

KANSASWORKS STATE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2011 • 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Capitol Plaza • Emerald Ballroom
1717 SW Topeka • Topeka, KS 66612

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Eddie Estes, Vice Chair. Eddie welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Eddie called for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. **Deb Shepard made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Tony Naylor. The motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Committee Update

Eddie called on Dr. Ed Berger to provide the executive committee update. The executive committee met to discuss changes in the bylaws. The revised draft was sent out for comment and is in the agenda packet. Ed called for questions, concerns or comments. Having none **Ed made the motion to approve the bylaws, which was seconded by Lynn Peterson. The motion passed unanimously.**

Health Care Workforce Partnership Committee Update

Ed Berger explained the **KANSASWORKS** State Board applied for and received a health care workforce partnership grant from Health and Human Services Health, Health Resources and Services Administration. It is to be utilized for development of a statewide plan to increase primary health care by 10-25% in the next ten years. Ed introduced Carla Deckert who is coordinating the grant activities. Ed recognized the committee members and explained the committee is looking at resources that currently exist and how those could be augmented. The first step is the assessment of workforce training—looking at supply and demand, then resources available to educate, recruit and retain primary care professionals. The committee will also look at enhancing partnerships throughout the state. Planning is expected to be complete by spring and an application for an implementation grant submitted in the summer.

Progress may be followed on the KWSB's website at:

<http://www.kansasworksstateboard.org/HCWP/Pages/default.aspx>.

Strategic Planning Committee Update

Eddie introduced Dr. Blake Flanders to provide the strategic planning update. Blake stated the committee met to discuss action steps to accomplish the five goals adopted by the board. Once the committee is done with the draft it will go out for public comment. There is no action required by the board at this time.

Technical Education Authority Update

Dr. Blake Flanders reported the Technical Education Authority held their last meeting in Concordia at Cloud County Community College where they toured wind turbines. Kansas is second in the country for potential wind energy. Economic returns in Kansas from wind energy are already realized.

The authority is very supportive of EnergyNET—a partnership between the Kansas Board of Regents and the Department of Commerce. The end goal is to put as much training as possible on line with the goal of adding capacity and more efficient delivery. This is an outgrowth from incentive money for meeting performance in WIA and adult basic education. The model pushes concurrent enrollment with adult basic education and technical education programs—working with Dianne Glass to fully integrate the two. Students involved are higher performing adult education students as well as some high school juniors and seniors.

Hopes are to take that same model and put it into the adult program. The GED is an important credential, but it is not enough to thrive in today's economy. This will be a new way to deliver technical education. Mike Michaelis was hired at Fort Hays State University for EnergyNET.

There is a new tiered cost model for technical education. It was in development for three years and was just passed by the Kansas Board of Regents. It is a huge step forward establishing rates for high cost programs. Implementation will be time-consuming. Any new funding coming to technical education will be distributed through the new model.

New members on the Technical Education Authority were listed. Secretary Karin Brownlee replaced Secretary Jim Garner from Department of Labor, Secretary Pat George replaced Secretary William Thornton from Department of Commerce and Steve Kearny was newly appointed.

Eddie requested everyone's support to get the new funding formula through the legislature.

Adult Basic Education Update

Dianne Glass reported performance reports for Adult Basic Education (ABE) were developed in basically the same format as the local area performance reports. The reports show ABE did not meet most performance goals. Part of the explanation is data. For years the Department of Labor provided data matching. Last year, for the first time, ABE received the data by individual learner and negotiations for performance levels were done on incorrect data. ABE is now reporting correct data, but can't renegotiate the performance levels. Dianne discussed the data and the measures that will be renegotiated in the spring. Kansas will also request the ability to go with second quarter data. Kansas will not receive incentive money this year due to ABE's poor performance and for that Dianne apologized.

New regulations have been written after eight years of no changes. Assessment requirements in the regulations mandate adherence to the test manufacturer's standards. ABE was testing before students exited the program to see if they had educational gains. If they said they were leaving, ABE tested. Now ABE will have to wait until a majority of the students have a minimum of seventy hours of learning. No one may be tested with below 40 hours of learning. Also, everyone will be measured the same. Age will not make a difference.

When WIA was passed, Kansas changed ABE's formula for funding to 89.5 percent of funding going out as performance-based funding. Another major overhaul is underway. The ABE model is changing to working on a GED and receiving vocational training at the same time. Students need more than a high school diploma. They need additional training and the best time to do it is while they are already in school.

A discussion took place on posttest assessment costs and percentages. Eddie noted the state was exceeding placement in secondary education.

State's Update

Caleb Asher reported the local and state quarterly reports are no longer in the agenda packets. They are available on the **KANSASWORKS** State Board website at <http://www.kansasworksstateboard.org/News/performanceReports/Pages/default.aspx>. Please access them on the site and continue to monitor state and local activities.

