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Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority

Technical Program and Curriculum Committee

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2025-2026

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2025-2026 KANSAS POSTSECONDARY TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY GOALS



Goals

- 1) Evaluate the impact of the modernized National Career Cluster Framework implementation on the Kansas postsecondary education system, funding, and reporting. Develop a plan for transferring to the new Framework which aligns with the secondary education system.
- 2) Investigate the active duty and veteran student services in the Kansas postsecondary system, specifically the use of military-originated credit articulation and transfer procedures. Evaluate current military-originated credit data, identify reporting gaps, and develop a set of criteria and recommendations for effective military-originated data collection and reporting.
- 3) Resume program performance reviews using previously established criteria to validate and communicate the value of technical education in developing a skilled workforce and meeting the needs of business and industry.
- 4) Identify and share best practices in reducing and/or eliminating the actual fees high school students participating in the Excel in CTE programs are assessed and ensure actual costs and potential subsidies are adequately communicated.
- 5) Partner with Kansas technical colleges to develop and implement targeted objectives that guide the use of the Kansas Technical College Operating Grant Fund (HB 2195) in supporting instructional and operational priorities.
- 6) Collaborate with the Excel in CTE Task Force to develop a system-wide policy for course failures, create consistent placement guidelines for participating high school students, and finalize the review of Excel in CTE programs needing further analysis.
- 7) Diversify and strengthen the Adult Education funding base to expand and sustain services, while advancing collaboration and integration among Community Colleges, Technical Colleges, and Adult Education Centers.

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MEETING AGENDA

The Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority's Technical Program and Curriculum Committee will meet virtually through Zoom.

Thursday, January 8, 2026

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| I. Call To Order | Chair Beene | |
| II. Approval of Minutes | Chair Beene | p.2 |
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**KANSAS POSTSECONDARY
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY**
Technical Program and Curriculum Committee
MINUTES
November 6, 2025

The Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority's Technical Program and Curriculum Committee met via Zoom on November 6, 2025. Proper notice was given according to the law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cindy Hoover, Vice Chair
Debra Mikulka
Natalie Clark
Ray Frederick, Jr.
David Reist
Dr. Tiffany Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Beene, Chair

Vice Chair Hoover called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Hoover requested a motion regarding the minutes from the committee's October 9, 2025, meeting. Member Frederick moved to approve the minutes as presented, and Member Mikulka seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA

ACT ON REQUESTS FOR DEGREE AND/OR CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Charmine Chambers, Director for Workforce Development, presented a request from Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology (WSU Tech) for a new Automation Engineer Technology (15.0406) program. Detailed program information, rationale, demand, existing programs, and costs/funding for the requested program are included in the November 6, 2025, meeting packet materials.

1. Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology (WSU Tech): Automation Engineer Technology (15.0406) Technical Certificate C/46 credit hours; Associate of Applied Science degree/61 credit hours

Member Mikulka moved to approve WSU Tech's request for an Automation Engineer Technology program and be added to the November 20, 2025 TEA consent agenda, and Member Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Act on Request(s) for New Promise Act Program

Director Chambers presented background information regarding Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology: Automation Engineer Technology (15.0406) request to be eligible for the Promise Act Scholarship. Member Frederick moved to approve; Member Reist seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Act on Request(s) for Excel in CTE Fee approval

Director Chambers presented information on the increase in the Butler Community College Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course fee from \$50 to \$80, due to a change in background screening vendors. Member Frederick moved to approve the fee change. Member Reist seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Act on Articulated Credit with Kansas State Department of Education:

Crystal Roberts, Associate Director for Workforce Development, presented information on course articulations between identified high school courses, approved by the Kansas State Department of Education, with courses within the Automation Engineer Technology (15.0406) and Industrial Machine/Maintenance Technology (47.0303) postsecondary degree programs. After discussion, Member Clark moved to approve the articulated credit agreements. Member Reist seconded, and the motion passed.

NEXT MEETING REMINDER

Vice Chair Hoover announced that the next scheduled Program and Committee Meeting would be on December 4, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Hoover adjourned the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

III. Consideration of Discussion Agenda**A. Act on Request(s) for Degree and/or Certificate Programs from Community Colleges and Technical Colleges:**

Charmine Chambers, Director for Workforce Development

1. *Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology: Heavy Equipment Operation (49.0202)*
2. *Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology: Masonry Construction (46.0101)*

Summary

To develop and enhance the talent pipeline for Kansas business and industry, new programs and/or additional programs are required. The Board office received proposals from the Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology.

The proposing institution has responded to all criteria requested and no comments were received during the Board policy-required 10-day comment period from December 12, 2025, to January 30, 2025. The programs were reviewed by Board staff and are presented for review and discussion by the Technical Education Authority's Program and Curriculum Committee.

