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MEMORANDUM

TO: KFLC Members

FROM: Kylee Palmer, Deputy Commissioner *KP*
Department for Financial Services

DATE: March 20, 2026

SUBJECT: KFLC Regular Meeting

The Kentucky Film Leadership Council's meeting is scheduled for **March 26, 2026**, at 3:00 p.m. (ET) through both in person attendance and video conference. The primary location for the meeting where all members can be seen and heard and the public may attend in accordance with KRS 61.826 and 61.810 will be in COT Conf Room MUB547CE on the 5th floor at the Cabinet for Economic Development, Mayo Underwood Building, 500 Mero Street in Frankfort. While participants, media and members of the public may attend the board meeting in person at the primary location, attendees are also encouraged to join the meeting virtually and can access the video teleconference at the following link:

<https://ky-voip.zoomgov.com/j/1602024838>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at any time.

**KENTUCKY FILM LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
AGENDA
March 26, 2026**

PRIMARY LOCATION:

Where all members can be seen and heard and the public may attend in accordance with KRS 61.826 & 61.840

COT Conference Room MUB 547CE
Mayo Underwood Building
500 Mero Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

ALSO AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:

<https://ky-voip.zoomgov.com/j/1602024838>

Call to Order
Notification of Press
Roll Call
Opening Comments

Minutes

Minutes from February 26, 2026 Meeting

Reports

Executive Director Report	Meg Fister
Monitoring Report	Joseph Gearon

Subcommittee Discussion

Soozie Eastman

New Business

Waypoint Productions, LLC	Fayette	Tim Bates
Yardstick Productions, LLC	Fayette	Tim Bates
Zulu Productions, LLC	Fayette	Tim Bates
Black Reins LLC	Fayette, Franklin, Jefferson	Joseph Gearon
Competing for Joy LLC	Daviess	Molly Green
Detention Secrets, LLC	Hopkins	Peyton McElmurray
Framed Movie, LLC	Jefferson	Launa King

Adjournment

**KENTUCKY FILM LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026
MINUTES**

A meeting of the Kentucky Film Leadership Council (KLFC) convened on Thursday, February 26, 2026, 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, 547CE, at 500 Mero Street, Mayo-Underwood Bldg., 5th Fl, Frankfort, Kentucky. While participants, media and members of the 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, Chair of KFLC, called the meeting to order at 3:01pm and verified press notification. Kayla Smith called the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Soozie Eastman, Misdee Wrigley Miller, Jeremy Winton, Secretary Jeff Noel, Secretary Lindy Casebier, and Marjorie Arnold (proxy for Secretary Jamie Link).

MEMBERS ABSENT

Secretary Jamie Link, Steve Zahn

STAFF PRESENT

Tim Bates, Ashlee Chilton, Jeanne Darby, Breanna Dolan, Danielle Dunmire, Eric Estill, Ellen Felix, Meg Fister, Joseph Gearon, Krista Harrod, Launa King, Shannon MacDonald, Peyton McElmurray, Nasim Moula, Andrew Osborne, Kylee Palmer, Cody Pennington, Kayla Smith, Dan Wood, Ashiq Zaman, Chad Zimlich

OTHERS PRESENT

Kristi Kilday, West Kentucky Film Commission; Kris Schlotman, Film Cincinnati; and Lisa Brin, FilmLEX

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was introduced by Misdee Wrigley Miller to approve the minutes of the Kentucky Film Leadership Council meeting held on Thursday, January 29, 2026. The motion was seconded by Secretary Jeff Noel. The motion passed without opposition.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Meg Fister provided a report on the continued efforts of the Kentucky Film Office.

MONITORING REPORT

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

PROJECT AMENDMENT

Meg Fister presented a project amendment for MMM Movie LLC for consideration. Secretary Jeff Noel made a motion to approve this project with a second by Soozie Eastman. Misdee abstained. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

The following projects were presented for consideration by the KFLC:

1. Starline Productions, LLC, Fayette and Jefferson Counties, presented by Tim Bates

Misdee Wrigley Miller disclosed an interest in Starline Productions, LLC, Uplift Productions, LLC and Verve Productions, LLC. In accordance with the KFLC Bylaws, Ms. Miller refrained from participating in discussions related to this project and left the room for discussion.

