

II. Approval of Minutes

KANSAS POSTSECONDARY TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY MINUTES May 29, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ray Frederick, Jr. (Chair)
Curtis Sneden (Vice Chair)
Dr. Tiffany Anderson
Mike Beene
Natalie Clark
Mark Hess
Cindy Hoover (via Zoom)
Keith Humphrey (via Zoom)
Debra Mikulka
David Reist
Amber Shultz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Todd Zimmer

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Frederick called the May 29, 2025, meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority to order at 10:00 am.

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 April 24, 2025, meeting. Member Hoover moved to approve the minutes as submitted, and Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. INTRODUCTIONS & REPORTS

A. INTRODUCTIONS

Jennifer Brown, Dean of Instruction at Fort Hays Tech | North Central, honored Mike Cheney upon his retirement as the Construction Technology Instructor. During his time with the college, Mike led the construction of twenty-seven homes—projects that not only provided students with invaluable hands-on learning experiences but also made meaningful contributions to the local community and region.

B. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

The chair did not present a report at this time.

C. REPORT FROM TEA MEMBERS

Member Anderson shared remarks about her recent visit to Washburn Tech's graduation activities. The event was well-attended. She extended her congratulations to the graduates as they begin their careers.

D. REPORT FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Vice President White provided an update on workforce development activities. The Adult Education unit is finalizing preparations for the July launch of the new LACES data system. Adult Education program enrollment has surpassed last year's enrollment with 6,960 students to date. Individualized meetings are ongoing with new grant recipients, and Kansas is in the running for national Ability to Benefit (ATB) technical assistance. Collaborations continue with Academic Affairs to align Adult Education assessments with college placement. The CTE team is reviewing FY26 Perkins applications, attending national conferences, and submitted Kansas's

updated CTE State Plan with new performance levels. The Workforce Development unit is progressing on several alignment and training initiatives and supporting apprenticeship and career pathways training, with joint training for Perkins and Adult Ed scheduled for July.

E. REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Seth Carter, President of Colby Community College, shared highlights from the community colleges, focusing on initiatives that align with the Kansas Board of Regents' strategic priorities. The presentation featured updates from six institutions, highlighting efforts around affordability, access, and student outcomes. Additional details were provided in the accompanying agenda materials.

F. REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL COLLEGES

Jim Genandt, President of Manhattan Area Technical College, provided remarks on behalf of the technical colleges. His update emphasized collaborative efforts to enhance workforce development, expand educational opportunities, and contribute to regional economic growth. Further information can be found in the agenda packet.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

V. DISCUSSION AGENDA

A. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

1) Receive Information on Distributions of FY2026 State Appropriations for Community College and Technical Colleges

Vice President Frisbie provided an overview of funding and legislative updates for Kansas postsecondary institutions for FY2026:

- a. Tiered Technical Education State Aid
 - Total Appropriation: \$66.45 million.
 - Funding is based on a cost model factoring inflation and prior year enrollments.
 - Reflects a \$3.96 million increase from FY 2025.
- b. Non-Tiered Credit Hour Grant
 - Total Appropriation: \$88.36 million.
 - Reflects a decrease of \$828,833 from FY 2025.
 - Based on 70.7% of credit hours being non-tiered and adjusted for inflation.
- c. Capital Outlay State Aid
 - Level-funded at \$12.42 million.
 - Distribution varies per institution; 1:1 match required.
- d. Technical College Operating Grants
 - Total Appropriation: \$7.0 million (down from \$10.5M in FY 2025).
 - Each of the seven technical colleges receive \$1 million.
 - Uniform reduction of \$500K per institution.
- e. Kansas Campus Restoration Act
 - Each institution receives \$92,350, reflecting a 7.65% reduction from the originally planned \$100,000.
 - Total distributed: \$2.4 million.
 - Institutions must report expenditures to state oversight committees.

f. Business & Industry and Apprenticeship Aid (Technical Colleges)

- Total for Technical Colleges: \$2.32 million (increase of \$109K).
- Supports workforce alignment and outreach.

Note: Community college distribution pending certification of cash-on-hand status by September.

g. Student Success Initiatives (Technical Colleges)

- Total for Technical Colleges: \$1.70 million (down \$1.0M from FY 2025).
- Funds initiatives to improve student outcomes.

Note: Community college funding pending cash-on-hand certification.

h. Other State Aid Programs (Not Funded for FY 2026)

- No appropriations made for:
 - Community & Technical College Competitive Grants.
 - Technology Innovation & Internship Program.
 - IT infrastructure or cybersecurity improvements.

2) Act on Supplemental Distribution of FY2025 Appropriations for Technical Education (Excel in Career Technical Education)

Vice President Frisbie explained that, due to increased enrollment, the calculated tuition costs resulted in a funding shortfall of \$358,836. As a result, Fall 2024 distributions were prorated (See chart below). To address this, the 2025 Legislature provided a supplemental appropriation to cover the shortfall.

Board staff recommends distributing these supplemental funds proportionally to each institution based on their originally calculated aid amounts.

