



# **POSTSECONDARY TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY FY 2025 SUMMARY REPORT**

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## **FY 2025 ACTIVITY**

The purpose of this report is to fulfill the reporting requirements of the Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) pursuant to K.S.A. 74-32,402(a)(12).

The TEA was established during the 2007 Legislative Session through Sections 1–4 of House Bill 2556 (codified at K.S.A. 74-32,401 through 74-32,404) and was renewed without a sunset provision in 2019 through Senate Bill 71. The TEA consists of twelve members: nine appointed members representing regions across the state and three ex officio members from the Kansas Departments of Education, Commerce, and Labor. The TEA operates under the auspices of the Kansas Board of Regents (Board) and is charged with making recommendations to the Board related to coordination, statewide planning, and improvements to Kansas's postsecondary technical education system.

During FY 2025, the TEA met ten times, including five in-person meetings in Topeka and five meetings held virtually. In addition to regular TEA meetings, the Budget & Finance Committee and the Program & Curriculum Committee convened virtually monthly.

As part of its statutory responsibilities during the past year, the TEA:

- Evaluated 23 Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and recommended 20 for approval (K.S.A. 71-1802).
- Reviewed and recommended grants for multiple state and federal programs administered by the Board, including:
  - Kansas Nursing Initiative
  - Kansas Innovative Technology & Internship Program
  - Motorcycle Safety Fund
  - Commercial Driver's License Training Program
  - Carl D. Perkins Program
- Reviewed and approved fees charged by colleges to high school students participating in Excel in CTE for Academic Year 2026 (K.S.A. 72-3810).
- Reviewed and approved the reassignment of courses within specific funding buckets for state aid calculations (K.S.A. 74-32,402(a)(11)(A)).
- Evaluated and approved updates to program alignment standards for the Automation Engineer Technology and Industrial Machine Technology pathways.
- Reviewed and approved articulated credit in Construction Technology between the Kansas Department of Education and post-secondary institutions.
- Reviewed, updated, and ensured college understanding of the extraordinary cost element within the instructional cost model, as part of the Board's responsibility to allocate state aid.
- Reviewed the Kansas Training Information Program (KTIP) report (K.S.A. 74-32,418).
- Reviewed federal Carl D. Perkins and Adult Education funding distributions and institutional performance.
- Supported the Kansas Hospital Association's Annual Virtual Health Care Day.
- Supported and advocated for the Kansas Micro-Internship Program.
- Supported and reviewed the State of Kansas Nursing Report developed by the Kansas Nursing Workforce Center.
- Advocated for Excel in CTE and state funding for two-year colleges.
- Supported the Build Something New CTE marketing campaign to increase college enrollment.
- Reviewed the 2025–2026 Excel in CTE Qualifying Credentials.
- Reviewed two-year college funding distributions, including supplemental distributions, for FY 2025.

- Received information on FY 2026 state appropriation distributions for community colleges and technical colleges.
- Reviewed and approved eligible programs under the Kansas Promise Scholarship Act (K.S.A. 74-32,273).

The TEA continues to support a broad range of programs and initiatives aimed at strengthening career and technical education across Kansas. For additional information regarding the TEA, please contact the Kansas Board of Regents Office.