Background

Community and technical colleges submit requests for new certificates and degree programs utilizing forms approved by Board staff. Criteria addressed during the application process include but are not limited to the following: program description, demand for the program, duplication of existing programs, faculty requirements, costs and funding, and program approval at the institution level.

Descriptions of Proposed Programs:**Institution: Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology (WSU Tech)****I. General Information and Program Identification**

Program Title	Heavy Equipment Operation
Degree Level(s) and Credit Hours	Technical Certificate B/35 credit hours, and Associate of Applied Science/60 credit hours
Responsible Department or Unit	Jessi Lane, Dean, Applied Technologies
CIP Code	49.0202 Construction / Heavy Equipment / Earthmoving Equipment Operation
SOC Code	47-2073 Operating Engineers and other Construction Equipment Operators
Industry-Recognized Certifications	OSHA10, NCCER Core
Clinical Sites/Work-Based Learning	Internship course offered as elective
Number of Projected Enrollments	Year 1: 10 Year 2: 10 Year 3: 10
Accrediting Body Approval Status	NA
Aligned Program Status	NA
Proposed Implementation	Fall 2026

II. Program Rationale and Information

Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology (WSU Tech) explained that the institution received the request for the new program from the Southeast Kansas Career and Technical Education Center (SEK CTEC) due to the conclusion of their partnership with Fort Scott Community College at the end of the 2025 Academic Year. Due to the timing of this transition, WSU Tech received approval to adjust existing curriculum to support the SEK CTEC while the college began the process to develop and make the formal proposal for the Heavy Equipment Operation program.

A degree map was provided in the application, and this program consists of a single pathway or track. Letters of support were included from SEK CTEC USD's, including Northeast USD 246, Girard USD 248, Frontenac USD 249, and Pittsburg USD 250 as the program will be offered to high school students.

III. Program Demand – Note: High Demand/High Wage occupation, 2025 Kansas DOL listing.

A. Source: Kansas Department of Labor Long-term Occupation Projections 2022-2032 for 47-2073

Occupational Demand Ranking	71 of 796
Annual change in employment:	.4%
Annual median wage:	\$50,600
Annual openings:	603
Typical education for occupation entry:	High school diploma or equivalent and moderate-term on-the-job training

B. Source: Lightcast Job Postings: November 2024 – November 2025 for the state of Kansas

Total postings:	461 Total, (198 unique)
Annual median advertised salary:	\$45,600
Removing job postings with no education level listed, 98% of postings indicate a high school diploma or GED as the minimum education for entry in the occupation. (Including job postings with no education level listed, 1,662 total postings (638 unique) were reported, with an advertised salary of \$48,600, and 69% of the job postings listed no education level requirement for entry.)	

WSU Tech explained that Heavy Equipment Operation: Page 15, Question 2 of the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) directly identifies the related occupations—Paving, Surfacing, and Tamping Equipment Operators and Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators—as pathways not currently offered but needed in the region based on occupational demand.

Three letters of support for the proposed program were received from Crossland Construction Company, Next Generation Enterprise LLC, Unique Metal Fabrication LLC. Supports and commitments for the program include interviewing graduates for available positions, equipment donations, internships, and serving on the advisory committee.

IV. Duplication of Existing Programs and Collaboration

Currently two institutions offer this program based on CIP code and/or program title. Below are the colleges, programs, total number of concentrators, total number of graduates, total number of graduates exiting the higher education system and employed, and average wage of graduates who exited the higher education system and are employed information from the 2024 K-TIP report, which includes only technical programs in two-year postsecondary institutions.

Kansas Training Information Program						
2024 K-TIP Construction/Heavy Equipment/Earthmoving Equipment Operation 49.0202						
CIP Code	Program Name	Institution	Total # Concentrators	Total # Graduates	Total # Graduates Exited & Employed	Average Wage: Graduates Exited & Employed
49.0202	Heavy Equipment Operation	Fort Hays Tech North Central	23	20	16	\$41,967
49.0202	Heavy Equipment Operations	For Scott Community College (new program, 8/2024)	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total			23	20	16	\$41,967

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WSU Tech explained that collaboration with Fort Scott Community College occurred throughout the transition process to ensure a seamless experience for students and program integrity.

V. Cost and Funding for Proposed Program

The college estimates the initial cost of the proposed program at \$41,000 total. Funding sources include the program budget.

