



Kentucky Environmental Education Council
Winter Council Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2025

Meeting Location: Fayette County Public Schools, Ambrose Building, 128 Walton Ave, Lexington, Kentucky 40508, and virtual

Meeting Time: 4:00 p.m. Eastern

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

Absent Members: Dr. Hugh Henry

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

Absent Staff: Ashley Mike

Others in Attendance: Secretary Jamie Link

A. Introduction

1. The meeting was called to order by R. Green at 4:01 PM.
2. Quorum. With more than five council members in attendance, quorum is met.
3. Action. Motion to approve 2024 Fall Council Meeting Minutes: ⇐⇒ At 4:04 PM, R. Green moved to approve the minutes of the Fall 2024 Council Meeting. T. Logsdon seconded. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion passed.
4. W. Bullock will send council members their travel forms.
5. Secretary J. Link joined, staff and then council gave introductions.

B. Agency Initiatives

1. Update: Environmental Education Leadership Corps. KEEC staff played a video of A. Mike giving the following updates:
 - i) Updated list of sites
 - ii) Progress to enrollment target
 - iii) Site recruiting for next year
 - iv) Member recruiting for this year
2. Update: Project curriculum training. W. Bullock announced the upcoming Project Curriculum Training that KEEC will conduct for EELCorps members.
3. Update: KEEC Environmental Education Leadership Corps Member A. Way informed the Council on projects she has been working on in collaboration with other state agencies.
4. Update: Interagency Subcommittee on Environmental Education. W. Bullock gave an update on the most recent ISEE meeting.
5. Update: State Agency EE Training. W. Bullock debriefed the State Agency EE Training.

6. Update: Professional Environmental Educator Certification. R. Yost gave an update on the halfway mark of the 2024-25 PEEC course, the reunion held at the KAEE conference, and 2024 renewals.
7. Update: US Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools. T. Logsdon shared she recently learned that the US Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools no longer exists. W. Bullock announced that we would therefore no longer be the nominating agency for the defunct program. T. Logsdon expressed hope for the program to re-emerge in the future.
8. Update: Stream Snorkeling – R. Yost offered an update on the DOW 319 grant application process.
9. Update: Communications – R. Yost announced communications are operating smoothly. W. Bullock commended the departments that KEEC staff work with including communications and finance. J. Link agreed emphasizing the good work of the ELC cabinet and KEEC.

C. Agency Leadership

1. Information: W. Bullock announced the opening for the Environmental Education Specialist. T. Logsdon asked if the responsibilities would remain the same for the Interim position, which W. Bullock confirmed.

D. Professional Development

1. Update: KAEE Conference. W. Bullock described a successful conference including a well-attended KEEC-led session and PEEC reunion.

E. Budget

1. Update: Quarterly budget report. W. Bullock gave a thorough update on the budget.
2. Update: AmeriCorps grant budget. W. Bullock offered an update on EELCorps expenditure and revenue projections. W. Bullock stated there was no update yet on AmeriCorps funding. R. Green thanked J. Link for his insights and advice to support the program as we can.

- F. Council Meeting Adjournment. R. Green asked if there were any other questions and announced the next meeting. W. Bullock confirmed. Motion to Adjourn: ⇨ At 5:00 PM, R. Green moved to adjourn. A. Wilmes seconded. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion passed.