A representative from the project attended virtually for project discussion.

Jeremy Winton a motion to approve this project with a second by Chair Soozie Eastman. The motion passed without opposition.

2. Uplift Productions, LLC, Fayette County, presented by Tim Bates

A representative from the project attended virtually for project discussion.

Secretary Jeff Noel made a motion to approve this project with a second by Jeremy Winton. The motion passed without opposition.

3. Verve Productions, Fayette County, presented by Tim Bates

A representative from the project attended virtually for project discussion.

Jeremy Winton made a motion to approve this project with a second by Secretary Jeff Noel. The motion passed without opposition.

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

4. Decentralized Thriller LLC, Hopkins County, presented by Launa King

Jeremy Winton disclosed an interest in Decentralized Thriller LLC and Dice of Chance LLC. In accordance with the KFLC Bylaws, Mr. Winton refrained from participating in discussions related to this project and left the room for discussion.

A representative from the project attended in person for project discussion.

Secretary Lindy Casebier made a motion to approve this project with a second by Misdee Wrigley Miller. The motion passed without opposition.

5. Dice of Chance LLC, Hopkins County, presented by Launa King

A representative from the project attended in person for project discussion.

Misdee Wrigley Miller made a motion to approve this project with a second by Chair Soozie Eastman. The motion passed without opposition.

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

6. Music Therapy LLC, Jefferson County, presented by Launa King

A representative from the project attended virtually for project discussion.

Secretary Lindy Casebier made a motion to approve this project with a second by Chair Soozie Eastman. The motion passed without opposition.

7. Halfway Pictures LLC, Christian County, presented by Peyton McElmurray

A representative from the project attended virtually for project discussion.

Secretary Jeff Noel made a motion to approve this project with a second by Chair Soozie Eastman. The motion passed without opposition.

8. MAH1 Ent, LLC, Warren County, presented by Peyton McElmurray

A representative from the project attended virtually for project discussion.

Jeremy Winton made a motion to approve this project with a second by Secretary Jeff Noel. The motion passed without opposition.

The KFLC's next regular scheduled meeting is Thursday, March 26, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Misdee Wrigley Miller made a motion to adjourn with a second by Chair Soozie Eastman. The motion passed without opposition.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

Soozie Eastman, Chair
Kentucky Film Leadership Council

**Kentucky Entertainment Incentive (KEI) Projects
Calendar Year 2026**

KFLC Meeting date	3/26/2026
Total Projects Approved Calendar Year-to-Date	15
Number of Proposed Projects for Current Month	7

Motion Picture or Entertainment Production

Calendar Year Cap	\$50,000,000
Approved Calendar Year-to-Date	\$14,733,478
Recaptured Funds Calendar Year-to-Date	\$0
Balance Available for Current Month	\$35,266,522
Proposed Approval for Current Month	<u>\$4,476,367</u>
Balance Available for Remainder of Calendar Year	<u><u>\$30,790,155</u></u>

Continuous Film Production

Calendar Year Cap	\$25,000,000
Approved Calendar Year-to-Date	\$0
Committed Amount	<u>\$0</u>
Balance Available for Current Month	\$25,000,000
Proposed Approval for Current Month	<u>\$0</u>
Balance Available for Remainder of Calendar Year	<u><u>\$25,000,000</u></u>

**KENTUCKY FILM LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
KEI REPORT**

Date: March 26, 2026 **FI Number:** 120574
Approved Company: Waypoint Productions, LLC
Project Name: Renovation Showdown
Counties Where Filming or Production Will Occur: Fayette

Activity: Television Program
DFS Staff: T. Bates

Project Description: Waypoint Productions, LLC is a single purpose entity created for the production of Renovation Showdown.

We're back for the most ambitious season yet. This time, we're headed to cottage country to revive a neglected lakeside destination and transform it into a luxurious waterfront retreat. With bigger stakes, bolder design, and more on the line than ever before, four talented contractor-designer duos compete to bring each space to life with creativity, craftsmanship, and style. With over \$100,000 and the coveted title of champion up for grabs, this season promises to be the most exciting and inspiring yet.

Production set to begin March 30, 2026 and wrap by August 31, 2026.