Instructional Supplies/Technology: \$1,000

Faculty: \$40,000 for one half of an existing, full-time faculty member (program shares instructional personnel with the Masonry program)

Institution: Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology (WSU Tech)

I. General Information and Program Identification

Program Title	Masonry Construction
Degree Level(s) and Credit Hours	Technical Certificate B/38 credit hours, and Associate of Applied Science/60 credit hours
Responsible Department or Unit	Jessi Lane, Dean, Applied Technologies
CIP Code	46.0101 Mason/Masonry
SOC Code	47-2021 Brick Masons and Block Masons
Industry-Recognized Certifications	NCCER Masonry – Level 1 - 3
Clinical Sites/Work-Based Learning	NA
Number of Projected Enrollments	Year 1: 10 Year 2: 10 Year 3: 10
Accrediting Body Approval Status	NA
Aligned Program Status	NA
Proposed Implementation	Fall 2026

II. Program Rationale and Information

Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology (WSU Tech) explained that, similar to the Heavy Equipment Operation program, the institution received the request for the new program from the Southeast Kansas Career and Technical Education Center (SEK CTEC) due to the conclusion of their partnership with Fort Scott Community College at the end of the 2025 Academic Year. Due to the timing of this transition, WSU Tech received approval to adjust existing curriculum to support the SEK CTEC while the college began the process to develop and make the formal proposal for the Masonry Construction program.

A degree map was provided in the application, and this program consists of a single pathway or track. Letters of support were included from SEK CTEC USD's, including Northeast USD 246, Girard USD 248, Frontenac USD 249, and Pittsburg USD 250 as the program will be offered to high school students.

III. Program Demand – Note: High Wage occupation, 2025 Kansas DOL listing.

A. Source: Kansas Department of Labor Long-term Occupation Projections 2022-2032 for 47-2021

Occupational Demand Ranking	373 of 796
Annual change in employment:	.3%
Annual median wage:	\$54,770
Annual openings:	54
Typical education for occupation entry:	High school diploma or equivalent and apprenticeship

B. Source: Lightcast Job Postings: November 2024 – November 2025 for the state of Kansas

Total postings:	6 Total, (4 unique)
Annual median advertised salary:	Insufficient data
Removing job postings with no education level listed, 100% of postings indicate a high school diploma or GED as the minimum education for entry in the occupation. (Including job postings with no education level listed, 71 total postings (38 unique) were reported, with an advertised salary of \$62,200, and 89% of the job postings listed no education level requirement for entry.)	

WSU Tech explained that while not specifically identified in the most recent Perkins Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) report; Masonry Construction falls under the broader occupational category of Construction Trades and the most recent CLNA report (page 13) lists Construction among the pathways and programs with too few concentrators relative to the number of available job openings.

Four letters of support for the proposed program were received from Cleland Masonry, Crossland Construction Company, Next Generation Enterprise LLC, Unique Metal Fabrication LLC. Supports and commitments for the program include interviewing graduates for available positions, equipment donations, apprenticeships, and serving on the advisory committee.

IV. Duplication of Existing Programs and Collaboration

Currently one institution offers this program based on CIP code and/or program title. Below are the colleges, programs, total number of concentrators, total number of graduates, total number of graduates exiting the higher education system and employed, and average wage of graduates who exited the higher education system and are employed information from the 2024 K-TIP report, which includes only technical programs in two-year postsecondary institutions.

Kansas Training Information Program						
2024 K-TIP Mason/Masonry 46.0101						
CIP Code	Program Name	Institution	Total # Concentrators	Total # Graduates	Total # Graduates Exited & Employed	Average Wage: Graduates Exited & Employed
46.0101	Masonry Certificate Program	Fort Scott Community College	9	^	^	^
Total			9	^	^	^

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WSU Tech explained that collaboration with Fort Scott Community College occurred throughout the transition process to ensure a seamless experience for students and program integrity. Additionally, all faculty previously employed by Fort Scott in this program were hired at the time WSU Tech assumed responsibility for the program.

V. Cost and Funding for Proposed Program

The college estimates the initial cost of the proposed program at \$41,000 total. Funding sources include the program budget.

Instructional Supplies/Technology:	\$1,000
Faculty:	\$40,000 for one half of an existing, full-time faculty member (program shares instructional personnel with the Heavy Equipment Operation program)

III. Consideration of Discussion Agenda

B. Act on Request(s) for New Promise Act Program(s):

Charmine Chambers, Director for Workforce Development

1. *Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology: Heavy Equipment Operation (49.0202)*
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Summary

The Kansas Legislature enacted the Kansas Promise Scholarship Act, which provides scholarships for students to attend an eligible postsecondary education institution. Eligible programs include any two-year associate degree program, career and technical education certificate, or stand-alone program that are approved by the Board of Regents and correspond to high wage, high demand, or critical need occupations in:

- *four specified fields of study (information technology and security; mental and physical healthcare; advanced manufacturing and building trades; and early childhood education and development).*
- *one college designated field of study from the specified list (Agriculture; Food and Natural Resources; Education and Training; Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security; or Distribution and Logistics).*
- *transfer programs with established 2+2 and/or articulation agreements.*

Background

On May 23, 2022, Governor Kelly signed 2022 Senate Substitute for House Bill 2567, which adopted changes in the Kansas Promise Scholarship Act, K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-32,271 et seq. The Act also maintains that the Board of Regents will administer the program. Administration is broken into three categories: rules and regulations, eligible programs, and other responsibilities.