Excel in Career Technical Education – Supplemental Distributions

Institution	FY 2025 Calculated State Aid	FY 2025 Original Distribution	FY 2025 Supplemental Distribution
Allen County Community College	\$ 783,267	\$ 777,124	\$ 6,143
Barton County Community College	565,280	560,846	4,434
Butler Community College	821,098	814,658	6,440
Cloud County Community College	680,526	675,189	5,337
Coffeyville Community College	1,167,710	1,158,552	9,158
Colby Community College	307,361	304,950	2,411
Cowley County Community College	1,230,716	1,221,063	9,653
Dodge City Community College	1,266,151	1,256,220	9,931
Flint Hills Technical College	2,980,805	2,957,426	23,379
Fort Hays Tech North Central	670,267	665,010	5,257
Fort Hays Tech Northwest	853,012	846,322	6,690
Fort Scott Community College	1,249,974	1,240,170	9,804
Garden City Community College	967,980	960,388	7,592
Highland Community College	2,109,007	2,092,466	16,541
Hutchinson Community College	3,224,075	3,198,788	25,287
Independence Community College	230,504	228,696	1,808

Johnson County Community College	2,418,538	2,399,569	18,969
Kansas City Kansas Community College	3,577,867	3,549,805	28,062
Labette Community College	631,788	626,833	4,955
Manhattan Area Technical College	900,739	893,674	7,065
Neosho County Community College	2,011,168	1,995,394	15,774
Pratt Community College	559,984	555,592	4,392
Salina Area Technical College	1,503,484	1,491,692	11,792
Seward County Community College	953,005	945,530	7,475
Washburn University Institute of Technology	5,698,597	5,653,902	44,695
Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology	8,388,746	8,322,952	65,794
Total	\$45,751,649	\$45,392,813	\$358,836

3) Receive an update on Excel in CTE Fees Task Force

Director Chambers provided an update on the task force developed to examine Excel in CTE fees. The task force recommends the following:

a. Transparency in Costs:

All institutions must provide a full list of course/program fees and costs, posted on their websites alongside degree maps.

b. Perkins Grant Guidance:

Institutions will receive additional guidance on using Perkins grants to purchase classroom tools, books, etc.

The task force also examined the reporting process for Excel in CTE Fees and suggest the following:

a. Required Costs Only:

Report only the full costs/fees students must pay to participate in a course or program—no optional items.

b. Report Fees Regardless of Who Pays:

All required fees must be reported, even if covered by a third party (e.g., foundations or districts).

c. Approved Fee List:

Only fees from the approved list should be submitted.

d. Narrative Required:

Each institution must submit a brief explanation and overview of their fee process. KBOR staff will provide examples and technical assistance.

B. OTHER MATTERS

1) Receive Information from IBM on SkillsBuild

Valinda Scarbro Kennedy of IBM introduced the SkillsBuild platform, a free educational resource offering thousands of digital learning tools for high school and college students, educators, and adult learners. The program provides short courses, badges, and micro-internships focused on high-demand fields such as AI and cybersecurity. Kennedy emphasized the importance of training students for the global workforce and encouraged institutions to integrate SkillsBuild into their educational offerings.

2) Presentation from Topeka Center for Advanced Learning and Careers (TCALC)

Member Anderson shared insights into the work of TCALC, highlighting successful student engagement in career and technical education pathways. She emphasized growing apprenticeship opportunities and community

partnerships supporting high school students in gaining early workforce experience. Representatives from TCALS presented to the TEA their experiences and successes in the program.

3) Update on Adult Education

Director Hector Martinez reported on increased enrollment in Adult Education (AE), with a 6.8% year-over-year growth and performance metrics exceeding national averages. He advocated for a \$1.5 million funding increase to expand AE programming, particularly in healthcare and technology sectors, to support community and workforce development statewide.

4) Action on AY2026 SB123 Credentials

Director Chambers presented two new credential recommendations under the SB123 initiative—Operating Engineers and Water/Wastewater Treatment. No changes were made to the statute, but the updated credential list was approved to ensure alignment with industry standards and student employment opportunities.

5) FY27 Appropriation Request

Vice President Frisbie reviewed budget projections for FY27, highlighting increased state appropriations for FY25 and FY26 but cautioning against future fiscal shortfalls. She emphasized the importance of prioritizing core funding, including tiered, non-tiered, and Excel in CTE funding, while noting that additional items—such as Adult Education support—would be reviewed based on further information. A motion to support the staff recommendation and funding priorities was made by Member Reist, seconded by Member Anderson, and carried.

6) Action on AY26 (2025–2026) Calendar

Vice President White presented the proposed academic year 2025–2026 meeting calendar for approval. All dates were confirmed except for September, which remains tentative pending state data release timelines. The calendar was approved with a motion from Member Anderson and a second from Member Mikulka.

7) Election of Officers for AY26

Chair Frederick reflected on his time as Chair and opened the floor for nominations. Member Hess nominated David Reist to serve as Chair, with Curtis Sneden serving as Vice Chair for AY26. Member Hess seconded the motion. The motion carried. Members expressed appreciation to Ray for his outstanding leadership.

VI. NEXT MEETING REMINDER

Chair Frederick closed by reminding members that the next TEA meeting will be held at the KBOR office on August 21, 2025. He thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Member Hess motioned to adjourn followed by a second from Member Anderson. Chair Frederick adjourned the meeting.