

Meeting of the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority

October 24, 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 1:02 PM. He noted that there were some informational details to discuss prior to the board going into closed session. Dr. Andrews requested that Mr. Dave Melanson call the roll.

II. Attendance

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

III. Approval of Minutes

Rodney Andrews requested to waive approval of the September meeting minutes until the subsequent regular meeting.

IV. Information Update

a. Education and Workforce Development Report

Rodney Andrews provided an update on the KNEDA Education and Workforce Development Report, noting that the report was in draft form, with content received from the Department of Energy, and that a draft report would be shared with the KNEDA board in November, for approval and submission by December 1.

b. SMR Meeting in Korea

Rodney Andrews provided an update that he and Dave Melanson would be attending an SMR Meeting in Korea at the end of October.

c. Nuclear Development Grant Program Update

Rodney Andrews noted that a Prebid meeting was held regarding the nuclear grant program, with 38 members of the public in attendance, noting that all questions from the public have been addressed. The grant application window closes at the end of October.

d. Stakeholder Engagement Solicitation

Liz Natter requested clarification on the deadline for responses to the Nuclear Workforce Development and Education report comment solicitation. Dr. Andrews clarified that the final week of November should be the target deadline.

V. Closed Session for Personnel Matter

Rodney Andrews requested a motion for the KNEDA Board to enter closed session to discuss a personnel matter. Liz Natter provided this motion, seconded by Aron Patrick. The motion was passed unanimously, and at 1:08 PM, the Board entered closed session.

VI. Return to Regular Session

The KNEDA board returned from closed session at 1:33, with Myron Lewis making a motion to return to regular session, seconded by Cory Hicks. The motion was passed unanimously, and the board returned to regular session.

Rodney Andrews subsequently requested a motion to allow the Search Committee to collaborate with the Chair in identifying and appointing the three advisory positions to the board. The motion was made by Don Mosier and seconded by Aron Patrick. The motion was passed unanimously.

Rodney Andrews subsequently requested a motion whereby the board authorized the chair to negotiate with the preferred candidate for the position of KNEDA Director. Myron Lewis provided a motion to his effect, seconded by Aron Patrick. The motion was passed unanimously.

VII. Other Business

No other business.

VIII. Adjournment

George Bray provided a motion to adjourn, seconded by Liz Natter, and the board voted to adjourn at 1:PM.