

## **Meeting of the Energy Planning & Inventory Commission**

**May 12, 2025**

This meeting of the Energy Planning & Inventory Commission (EPIC) was held virtually via Zoom on Monday, May 12, 2025.

### **I. Call to Order**

Rodney Andrews, EPIC Executive Committee member and Director of the University of Kentucky Center for Applied Energy Research, called the meeting to order.

### **II. Attendance**

The following members of EPIC were present: John Crockett, Jeff Brock, Wes Cate, Todd Case, Brian Weisker, Caryl Pfeiffer, Keith Murt, Nat Adams, Ashli Watts, Matt Partymiller, Mark Gooch, Kevin Nolan, Kentucky Representative Suzanne Miles, Brittany Koenig (proxy for Secretary Rebecca Goodman), Jeff Noel, Rodney Andrews, Ed Holmes, Eston Glover.

### **III. Motion to Go into Closed Session**

Rodney Andrews stated the following: At this time, pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f), the Commission Board needs to go into closed session for discussions that might lead to individual members of the Board being appointed as Chair and Vice Chair of the full Board or as a member of the Executive Committee. To clarify, no final action will be taken nor will any group consensus be made during closed session. Any appointments or votes will be made in open session following the discussion. At this time, I'd like to call on Todd Case for a motion.

Todd Case made the following motion: Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) and in accordance with KRS 61.815, I move that the Commission Board go into Closed Session for discussion of the potential appointment of individual members to the Chair, Vice Chair, and Executive Committee position.

Motion was seconded by Keith Murt. The motion carried without dissent.

Rodney Andrews stated that EPIC will now move into the Closed Session. Only members of the EPIC Board are permitted to attend and participate in the Closed

Session. In addition to Board members, I am asking Dave Melanson and Vera Brown from our staff to attend the Closed Session to provide technical support. At this time, we will cease live streaming of our meeting. Upon our return, we will resume broadcast of this meeting and the open session portion of this public meeting on the University's Zoom weblink.

#### IV. Return to Open Session

Rodney Andrews stated the following: We are now returning to Open Session. We do have a quorum. As required under the Open Meetings Act, no final action was taken nor was any consensus made during closed session.

#### V. Executive Committee Nominations and Vote

Rodney Andrews stated that at this time we will now have nominations for the Executive Committee. Rodney noted that EPIC has received nominations for the following EPIC members: Jeff Brock, Wes Cate, Caryl Pfeiffer, and Ashli Watts. Rodney Andrews asked for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor were made.

EPIC members were asked to vote for two individuals for the Executive Committee.

Jeff Brock received 5 votes. Wes Cate received 7 votes. Caryl Pfeiffer received 5 votes. Ashli Watts received 8 votes.

Rodney Andrews stated that we do not have a majority for any candidate and stated that we would vote again.

#### VI. Executive Committee Vote #2

EPIC members were asked to vote for two individuals for the Executive Committee.

Jeff Brock received 5 votes. Wes Cate received 8 votes. Ashli Watts received 9 votes. Caryl Pfeiffer received 4 votes.

Ashli Watts was elected to the Executive Committee.

VII. Executive Committee Vote #3

EPIC members were asked to vote for one individual for the Executive Committee.

Jeff Brock received 5 votes. Wes Cate received 8 votes.

Rodney Andrews stated that we do not have a majority for any candidate and stated we would try another round of voting.

VIII. Executive Committee Vote #4 and Motion to Return to Closed Session

EPIC members were asked to vote for one individual for the Executive Committee.

Jeff Brock received 5 votes. Wes Cate received 8 votes.

Rodney Andrews stated that we have several options. He informed EPIC members they could vote again or go into Closed Session to discuss candidates.

Todd Case made the following motion: Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) and in accordance with KRS 61.815, I move that the Commission Board go into Closed Session for discussion of the potential appointment of individual members to the Chair, Vice Chair, and Executive Committee position.

Motion seconded by Nat Adams. The motion carried without dissent.

