

## **Meeting of the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority**

**November 12, 2024**

The inaugural meeting of the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority (KNEDA) was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

### **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.

### **II. Attendance**

The following members of KNEDA were present: Rodney Andrews, Angie Hatton, Leslie Sizemore, Aron Patrick, Amy Spiller, Christopher Perry, Don Gulley, Don Mosier, Justin Maierhofer, Cory Hicks, Elizabeth Natter, Keith Hamilton, Kenya Stump, Mark Workman, Suzanne Miles, Steven Rudy.

### **III. Review of Authority Structure**

Rodney Andrews provided a variety of updates related to KNEDA and its function, structure, and budgetary status.

### **IV. Development of Bylaws**

Dr. Andrews mentioned the need to develop bylaws for KNEDA. He suggested that KNEDA member Jeff Noel, Secretary of the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, had volunteered to share draft bylaws that would help to get the bylaws development process started.

### **V. Authority Job Director Summary**

Dr. Andrews stated it was time to start the process of hiring a KNEDA Executive Director. Dr. Andrews said he would start the first draft and asked if any KNEDA members would like to assist.

Kenya Stump stated a place to start is the previous work group's report. Qualifications about a future director and related language is available in that report.

Liz Natter and Cory Hicks volunteered to assist in the job summary review process.

#### VI. Kentucky Nuclear Workforce and Educational Needs Study

Dr. Andrews stated that this body is charged with providing a Kentucky Nuclear Workforce and Educational Needs study. He mentioned that Idaho National Laboratory's Gateway for Accelerated Innovation in Nuclear (GAIN) is developing a study. He asked Shiela Medina to provide an update about the status of that report.

Shiela Medina provides an update about the GAIN report, providing background about what GAIN has been active in working on in Kentucky. She previewed what KNEDA members could expect to see in the report, which should be available soon. KNEDA members will be provided a copy of the report once available. That report is due from KNEDA to the Governor and Legislature by December 1, 2024.

Cory Hicks mentioned that the Paducah Chamber of Commerce is working on a Reindustrialization Study on the western side of the state dealing with the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant. He stated that some of that report may be helpful to this report.

#### VII. Informational Planning Updates

Dr. Andrews stated there are a series of other reports and recurring reports including in statue. They are:

- Strategic planning
- Nuclear energy economic impact report
- Site suitability study
- Education and marketing plan

Dr. Andrews reviewed the role of KNEDA in developing these reports in the future.

Kenya Stump suggested that a virtual space be developed to share information and help build a variety of reports that KNEDA is required to post.

Liz Natter stated she had two comments: one a general concern and a specific concern. The general concern is that there are potentially inconsistencies within the mandate we are given. We are encouraged to encourage and facilitate new industries in the nuclear energy ecosystem but also to protect the environment and

support community voices. It is important we as a board rely on sound science, sound economics, and our own informed judgment. The more specific comment is regarding the communication and marketing plan. It is important for KNEDA to design a process for people to speak and be heard.

Dr. Andrews agreed that the statute charged this body with engaging in a public education activity.

Kenya Stump echoed the importance of community engagement and how the original nuclear workgroup report stated that community engagement is foundational to the two-way structure.

Dr. Andrews states that KNEDA has the ability to refine that when looking for those services. We have to make sure we meet the specific language of the law. We want to ensure we are engaging the public appropriately. I am aware of the downside of telling people what to do in their community. That doesn't seem to go very well.

Dr. Andrews asked who would like to work on community engagement. Liz Natter and Kenya Stump volunteered to assist to help bring something to the rest of the KNEDA Board for input.

#### VIII. Other Business

Kenya Stump shared the following in the group chat for KNEDA member information. <https://www.energy.gov/scep/request-direct-technical-assistance>

#### IX. Meeting Regularity

Dr. Andrews stated that the meetings will meet quarterly. He advised KNEDA members to be on the lookout for email communication about scheduling for future meetings.

#### X. Adjournment

Corey Hicks made the motion to adjourn. Chris Perry seconded that motion.