

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Technical Program and Curriculum Committee

Program Alignment

Welding Technology (48.0508)

Excel in CTE Fees

Dodge City Community College: Home Health Aide (51.2602)

Chair Frederick called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items from the Technical Program and Curriculum Committee.

**Motion:** Member Estes moved to approve the Consent Agenda items. Following a second by Member Beene, the motion carried by roll call vote.

### **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

Advocacy and Marketing Committee  
Governor CTE Month Proclamation

Chair Frederick called on Advocacy and Marketing Committee Chair Estes to present information on the Governor's CTE Month Proclamation. Committee Chair Estes informed members that the Governor signed the proclamation on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February and thanked Board staff for coordinating the signing of the proclamation with KSDE. He reported that there have been several institutions that have attended legislative meetings over the last month. Member Estes requested that TEA members keep other members informed of their communications with the Legislature and added that on March 20th at the 3i show there will be a legislative workshop on both Federal and local CTE legislation.

Excel in CTE Projections and Funding Advocacy

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to provide information on Excel in CTE projections and funding advocacy. Vice President Smathers provided members with a copy of the Excel in CTE projections document as had been previously provided to members. This document has been used by institutions and staff in testimony to House and Senate committees. Member M. Johnson expressed appreciation to staff and institutions for their efforts in compiling the projections and communication with legislature.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

New Program Proposal Discussion

Kansas State University Unmanned Aircraft Systems AAS

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Smathers to lead the discussion and explain the process for Kansas State University's (KSU) new program proposal for an Unmanned Aircraft Systems associate degree. Vice President Smathers outlined the university process for Board approval of new program proposals. He explained that the KSU Unmanned Aircraft Systems associate degree new program proposal was sent out for public comment in which there is a 45-day response period. The first reading of the program will be done at the Council of Chief Academic Officers committee meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Assuming that the program is continued after the first reading, there will be second reading at the committee's April meeting, and if approved, will be reviewed by the Council of Presidents Committee in their April meeting. If approved, it would move forward to Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee in their meeting in early May. Vice President Smathers added he is unsure if it will be discussed again in May and referred to the Board in June or if it will be presented to the full Board for discussion in May.

Vice President Smathers explained that the Unmanned Aircraft Systems AAS will require 60 hours of credit and added that KSU currently offers this program for a bachelor's degree, so the AAS will give students the ability to exit for employment earlier. Vice President Smathers stated he would provide members with a copy of the complete formal KSU program proposal. Vice President Smathers informed members that Cloud County Community College currently offers an unmanned aircraft systems program and there are other two-year institutions looking at offering the program as well. Member R. Johnson added that there is a new unmanned aircraft systems program proposal that will be reviewed by the Technical Program and Curriculum Committee on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Vice President Smathers has been in touch with several two-year institutions regarding the KSU proposal and encourages institutions to send letters expressing their concerns about the KSU new AAS program proposal to KBOR. TEA members discussed their concerns over the timeline to respond, program duplication, lack of partnership between the two-year and four-year institutions on the program, impact on nearby two-year institutions and what precedence may be set if the program moves forward for approval. Members agreed that it does put Board staff and

the two-year institutions in difficult position and that two-year institutions do not want to cause any detrimental effects to their current successful partnerships with universities on other programs. Members asked if KSU would be eligible for Excel in CTE funds or tiered technical program funding for the Unmanned Aircraft Systems program and Vice President Smathers answered that they would not be eligible for the funding reserved for the two-year institutions. Vice President Smathers informed members that there are other programs being offered at the universities for associate degrees which generally are unique programs not offered at the two-year institutions. Chair Frederick called on President Knoettgen from Cloud County Community College to comment on their conversations with KSU regarding the Unmanned Aircraft Systems associate degree. She informed members that KSU declined to consider a partnership with Cloud County Community College on this program. Vice President Smathers added that KSU declined to consider a partnership with Butler Community College as well. Chair Frederick suggested gathering more information for member review and discussion at a TEA committee meeting March 11<sup>th</sup>, and then to place this item on the agenda for next month's TEA meeting. Member Beene requested additional information in the form of an issue paper be provided to members for discussion at the assigned committee meeting, including copies of the new program proposal from KSU, clarification that the program proposal is from KSU and not from KSU Polytechnic, information on the relationship of KSU Polytechnic and KSU, and a list of associate degrees currently being offered by universities.

Motion: Member Hess moved to formalize the discussion on the position of the TEA on the KSU new program proposal for an AAS in Unmanned Aircraft Systems at the March 11, 2021 TEA Advocacy and Marketing Committee meeting. Following a second by Member M. Johnson, the motion carried by roll call vote. Member Smith and Member Beene abstained from the vote.

