

Meeting of the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority

December 03, 2025

The meeting of the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority (KNEDA) was held online via Zoom.

I. Call to Order

Rodney Andrews, KNEDA Advisory Board Chair and Director of the University of Kentucky Center for Applied Energy Research, called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM. He thanked Mr. Dave Melanson for his assistance with the day's meeting arrangements and asked that Mr. Zebulon Hart, KNEDA Staff Engineer, call the roll.

II. Attendance

The following members of KNEDA were present: Rebecca Goodman, Jeff Noel, Angie Hatton, Jamie Link, Lori Hill on behalf of Eric Gibson, Aron Patrick, Cynthia Wiseman, Chris Perry, Don Mosier, David Carroll, Cory Hicks, George Bray, Keith Hamilton, Mark Workman, Don Gulley, Elizabeth Natter, Myron Lewis, Danny Carroll, Shelley Funke Fromeyer, Suzanne Miles, Rodney Andrews.

III. Approval of Minutes

Rodney Andrews requested any comments or corrections for the June 18 meeting minutes. With no input, Dr. Andrews requested a motion to approve the June 18 minutes. Keith Hamilton provided a motion, seconded by Aron Patrick. The motion passed unanimously, and the June 18 meeting minutes were approved.

Rodney Andrews subsequently requested any comments or corrections for the September 17 meeting minutes. With no input, Dr. Andrews requested a motion to approve the September 17 minutes. Rebecca Gooman provided a motion to approve, seconded by Angie Hatton. Brought to a vote, the motion passed unanimously and the meeting minutes for the September 17 meeting were approved.

Rodney Andrews then requested any comments or corrections for the October 24 meeting minutes. With no input, Dr. Andrews requested a motion to approve the October 24 minutes. Chris Perry moved to approve, seconded by Aron Patrick. Brought to a vote, the motion passed unanimously and the meeting minutes for the October 24 meeting were approved.

IV. Information Update

a. Executive Director Search Update

Rodney Andrews provided an update on the KNEDA Executive Director (ED) search. He informed the authority that the ED Selection Committee had previously made an offer of employment to a candidate who subsequently withdrew from consideration for the position. Subsequently, the ED Selection Committee made the decision to reopen the ED search. Dr. Andrews proposed that posting/advertising of this position be delayed until the new year and requested that members utilize their networks to solicit qualified, technical individuals for the role.

Mayor George Bray highly suggested the consideration of in-state candidates. Alternatively, Mayor Bray suggested, in the event of the solicitation of out-of-state candidates, that a relocation package be considered to be furnished to candidates. Dr. Andrews concurred.

b. Nuclear Development Grant Program Update

Rodney Andrews noted that the selection committee had reviewed and individually scored applicants' proposals and would target year-end for selecting grant recipients. Dr. Andrews indicated a large number of applications had been received.

Corey Hicks inquired whether the awards would be announced prior to the General Assembly Session commencement.

Dr. Andrews indicated that the goal was to deliver those results by the beginning of the legislative session.

V. Global Laser Enrichment (GLE) Project and Progress Update

Nima Ashkeboussi of GLE presented the current project status of GLE efforts to commission a uranium enrichment and production facility in Paducah, Kentucky, noting that, to date, GLE has invested approximately \$20M in developing the Kentucky facility. GLE is jointly owned by Silex and Cameco.

Mr. Ashkeboussi noted that GLE has acquired ~700 acres of land adjacent to the legacy DOE GD plant in Paducah. Their current focus is on the future processing of the depleted uranium tailings present at the DOE site. Site preparation has

commenced as of the meeting date. They expect to receive NRC licensure in Q1 2027, with major facility construction to begin later that year.

Mr. Ashkeboussi opened the floor to questions and subsequently fielded questions from members, including Elizabeth Natter, Senator Carroll, Cory Hicks, Dr. Andrews, and Mayor Bray.

VI. Update on Reporting (Workforce Development and Annual Reports)

Rodney Andrews updated the board on the status of the KNEDA Workforce Development and Annual Reports, due to the General Assembly by December 1, 2025. Dr. Andrews noted that board input (comments and questions) had been received for both reports and that this input had been integrated into the final draft versions of the documents, which were subsequently delivered to the legislature by the due date.

Elizabeth Natter, in referencing future report deadlines, requested additional time to review draft reports.

VII. Other Business

Rodney Andrews requested the board establish a meeting schedule whereby the Q4 meeting occur prior to the reporting due date to the legislature (Dec. 1).

Rodney Andrews subsequently requested that the board set a meeting time in early 2026 to review reports and address other business, including the KNEDA Biannual Economic Impact Assessment.

VIII. Adjournment

Aron Patrick provided a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chris Perry, and the board voted to adjourn at 3:45 PM.