

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.