Workforce Services has been busy on several grants and activity is picking up. Caleb thanked both Carla Deckert and Steve Larrick for their work on the health care grants. He also thanked all of the partners for participating in all of the partner meetings. There have been successes in the State Energy Sector Partnership grant, but some of the projects have been held up funding wise awaiting a response from US Department of Labor. The EnergyNET grant with Fort Hays State is in the beginning steps of meeting with business and industry leaders.

In regards to web integration, **KANSASWORKS** is looking at marketing career and technical training and how it should interact/interface with **KANSASWORKS.com**, the Kansas Career Pipeline and Career Zoom. A third party is looking at how users see it and a gap analysis will be developed. The end result should be a dynamic portal site that will be more holistic with the end-user in mind. Adult Ed has also been approached and a backend interface may be included. It will be similar to what was done with unemployment insurance where the user can have the same username and go between sites—one user ID and password.

Chair's Update

Eddie reported turnout for the summit was tremendous with 29 exhibitors from 59 cities and 14 different states. He asked everyone to submit ideas for next year's event by going to www.KansasWorkforceSummit.com. Eddie asked attendees to remember the five points from the summit. They will be capsulized and presented to everyone. This year was the tenth annual summit, which says a lot about Kansas. Byron Zjudema from USDOL said some states can't even get people in the same room to talk about issues.

With the first transition in eight years, Eddie emphasized the importance of telling new administration about the talent in our workforce system with some of the best LWIBs anywhere. Kansas has much of which to be proud.

The State Plan is due on the 15th of April and the board will meet via teleconference to give its approval prior to that date. Notification of the date will come after public comments conclude.

The next board meeting will be held April 27, 2011 from ten until two. The location will be announced.

Blake asked when the state plan will be received. Caleb replied it would be distributed after receipt of needed direction from new administration.

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:25pm.

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS	PRESENT
Mike Fleming , <i>Chair</i> Attorney, Healy Law Firm, LLC	E
Eddie Estes , <i>Vice Chair</i> President, Western Kansas Manufacturers Association	X
Ed Berger , President, Hutchinson Community College	X
Rod Blackburn , Co-Owner, WB Construction, LLC	X
Phillip Chappuie , Director of Services, Class LTD	E
Tim Cotter , Retired	U
Blake Flanders , VP for Workforce Development, Kansas Board of Regents	X
Jack Fowler , Executive Director, Kansas Commission on Veteran's Affairs	X
Robert Giesen , President/Owner, B&B Electric Motor Company	E
Judy Gifford , Director of Labor Participation, United Way of Wyandotte Co	E
Dianne Glass , Director of Adult Education, Kansas Board of Regents	X
Vernon Jarboe , President, Sloan, Eisenbarth, Glassman, McEntire & Jarboe	E
Doug Kinsinger , President/CEO, Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce	E
Patricia Kirkman , Scy& Treasurer, Teamsters Local Union No. 696	U
Larissa Long , Sr. Manager, External Affairs, KS/CO Gas, Blackhills Energy	X
Alise Martiny , WD Manager, Kansas City Associated General Contractors	X
Criss Mayfield , Director of Administration, Abbott Workholding Products	X
Tony Naylor , Training Director, Wichita Electrical JATC	X
Carol Perry , VP of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Dir., Stormont Vail	X
Lynn Peterson , Co-Owner, Memorial Art Co. Inc. Abilene Commissioner	X
Deb Shepard , Organizer/Contract Admin., Society of Professional and Engineering Employees in Aerospace	X
Brian Threadgold , Business Manager, IBEW Local Union No. 226	U
Debra Zehr , President, Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (Dana Weaver)	X

X=Present
 E=Excused Absence
 U=Unexcused Absence

ATTENDANCE

GUESTS
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Bob Dalke, KANSASWORKS , Local Area I
Trent Howerton, Workforce Partnership, Local Area III
Scott Anglemyer, Workforce Partnership, Local Area III
Renea Cavaness, SE KANSASWORKS , Local Area V
Kathy Petz, Hutchinson Community College
Michelle Carson, Kansas Board of Regents Adult Education
Jerry Atkinson, KANSASWORKS , Local Area V
Doug Ewing, SE KANSASWORKS , Local Area V
Mike Carney, SPEEA
Phyllis McCune, Heartland Works
Sharon Byer, Heartland Works
Tucky Allen, Local Area I
Daniel Lassley, KDHE Bureau of Oral Health
Keith Lawing, Workforce Alliance, Local Area IV
Monica Scheibmeir, Washburn School of Nursing

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Caleb Asher	Christy Doherty
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