Anticipated Qualifying Project Expenditures:

	Enhanced Incentive County Expenditures	Other County Expenditures	Total Expenditures
KY Resident, Above-the-line Production Crew		\$110,000	\$110,000
Non-KY Resident, Above-the-line Production Crew		\$16,000	\$16,000
KY Resident, Below-the-line Production Crew		\$200,000	\$200,000
Non-KY Resident, Below-the-line Production Crew		\$0	\$0
Total Qualifying Payroll Expenditures	\$0	\$326,000	\$326,000
Total Qualifying Non-payroll Expenditures		\$44,000	\$44,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$370,000	\$370,000

Minimum Required Qualifying Project Expenditures: \$125,000

Anticipated Production Crew:

	Kentucky Resident Crew Members	Non-Kentucky Resident Crew Members	Total Production Crew Members
Above-the-line Production Crew	3	2	5
Below-the-line Production Crew	12	0	12
Total Production Crew Members	15	2	17

Ownership (20% or more):

Wrigley Media Group 99%

Other State Participation:

Date Program Status Amount

TOTAL ELIGIBLE TAX INCENTIVE AMOUNT:

\$126,500

**KENTUCKY FILM LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
KEI REPORT**

Date: March 26, 2026 **FI Number:** 120578
Approved Company: Yardstick Productions, LLC
Project Name: Volcano
Counties Where Filming or Production Will Occur: Fayette

Activity: Feature-length Film
DFS Staff: **DFS Staff:** T. Bates

Project Description: Yardstick Productions, LLC is a single purpose entity created for the production of the feature film Volcano.

A disillusioned city dweller's life is upended when he inherits a fading family business in a quiet Midwestern town. Arriving with plans to sell and leave, he instead finds himself entangled with the loyal locals who keep the place alive and a wildly overconfident neighbor chasing his own grand dreams. As tensions escalate into an absurd rivalry, the reluctant heir begins to rediscover purpose, connection, and the unexpected value of what he's been given.

Production is set to begin March 30th, 2026 and wrap by August 30th, 2026.

Anticipated Qualifying Project Expenditures:

	Enhanced Incentive County Expenditures	Other County Expenditures	Total Expenditures
KY Resident, Above-the-line Production Crew		\$300,000	\$300,000
Non-KY Resident, Above-the-line Production Crew		\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
KY Resident, Below-the-line Production Crew		\$573,000	\$573,000
Non-KY Resident, Below-the-line Production Crew		\$136,000	\$136,000
Total Qualifying Payroll Expenditures	\$0	\$2,109,000	\$2,109,000
Total Qualifying Non-payroll Expenditures		\$1,516,100	\$1,516,100
TOTAL	\$0	\$3,625,100	\$3,625,100

Minimum Required Qualifying Project Expenditures: \$125,000

Anticipated Production Crew:

	Kentucky Resident Crew Members	Non-Kentucky Resident Crew Members	Total Production Crew Members
Above-the-line Production Crew	5	23	28
Below-the-line Production Crew	39	10	49
Total Production Crew Members	44	33	77

Ownership (20% or more):

Wrigley Media Group 99%

Other State Participation:

Date Program Status Amount

TOTAL ELIGIBLE TAX INCENTIVE AMOUNT:

\$1,131,180

**KENTUCKY FILM LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
KEI REPORT**

Date: March 26, 2026 **FI Number:** 120579
Approved Company: Zulu Productions, LLC
Project Name: End Endo
Counties Where Filming or Production Will Occur: Fayette

Activity: Documentary
DFS Staff: **DFS Staff:** T. Bates

Project Description: Zulu Productions, LLC is a single purpose entity created for the production of End Endo.

END ENDO is a feature-length documentary that weaves together intimate first-person stories, groundbreaking science, historical revelations, and moments of humor and cultural critique in service of a clear mission: Ignite a cultural conversation around Endometriosis – a silent, painful and ravaging disease that affects more than 265 million women globally.

Productions set to begin March 30th 2026 and wrap by June 1st, 2026.