Per statutory language (K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-32,271(b)(4) and K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-32,272(c)(1)(B)), a “promise eligible program” means any two-year associate degree program or career and technical education certificate or stand-alone program offered by an eligible postsecondary educational institution that is:

- a) approved by the Board of Regents;
- b) high wage, high demand, or critical need; and
- c) identified as a “promise eligible program” by the Board of Regents pursuant to K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-32,272, within any of the following fields of study:
 - Information Technology and Security
 - Mental and Physical Healthcare
 - Advanced Manufacturing and Building Trades
 - Early Childhood Education and Development

K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-32,272(a) states an eligible postsecondary educational institution may designate an additional field of study to meet local employment needs if the promise eligible programs within this field are two-year associate degree programs or career and technical education certificate and stand-alone programs approved by the Board of Regents that correspond to jobs that are high wage, high demand, or critical need in the community from one of the following fields:

- Agriculture;
- Food and Natural Resources;
- Education and Training;
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security; or
- Distribution, Logistics, and Transportation

K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-32,272(d) states that the Board of Regents may designate an associate degree transfer program as an eligible program only if such program is included in:

- a) An established 2+2 agreement with a Kansas four-year postsecondary education institution; or
- b) An articulation agreement with a Kansas four-year postsecondary educational institution and is part of an established degree pathway that allows a student to transfer at least sixty credit hours from the eligible from the eligible postsecondary educational institution to a four-year postsecondary education institution for the completion of an additional sixty credit hours toward a bachelor's degree.

Recommendation

The following programs are seeking approval to become Promise Act eligible programs. The programs have been reviewed by Board staff and are brought forward for review by the Technical Education Authority' Program and Curriculum Committee:

- Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology: Heavy Equipment Operation (49.0202) falls under the Advanced Manufacturing and Building Trades category specified in legislation. SOC 47-2073 for Operating Engineers and other Construction Equipment Operators was identified as a High Demand/High Wage occupation on the 2025 High Demand Occupations list from the Kansas Department of Labor.
- Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology: Masonry Construction (46.0101) falls under the Advanced Manufacturing and Building Trades category specified in legislation. SOC 47-2021 for Brick Masons and Block Masons was identified as a High Wage occupation on the 2025 High Demand Occupations list from the Kansas Department of Labor.

IV. Next Meeting Reminder
Thursday, February 5, 2026

Chair Beene

V. Adjournment

Chair Beene

Postsecondary TEA Meeting Dates 2025-2026

All meetings are streamed live at: <https://www.youtube.com/@kborkansas1908>

TEA Meeting Dates

Location

TEA meeting times and locations are subject to change based on the availability of the committee members

Thursday, August 21, 2025	KBOR Office, Topeka - 10 a.m.
Thursday, September 11, 2025	Conference Call - 10 a.m.
Thursday, October 23, 2025	KBOR Office, Topeka - 10 a.m.
Thursday, November 20, 2025	Conference Call - 10 a.m.
Thursday, December 18, 2025	Conference Call – 10 a.m.
Thursday, January 22, 2026	KBOR Office, Topeka - 10 a.m.
Thursday, February 19, 2026	Conference Call - 10 a.m.
Thursday, March 26, 2026	KBOR Office, Topeka - 10 a.m.
Thursday, April 23, 2026	Conference Call - 10 a.m.
Thursday, May 28, 2026	KBOR Office, Topeka - 10 a.m.

Committee Conference Call Meeting Dates

Location

Committee meeting times and dates are subject to change based on the availability of the committee members

All Committee meetings are conference calls

Thursday, August 7, 2025	<p>Budget/Finance Committee: 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Program/Curriculum Committee: 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.</p>
Thursday, October 9, 2025	
Thursday, November 6, 2025	
Thursday, December 4, 2025	
Thursday, January 8, 2026	
Thursday, February 5, 2026	
Thursday, March 12, 2026	
Thursday, April 9, 2026	
Thursday, May 14, 2026	



2025-2026 KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING DATES

September 17-18, 2025

November 19, 2025

December 17-18, 2025

January 14-15, 2026

February 11-12, 2026

March 11-12, 2026

May 20-21, 2026

June 17-18, 2026

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