

Meeting of the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority

September 17, 2025

The meeting of the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority (KNEDA) was held at the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet (EEC) Secretary's Suite Conference Room at 300 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky.

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 3:04 PM. Dr. Andrews requested that Mr. Dave Melanson call the roll.

II. Attendance

The following members of KNEDA were present: Rebecca Goodman, Jeff Noel, Leslie Sizemore on behalf of Aaron Thompson, Angie Hatton, Jamie Link, Aron Patrick, Amy Spiller, Cynthia Wiseman, Christopher Perry, Don Mosier, David Carroll, Cory Hicks, Elizabeth Natter, Keith Hamilton, Mark Workman, George Bray, Danny Carroll, Suzanne Miles, Randy Bridges, Rodney Andrews.

III. Approval of Minutes

Rodney Andrews stated that the minutes for the June 18, 2025 meeting were not ready for approval by the board and thus would be addressed at the next regular meeting.

IV. KNEDA Executive Director Update

Rodney Andrews provided an update on the KNEDA Executive Director search. He stated that the Director Search Committee had reviewed a large pool of candidates and had down-selected to four candidates to interview – interviews scheduled to occur on September 22nd and 23rd. Dr. Andrews clarified that the Committee will make a recommendation on next steps following completion of those interviews, noting that the statute is silent on the approach to be taken to select the director.

V. KNEDA Bylaws Update

Rodney Andrews provided a KNEDA bylaws update. He noted that a final draft version of bylaws had been provided to the board – a draft which incorporated all relevant and statutorily compliant edits previously suggested by the board. No discussion was had. Aron Patrick made a motion to accept these draft bylaws,

seconded by Cory Hicks. The Board subsequently voted unanimously to adopt the bylaws.

VI. Nuclear Development Grant Program Update

Rodney Andrews provided an update on the Nuclear Development Grant Program. He noted that the Grant Committee had met multiple times to discuss the Request For Proposal (RFP) procedure and that the Grant Committee would be meeting subsequent to the current KNEDA quarterly meeting to approve that RFP procedure. He further noted that the goal was to release the RFP on October 1 and close on the final Friday in October. He encouraged all authority members to share the RFP through their respective channels.

Dr. Andrews subsequently introduced the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for grant selection for discussion, a draft of which had been previously shared with board membership. He inquired whether there was any comment on the content of the SOP – there was not – prior to asking whether there was a motion to approve the SOP. Aron Patrick made a motion to approve and adopt the SOP, seconded by Mark Workman. The board subsequently voted unanimously to approve and adopt the SOP.

VII. Nuclear-Ready Community Designation Process

Rodney Andrews introduced the nuclear-ready community designation process, required by statute, for discussion. He noted that legal interpretation was requested relating to language on community education; an interpretation which indicated that at least two educational meetings be held.

Liz Natter raised a question: Should the EEC be consulted during the designation process, and should the governing provisions of any advertised educational meeting include language that indicates that the meeting is being held to discuss the nuclear-ready community designation process? Secretary Noel suggested yes, clarifying that he felt it was the role of the Cabinet for Economic Development to review requests made by communities and that doing so required the development of assessment criteria. Kenya Stump of the EEC Office of Energy Policy agreed with this suggestion, noting that the criteria for different nuclear ecosystem sites would need to be tailored to each type of site (energy generation vs. manufacturing, etc.). General discussion over grant applicant suitability followed, with the ultimate conclusion being that the language of any suitability criteria should be as broad, inclusive, and flexible as feasible.

Cory Hicks subsequently made the motion that educational meetings relating to the nuclear-ready community designation process include information on the designation process, and further moved that the process be adopted. This motion

was seconded by George Bray. The board subsequently voted unanimously to approve and adopt the suggested edit and process.

VIII. Update from General Matter

Joined by Emily Robinson, Drew Dewalt, and Jantien Shizuru, General Matter provided an update presentation on their goal to bring commercial-scale uranium enrichment to Paducah by 2030, using proven, safe, reliable science and employing personnel from across all levels of education. General Matter further explored the national security imperative of on-shored uranium enrichment capacity.

IX. KNEDA Strategic Plan

Rodney Andrew proposed the establishment of a steering committee to draft a KNEDA strategic plan for further consideration and discussion at the subsequent KNEDA board meeting. Dr. Andrews requested that board members interested in serving on the steering committee contact him with notice.

X. Other Business

Cory Hicks introduced a motion to adopt a position statement supporting investment in a nuclear resurgence in the Commonwealth – focused on fostering generation, in-state supply chains, and front-end nuclear deployment. This motion was seconded by Mark Workman. General discussion followed. The board subsequently voted to adopt the position statement, with Liz Natter voting in opposition.

XI. Adjournment

Mark Workman provided a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cory Hicks, and the board voted to adjourn at 4:13 PM.