#### K-TIP Report

Chair Frederick called on Associate Director Chambers to present the K-TIP Report. Associate Director Chambers explained that K-TIP highlights provides an overview of the High Demand/High Wage Occupations determined by the Kansas Department of Labor, comparing the wages and outlook for those occupations against AY2019 production for associate and certificate-level programs. The reporting utilized from the Department of Labor includes the High Demand/High Wage Occupation Reports for 2019 and 2020, the 2018-2028 10-Year Occupational Outlook, and the 2020 Wage Survey (for the Entry Level Annual Wage data). She further explained that two occupations, clinical lab technician and radiological technician, which were High Demand/High Wage for 2019 did not make the High Demand/High Wage list for 2020 and are highlighted in yellow in the information provided to members in their meeting packet. Associate Director Chambers explained that the AY2019 K-TIP provides data on the Total # of Declared Majors reported, the Total # of Graduates reported, the Total # of Graduates Exiting & Employed, and the Average and Median Wages for Graduates Exiting and Employed. The Kansas Department of Labor reports the Statewide Average Wage for 2020 was \$46,520, up from \$45,277 in 2019, and the Statewide Annual Entry Level Wage for 2020 was \$22,150. She noted that in all programs, except two, Plumbing and Computer Network Specialists, graduates exiting and employed exceeded the entry level wage for 2020. Associate Director Chambers reported that this K-TIP data can be used by institutions to assist in evaluating program viability. She added that data regarding students exiting and becoming employed is of positive note, with 93% of students completing exit points in the high wage/high demand programs are reporting as employed. She asked members for feedback on any additional data information that they believe would be helpful to clarify the outlook for the State to be included in the report.

#### Carl Perkins Update

Chair Frederick called on Senior Director Beene to provide members with a Carl Perkins update. Senior Director Beene provided a snapshot of progress for the State under the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V) law. She informed members that there has been a \$52.5 million federal funding increase for Perkins-approved programs. Allocation letters will be sent to

states and the percentage of increase is based on per capita income and census data. Currently, Kansas receives \$11.5 million divided equally with KSDE. December 2020 was the first year that enrollment data was reported under Perkins V and performance data will be reported in December 2021. Perkins V does allow for situational caveats to adjust performance targets for institutions with declining average enrollment due to the pandemic, though enrollment is expected to rebound. Senior Director Beene explained that the initial data collection involving CTE participant and concentrator enrollments is complete and she provided a data sheet of the breakdown of the postsecondary CTE enrollments for the period 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2020 to members. She explained that there has been an increase in both the participant enrollment as well as the concentrator enrollment for this time period.

#### GAP Analysis

Chair Frederick called on Vice President Frisbie to provide members with information on the GAP Analysis. Vice President Frisbie reminded members that in 2011, Senate Bill 143 created a formula for distributing state aid for postsecondary technical education courses, which was intended to take effect in FY 2012. The cost model calculates institutions' costs to deliver courses and recognizes the cost differential in delivering technical courses. The course rates are updated using actual credit hour enrollments and institutions' reported cost data and calculates the state's share to finance those costs. The cost model then produces a gap report that identifies the funding shortfall for each college when considering local resources and available state funding. She provided members with the most recent calculations showing the state falling short in funding the cost model and added that in no year has the state ever fully funded tiered and non-tiered courses. The current gap is approximately \$3 million for tiered courses and over \$12 million for non-tiered courses. The Governor's proposed budget for FY 2022 reflects 2% reductions applied to tiered/non-tiered funding lines for a reduction in funding of approximately \$2.8 million dollars.

#### Legislative Update

Chair Frederick called on Director Casey to provide members with a legislative update. Director Casey gave a brief report to members on the recent and upcoming activities of the Legislature. He reported good progress on Excel in CTE funding thanks to coordinated advocacy efforts and that \$2.1 million for FY 21 and \$8.3 million for FY 22 are in the House Committee and will be reviewed by the Senate Committee during the Omnibus session. He reported that March 5<sup>th</sup> is the midpoint of the regular session, and all non-exempt bills must be passed by their chamber of origin or will be dead for the year. The second half of the regular session ends April 9<sup>th</sup>. He provided members with the path of the budget bill to the Governor and added that the Governor does have line item veto power on the budget. He reported the Legislature is working to complete the budget by first adjournment, and they will come back in Omnibus session May 3<sup>rd</sup> and will likely put together an omnibus budget bill. Members Johnson and Estes thanked Director Casey for his efforts on behalf of the community and technical colleges.

#### **NEXT MEETING REMINDER**

Chair Frederick reminded members that the next TEA meeting will be held virtually on March 25, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Frederick adjourned the meeting at 12:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Susan Henry, Executive Assistant