Anticipated Qualifying Project Expenditures:

	Enhanced Incentive County Expenditures	Other County Expenditures	Total Expenditures
KY Resident, Above-the-line Production Crew		\$125,000	\$125,000
Non-KY Resident, Above-the-line Production Crew		\$35,000	\$35,000
KY Resident, Below-the-line Production Crew		\$280,000	\$280,000
Non-KY Resident, Below-the-line Production Crew		\$0	\$0
Total Qualifying Payroll Expenditures	\$0	\$440,000	\$440,000
Total Qualifying Non-payroll Expenditures		\$89,000	\$89,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$529,000	\$529,000

Minimum Required Qualifying Project Expenditures: \$10,000

Anticipated Production Crew:

	Kentucky Resident Crew Members	Non-Kentucky Resident Crew Members	Total Production Crew Members
Above-the-line Production Crew	4	1	5
Below-the-line Production Crew	16	0	16
Total Production Crew Members	20	1	21

Ownership (20% or more):

Wrigley Media Group 99%

Other State Participation:

Date Program Status Amount

TOTAL ELIGIBLE TAX INCENTIVE AMOUNT:

\$178,950

**KENTUCKY FILM LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
KEI REPORT**

Date: March 26, 2026 **FI Number:** 120062
Approved Company: Black Reins LLC
Project Name: Black Reins
Counties Where Filming or Production Will Occur: Fayette, Franklin, Jefferson

Activity: Documentary
DFS Staff: J. Gearon
Project Description: Black Reins LLC is producing the documentary titled "Black Reins."

Black Reins sits at the intersection of elite sports documentary and cultural storytelling. The series offers an immersive, behind-the-scenes look at athletes navigating high pressure competition and personal growth. But unlike traditional sports docuseries, Black Reins centers on the creation of a program that has never existed before, revealing the emotional, cultural, and institutional challenges of building something from the ground up. The result is a character-driven sports story that combines the spectacle of rodeo with the depth of a generational cultural movement.

Production is set to begin as early March 26, 2026 and is anticipated to end by September 1, 2026.

Anticipated Qualifying Project Expenditures:

	Enhanced Incentive County Expenditures	Other County Expenditures	Total Expenditures
KY Resident, Above-the-line Production Crew		\$1,525,000	\$1,525,000
Non-KY Resident, Above-the-line Production Crew		\$850,000	\$850,000
KY Resident, Below-the-line Production Crew		\$2,364,000	\$2,364,000
Non-KY Resident, Below-the-line Production Crew		\$354,000	\$354,000
Total Qualifying Payroll Expenditures	\$0	\$5,093,000	\$5,093,000
Total Qualifying Non-payroll Expenditures		\$2,605,000	\$2,605,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$7,698,000	\$7,698,000

Minimum Required Qualifying Project Expenditures: \$10,000

Anticipated Production Crew:

	Kentucky Resident Crew Members	Non-Kentucky Resident Crew Members	Total Production Crew Members
Above-the-line Production Crew	30	26	56
Below-the-line Production Crew	85	8	93
Total Production Crew Members	115	34	149

Ownership (20% or more):

Ubik Group 100.00%

Other State Participation:

Date Program Status Amount

TOTAL ELIGIBLE TAX INCENTIVE AMOUNT:

\$2,503,850

**KENTUCKY FILM LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
KEI REPORT**

Date: March 26, 2026 **FI Number:** 120646
Approved Company: Competing for Joy LLC
Project Name: Competing for Joy
Counties Where Filming or Production Will Occur: Daviess

Activity: Television Program
DFS Staff: M. Green
Project Description: Competing for Joy LLC is producing the television program titled "Competing for Joy."

Families go head-to-head in a spirited culinary showdown where tradition, teamwork, and heart are just as important as flavor. Each episode features three multi-generational families competing in themed cooking challenges inspired by celebration meals, holiday classics, comfort food favorites, and treasured family recipes. From secret sauces passed down for decades to modern twists led by the next generation, every dish tells a story.

Production is set to begin as early April 1, 2026 and is anticipated to end by August 1, 2026.

