



Kentucky Environmental Education Council (KEEC)  
Interagency Subcommittee on Environmental Education Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2024

**Meeting Location:** 300 Building, 500 Sower Boulevard, Room 316, Frankfort, KY

**Meeting Time:** 2:00 p.m. Eastern

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Michaela Lambert, Division of Water; Kendall McDonald, Office of Nature Preserves; Carey Ruff, Department of Parks; Willa Dawn Bayne, Environmental Education Leadership Corps; Ashley Mike, Environmental Education Leadership Corps; Johnna McHugh, Division of Conservation; Emily Hogue, Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources; Cara Rogers, Division of Agricultural Education; Chris Wiedamann, Division of Forestry; Kirsten Delamarter, Energy and Environment Cabinet; Roberta Burnes, Division for Air Quality; Shana Weber, Division of Enforcement; Eileen Hardy, Office of Energy Policy

**Other Staff in Attendance:**

A. Introduction

1. Call to Order. W. Bullock called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. Quorum. Per KEEC operating policies, the members of the committee present at any meeting of that committee shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business.
3. Action: Motion to approve January 23, 2024, ISEE Meeting Minutes: ⇌ At 2:06 PM, R. Burnes moved to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2024, ISEE Meeting. C. Weidamann seconded. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion passed.

B. Agency Introductions

1. E. Hogue and C. Rogers reported on the environmental education-related initiatives that their agencies are conducting, have planned, or would like to plan.
2. New EE initiatives. K. McDonald asked for input on an online volunteer hub for state agencies and non-profit organizations. A. Mike offered to provide information about the existing volunteer hub hosted by Serve KY.

C. Possible collaborations

1. State agency EE training. W. Bullock asked the committee about their agencies' potential interest in a one-day state agency environmental education training to be held in Frankfort. E. Hogue said her department would have lots of folks who interact with the public, and she would want to talk with them about their needs for a training. C. Weidamann had planned to do a Project Learning Tree training. C. Rogers would want some of her coordinators to participate. R. Burnes said she had 3-5 folks that might be interested because it's something that they love doing. K. McDonald said that it would be beneficial for biologists in her agency. M. Lambert said

that basin coordinators planned to attend the full Professional Environmental Educator Certification course, but others could from a one-day training. Committee consensus was that January 2025 would work best as a target date. E. Hogue proposed trainings in other parts of the state as a follow-up.

2. Earth Day 2025. W. Bullock proposed a “Green Careers” focus across state agencies for Earth Day 2025. K. Delamarter offered to help because it aligns with what she does on a daily basis, but noted that the hard part is making sure that the material reaches its target audience. Committee members asked for something that combined everyone’s info for all to post. R. Burnes noted that another state has a state-sponsored green career mentorship portal.
3. New ideas. R. Burnes proposed a directory of state agency folks who can go to schools for outreach requests.

D. Next Meeting

1. W. Bullock announced that the next ISEE meeting will be held September 11, 2024, 2:00 PM, at the Schaaf Meeting Room in the Salato Wildlife Education Center, hosted by E. Hogue.

- E. Adjournment: ⇨ At 2:57 PM, J. McHugh moved to adjourn. E. Hogue seconded. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned.