

KENTUCKY FILM LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025
MINUTES

A meeting of the Kentucky Film Leadership Council (KLFC) convened at 3:02 p.m. on Thursday, August 28, 2025, through both in person attendance and video conference. The primary location for the meeting where all members could be seen and heard and the public was able to attend in accordance with KRS 61.826 and 61.840 was the Conference Room at 500 Mero Street, Mayo-Underwood Bldg, 5th Fl, Frankfort, Kentucky. While participants, media and members of the general public were able to attend the council meeting in person at the primary location, space was limited, and attendees were encouraged to join the meeting virtually and provided a link for a video teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Soozie Eastman, Chairperson of KFLC, called the meeting to order and verified press notification. Karen Yates called the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Soozie Eastman, Misdee Wrigley Miller, Jeremy Winton, Steve Zahn (joined virtually), Secretary Jeff Noel, Mona Juett (proxy for Secretary Lindy Casebier) and Secretary Jamie Link.

OTHERS PRESENT

Kylee Palmer, Karen Yates, Shannon MacDonald, Matthew Wingate, Chad Zimlich, Joseph Gearon, Nasim Moula, Ashiq Zaman, Cody Pennington, Jason Harley, Brennan Tucker, Tim Bates, Andrew Osborne, Peyton McElmurray, Casadi Bramer, Breanna Dolan, Gabrielle McGee, Rachael Dever, Molly Green, Connor Wall, Jeanne Darby, Ashlee Chilton, Ellen Felix, Lisa Brin (FilmLEX Lead), Bryan Houston, Kristi Kilday, Stu Pollard, Steve Hohne, Kevin Greene, CeCe Warren, Sara Fontaine, Ojan Missaghi, Alex Staffieri, Mary Jackson, Sedrick Spencer, Kathy Banuelos, David Cottingham, Sarah Van Wallaghen, Alexandra Reinnoldt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was introduced by Soozie Eastman to approve the minutes of the Kentucky Film Leadership Council special meeting held on Thursday, August 7, 2025. Misdee Wrigley Miller made the motion and was seconded by Secretary Jamie Link. The motion carried without opposition.

REPORT

Kylee Palmer provided the monitoring report of the calendar year activity for the KEI projects.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

The Guideline Subcommittee presented a report outlining proposed official comments for the Council to make related to the Kentucky Entertainment Incentive Program's emergency regulation, 307 KAR 1:080E, instructing CED to make seven identified changes to the regulation pertaining to qualifying payroll expenditures, qualifying expenditures, incentive caps, proof of funding, applications, and the economic analysis. These comments were then referred to the full Council for review and consideration. After discussion, Misdee Wrigley introduced a motion to adopt the comments; Mona Juett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The following projects were presented for consideration by the KFLC:

Following a brief discussion of the Frontier Lives LLC project, the agenda was adjusted to move the first three projects to the end of the meeting. The meeting continued and projects were reviewed for consideration by the council.

1. Kentucky Lifestyle Series LCC, Hopkins County, presented by Tim Bates

Jeremy Winton disclosed a financial interest in Kentucky Lifestyle Series, LLC, Real GW Movie LLC, GR Film Slate 3 LLC, Unwritten LLC, in accordance with the KFLC Bylaws, and refrained from participating in discussions related to or taking action on those projects. Jeremy Winton left the room during these discussions.

A representative from the project attended virtually for project discussion.

Misdee Wrigley Miller introduced a motion to approve this project; Soozie Eastman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Real GW Movie LLC, Hopkins County, presented by Tim Bates

A representative from the project attended virtually for project discussion.

Soozie Eastman introduced a motion to approve this project; Misdee Wrigley Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. GR Film Slate 3 LLC, Hopkins County, presented by Tim Bates

A representative from the project attended virtually for project discussion.

Misdee Wrigley Miller introduced a motion to approve this project; Secretary Jamie Link seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Unwritten LLC, Daviess and Hopkins counties, presented by Tim Bates

A representative from the project attended virtually for project discussion.

Following discussion of the project, additional information was requested of the project and the project was tabled.

Jeremy Winton returned to the meeting to discuss the remaining projects.

5. Spring Will Come Again, Daviess County, presented by Joseph Gearon

A representative from the project attended virtually for project discussion.

Soozie Eastman introduced a motion to approve this project; Secretary Jamie Link seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Bourbon Set LLC, Jefferson County, presented by Joseph Gearon

A representative from the project attended virtually for project discussion.

Soozie Eastman introduced a motion to approve this project; Mona Juett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7. LawNewz, Inc., Fayette, Letcher and Pulaski counties, presented by Joseph Gearon

A representative from the project attended virtually for project discussion.

Secretary Jeff Noel introduced a motion to approve this project; Jeremy Winton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. Jigsaw Productions, LLC, Jefferson County, presented by Peyton McElmurray

Misdee Wrigley Miller disclosed a financial interest in Jigsaw Productions, LLC and Airways Productions, LLC, in accordance with the KFLC Bylaws, and refrained from participating in discussions related to or taking action on those projects. Misdee Wrigley Miller left the room during these discussions.

A representative from the project attended virtually for project discussion.

Secretary Jeff Noel introduced a motion to approve this project; Secretary Jamie Link seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9. Airways Productions, LLC, Fayette County, presented by Cody Pennington

A representative from the project attended virtually for project discussion.

Soozie Eastman introduced a motion to approve this project; Jeremy Winton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Misdee Wrigley Miller returned to the meeting to discuss the remaining projects.

The first three projects on the agenda were reviewed for consideration by the council.

10. Frontier Lives LLC, Edmonson, Jefferson and Powell counties, presented by Brennan Tucker

A representative from the project attended virtually for project discussion.

Following discussion of the project, no motion was made; agenda item failed for lack of a motion.

11. Wellness Trails, LLC, Fayette, Harlan, Jefferson, Lewis, McCracken, Pike, Powell and Rowan counties, presented by Brennan Tucker

A representative from the project attended virtually for project discussion.

Following discussion of the project, no motion was made; agenda item failed for lack of a motion.

12. Black Reins LLC, Fayette, Franklin and Jefferson counties, presented by Breanna Dolan

A representative from the project attended virtually for project discussion.

Following discussion of the project, no motion was made; agenda item failed for lack of a motion.

OTHER BUSINESS

Matt Wingate provided an update regarding comments on the current regulations (307 KAR 1:080E). Discussion occurred regarding including fringe and per diems as an eligible expense within the program, to the extent permitted by law. Soozie Eastman introduced a motion to include fringe and per diem as an eligible expense within the program; Secretary Jeff Noel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion occurred regarding the Continuous Film Production and a subcommittee was formed. The subcommittee representing the Continuous Film Production is Jermey Winton, Misdee Wrigley Miller and Secretary Jeff Noel.

An update related to the Executive Director position was provided. The posting is live and applications are being accepted. All applications should be submitted to Shannon MacDonald at the Cabinet.

The KFLC's next regular scheduled meeting is September 25, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Jeff Noel made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Soozie Eastman. The motion passed without opposition. Meeting ended at 5:36pm.

Soozie Eastman, Chair
Kentucky Film Leadership Council