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**KANSAS POSTSECONDARY**

**TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY**

MINUTES

April 24, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ray Frederick, Jr. (Chair)

Curtis Sneden (Vice Chair)

Mike Beene

Natalie Clark

Mark Hess

Cindy Hoover

Debra Mikulka

Amber Shultz – Angela White

David Reist

Keith Humphrey (via Zoom)

Dr. Tiffany Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Todd Zimmer

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Frederick called the April 24, 2025, meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority to order at 10:00 am. Member Sneden motioned to approve the agenda as presented and Member Reist seconded.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

With no amendments requested for the agenda, Chair Frederick called for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2025, meeting. Member Hoover moved to approve the minutes as submitted, and Member Dr. Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. INTRODUCTIONS & REPORTS**

A. INTRODUCTIONS

No new introductions were made.

B. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Frederick spoke about his recent attendance at Washburn Tech’s signing day event, which was well-attended by families and business partners, demonstrating strong community support for technical education. Member Mikulka, who also attended, commented on the positive and enthusiastic environment. Member Anderson noted the presence of key educational leaders, including high school principals and alternative school representatives, and shared plans for students to produce a video showcasing the transformative impact of Career and Technical Education (CTE).

C. REPORT FROM TEA MEMBERS

Member Mikulka provided an update on her continued involvement with the National Association of Workforce Boards, which she has participated in for several years.

Member Dr. Anderson shared that the Department of Commerce is collaborating with TCALC to expand apprenticeship and internship opportunities for high school students. A recent event was held to encourage business sponsorships for immediate student placement. She expressed enthusiasm for the potential outcomes of these partnerships.

D. REPORT FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Vice President April White, reporting from the Advanced CTE Conference in Washington, D.C., noted the team’s plans to meet with the Department of Education later that day to gain insight into future directions for CTE.

Earlier in the month, she attended the “Advancing Tomorrow” capital campaign event at Flint Hills Technical College, aimed at supporting a new advanced industry education center. She also highlighted KBOR’s representation at the Greater Topeka Partnership’s annual meeting, where the focus was on promoting Micro- Internships. Additional updates included in the agenda packet cover recent developments such as the selection of Adult Education providers, Perkins V performance levels, and extraordinary cost considerations.

E. REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Seth Carter, President of Colby Community College, delivered a report on community college initiatives aligned with the strategic plan of the Kansas Board of Regents. Each month, six colleges present updates emphasizing key priorities such as affordability, access, and student success. A full summary is available in the agenda materials.

F. REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL COLLEGES

Jim Genandt, President of Manhattan Area Technical College, presented an update on behalf of the technical colleges. His report underscored institutional efforts to support the Board of Regents’ goals, including improving educational access, workforce readiness, and economic development. Detailed information is included in the agenda materials.

**IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Frederick introduced the consent agenda items as outlined in the full agenda. Member Sneden moved to approve the consent agenda in its entirety, with a second from Member Beene. The motion passed unanimously. Further details on the consent agenda can be found in the April agenda packet.

**V. DISCUSSION AGENDA**

other matters

Fred Patton, representing Government Affairs, provided a legislative update touching on topics such as HB 2402 Blue Ribbon Commission and future funding. A full recording of the update is available for those seeking additional details.

Laura Crosswhite from the Kansas Department of Labor presented a slideshow titled Today’s Occupations, Tomorrow’s Opportunities (TOTO). TEA members engaged in discussion and encouraged others to explore the associated resources on the Department’s website: <https://www.toto.dol.ks.gov>

Director of Workforce Development, Charmine Chambers, presented the 25-26 Excel in CTE Qualifying Credentials. Member Natalie Clark moved to add all items to the consent agenda for the Kansas Board of Regents. Seconded by Member Debra Mikulka, the motion was approved unanimously.

Director Chambers also presented the proposed Academic Year 2026 (AY26) TEA meeting calendar, noting that further discussion would occur in May. She provided an overview of the closing status of AY 2024–2025 goals and introduced the initial development of AY 2025–2026 goals, highlighting progress and activities that have become standard practices. More information is available in the meeting agenda.

Vice President White reminded members that new Chair and Vice Chair appointments will take place at the next meeting and that nominations are currently being accepted.

**VI. NEXT MEETING REMINDER**

Chair Frederick closed by reminding members that the next TEA meeting will be held at the KBOR office on May 29, 2025. He thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Frederick adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.