IX. Return to Open Session and Vote to Adjourn the EPIC Meeting

Jeff Brock made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Todd Case.

Four individuals voted in favor of adjourning the meeting. Nine voted to not adjourn. The meeting remains open.

X. Executive Committee Vote #5

EPIC members were asked to vote for one individual for the Executive Committee.

Jeff Brock received 5 votes. Wes Cate received 8 votes.

Rodney Andrews stated that we do not have a majority vote.

Nat Adams moved that EPIC proceeds to a vote of Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission and delay voting on the final Executive Committee member until that vote is taken.

Jeff Brock seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

#### XI. EPIC Chair Nominations and Vote

Rodney Andrews stated that at this time we will now have nominations for EPIC Chair. Rodney noted that EPIC had two nominations for Chair: Jeff Brock and Ashli Watts. Rodney Andrews asked for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor were made.

Jeff Brock received 5 votes. Ashli Watts received 8 votes.

Rodney Andrews stated that this election requires a majority of the Board and that we do not have a majority. Keith Murt made a motion to vote again for EPIC Chair

#### XII. EPIC Chair Vote #2

Jeff Brock received 4 votes. Ashli Watts received 9 votes.

Ashli Watts was elected as Chair of the Energy Planning & Inventory Commission Board.

#### XIII. EPIC Vice Chair Nominations and Vote

Rodney Andrews stated that at this time we will now have nominations for EPIC Vice Chair. Rodney noted that EPIC had one nomination for Vice Chair: Caryl Pfeiffer. Rodney Andrews asked for nominations from the floor. Nat Adams nominated Jeff Brock. The nomination was seconded by Todd Case. Matt Partymiller nominated Wes Cate.

Jeff Brock received 8 votes. Caryl Pfeiffer received 2 votes. Wes Cate received 3 votes.

Rodney Andrews stated we are required to have a majority of the Board vote for this candidate.

Caryl Pfeiffer stated she would be happy to change her vote to Jeff Brock.

Jeff Brock was elected as Vice Chair of the Energy Planning & Inventory Commission Board.

XIV. Executive Committee Vote #6

EPIC members were asked to vote for one individual for the Executive Committee.

Jeff Brock received 5 votes. Wes Cate received 8 votes.

Nat Adams moved for adjournment. Jeff Brock seconded that motion.

XV. Vote to Adjourn EPIC meeting

Four individuals voted in favor of adjourning the meeting. Nine voted to not adjourn. The meeting remains open.

XVI. Executive Committee Vote #7

EPIC members were asked to vote for one individual for the Executive Committee.

Jeff Brock received 5 votes. Wes Cate received 8 votes.

XVII. Move into Closed Session

Todd Case made the following motion: Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) and in accordance with KRS 61.815, I move that the Commission Board go into Closed Session for discussion of the potential appointment of individual members to the Chair, Vice Chair, and Executive Committee position.

Motion seconded by Nat Adams. The motion carried without dissent.

Rodney Andrews stated that at this time, EPIC will go into Closed Session. To clarify, no final action will be taken nor will any group consensus be made during closed session. Any appointments or votes will be made in open session following the discussion.

XVIII. Return to Open Session and Vote on Majority of Those Appointed to EPIC

Brian Weisker made a motion to vote on the final Executive Committee position based on the majority of those that have been appointed to EPIC, rather than a majority of the commission. Matt Partymiller seconded the motion.

Nat Adams made a note of parliamentary procedure. Nat Adams stated his objection to this vote due to EPIC not currently having bylaws as well as a member that has yet to be appointed.

Rodney Andrews read the motion to be voted upon: The motion is to proceed with a vote of a majority of the members of the Commission board that have been appointed.

Ten people voted in favor of the motion. Four individuals voted against the motion.

The motion passed.

XIX. Executive Committee Vote #8

EPIC members were asked to vote for one individual for the Executive Committee.

Jeff Brock received 6 votes. Wes Cate received 8 votes.

Wes Cate was elected as to the Executive Committee.

XX. Adjournment

Nat Adams made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Keith Murt; the motion carried without dissent.