



Kentucky Environmental Education Council
Summer Council Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2024

Meeting Location: Kentucky Folk Art Center, 102 W 1st St, Morehead, KY, and virtual

Meeting Time: 1:00 p.m. Eastern

Council Members in Attendance: Chair Ryan Green, Vice Chair Sarah Cummins, Ben Allen, Tresine Logsdon, Ashley Wilmes

Absent Members: Katie Dailinger, Dr. Hugh Henry

Staff in Attendance: Wesley Bullock, Risa Yost, Ashley Mike, Willa Dawn Bayne, Abigail Way

A. Introduction

1. Call to order and confirmation of press notification: At 1:08 p.m., R. Green called the meeting order. W. Bullock confirmed that the press was notified.
2. Quorum With 5 out of 7 members present, quorum is met.
3. Action: Approval of minutes from August council meeting. S. Cummins moved, B. Allen seconded, minutes approved.

B. Agency Initiatives

1. Update: Environmental Education Leadership Corps
 - A. Mike gave an update on Monthly Service Year target for 2024/25 and gave testimonials from members.
2. Update: KEEC Environmental Education Leadership Corps Member
 - A. Way gave a personal introduction and explained her connection to other state agencies as a member with KEEC.
3. Update: Interagency Subcommittee on Environmental Education
 - W. Bullock gave an update on what other agencies are doing and how KEEC is looking to be involved.
4. Update: State Agency EE Training
 - W. Bullock gave an update on feedback from ISEE and the secured location.
5. Update: Professional Environmental Educator Certification
 - R. Yost gave an update on PEEC course in progress
6. Update: US Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools
 - W. Bullock gave an update on the nomination process and applicants.
7. Update: Stream Snorkeling
 - W. Bullock gave an update on the stream snorkeling program now underway in Kentucky through Interagency Subcommittee connections.
8. Update: Communications

W. Bullock announced successful communications approval processes leading into the new year.

C. Agency Leadership

1. Action: Schedule of 2025 council meetings

Later in the afternoon was suggested, W. Bullock will get a calendar invite out for Thursday, February 6th at 4pm and Thursday, May 8th, at 4pm., the other two meetings remain tentative, A Wilmes made a motion to approve, B. Allen second, motion approved.

2. W. Bullock announced the now open EES position which will be posted at the beginning of the year.

3. Information: Draft Strategic Plan

W. Bullock offered more detailed background on the Draft, T Logsdon appreciates the layout of the plan as the usefulness of it as a reference, W. Bullock would like to present the Plan for approval at the February meeting.

4. Information: Draft Master Plan

W. Bullock hopes to return more to grant writing, R. Green expressed available funding matches through higher ed institutions, T. Logsdon suggested showing up for career expos and offered her help, W. Bullock aims to combine KEEC strategic plan with other state agency with May 2025 as the target for a final approval draft.

D. Professional Development

W. Bullock reported the Governor's Conference on E&E and North American Association for Environmental Education Conference were positive experiences, KEEC will be presenting and hosting a reunion at the current Kentucky Association for Environmental Education Conference, and staff is looking forward to Kentucky Department of Education Day of Learning.

E. Budget

W. Bullock gave overview of budget info provided

F. Council Meeting Adjournment – motion to adjourn raised by B. Allen, A. Wilmes seconded, meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.