Anticipated Qualifying Project Expenditures:

	Enhanced Incentive County Expenditures	Other County Expenditures	Total Expenditures
KY Resident, Above-the-line Production Crew		\$12,000	\$12,000
Non-KY Resident, Above-the-line Production Crew		\$24,000	\$24,000
KY Resident, Below-the-line Production Crew		\$42,050	\$42,050
Non-KY Resident, Below-the-line Production Crew		\$24,000	\$24,000
Total Qualifying Payroll Expenditures	\$0	\$102,050	\$102,050
Total Qualifying Non-payroll Expenditures		\$178,900	\$178,900
TOTAL	\$0	\$280,950	\$280,950

Minimum Required Qualifying Project Expenditures: \$125,000

Anticipated Production Crew:

	Kentucky Resident Crew Members	Non-Kentucky Resident Crew Members	Total Production Crew Members
Above-the-line Production Crew	4	1	5
Below-the-line Production Crew	7	4	11
Total Production Crew Members	11	5	16

Ownership (20% or more):

Bluegrass Global Media

100.00%

Other State Participation:

Date

Program

Status

Amount

TOTAL ELIGIBLE TAX INCENTIVE AMOUNT:

\$86,988

**KENTUCKY FILM LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
KEI REPORT**

Date: March 26, 2026 **FI Number:** 120580
Approved Company: Detention Secrets LLC
Project Name: Detention Secrets
Counties Where Filming or Production Will Occur: Hopkins

Activity: Feature-length Film
DFS Staff: P. McElmurray
Project Description: Detention Secrets LLC is producing the feature-length film titled "Detention Secrets."

Five students walk into Saturday detention as stereotypes. They walk out as something far more dangerous — united. Set almost entirely inside Shermer High’s fluorescent-lit library, Detention Secrets unfolds as a tightly wound, dialogue-driven drama that peels back the emotional armor of five teenagers forced to confront their failures — and the system that shaped them.

Production is set to begin as early as April 1, 2026, and is anticipated to end by August 1, 2026.

Anticipated Qualifying Project Expenditures:

	Enhanced Incentive County Expenditures	Other County Expenditures	Total Expenditures
KY Resident, Above-the-line Production Crew	\$35,000		\$35,000
Non-KY Resident, Above-the-line Production Crew	\$10,000		\$10,000
KY Resident, Below-the-line Production Crew	\$24,275		\$24,275
Non-KY Resident, Below-the-line Production Crew	\$22,900		\$22,900
Total Qualifying Payroll Expenditures	\$92,175		\$92,175
Total Qualifying Non-payroll Expenditures	\$82,500		\$82,500
TOTAL	\$174,675	\$0	\$174,675

Minimum Required Qualifying Project Expenditures: \$125,000

Anticipated Production Crew:

	Kentucky Resident Crew Members	Non-Kentucky Resident Crew Members	Total Production Crew Members
Above-the-line Production Crew	6	1	7
Below-the-line Production Crew	8	5	13
Total Production Crew Members	14	6	20

Ownership (20% or more):

Bluegrass Global Media

100%

Other State Participation:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Amount</u>
None			

TOTAL ELIGIBLE TAX INCENTIVE AMOUNT:

\$61,136

**KENTUCKY FILM LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
KEI REPORT**

Date: March 26, 2026 **FI Number:** 120629
Approved Company: Framed Movie, LLC
Project Name: Framed By Love
Counties Where Filming or Production Will Occur: Jefferson

Activity: Feature-length Film

DFS Staff: L. King

Project Description: Framed Movie, LLC is a single-purpose production company established for the specific purpose of production and post production of the feature-length film, Framed By Love.

The film is inspired by a true story about a woman who got involved with a man who turned out not to be who he claimed to be. A narcissist who did not take rejection well, framed her so that she had to fight to prove her innocence.

The project is made for cable and is licensed by Lifetime channel for the U.S. market.

Production is set to begin April 13, 2026, and wrap up by May 15, 2026.

Anticipated Qualifying Project Expenditures:

	Enhanced Incentive County Expenditures	Other County Expenditures	Total Expenditures
KY Resident, Above-the-line Production Crew		\$73,923	\$73,923
Non-KY Resident, Above-the-line Production Crew		\$812,793	\$812,793
KY Resident, Below-the-line Production Crew		\$143,107	\$143,107
Non-KY Resident, Below-the-line Production Crew		\$51,775	\$51,775
Total Qualifying Payroll Expenditures	\$0	\$1,081,598	\$1,081,598
Total Qualifying Non-payroll Expenditures		\$174,775	\$174,775
TOTAL	\$0	\$1,256,373	\$1,256,373

Minimum Required Qualifying Project Expenditures: \$250,000

Anticipated Production Crew:

	Kentucky Resident Crew Members	Non-Kentucky Resident Crew Members	Total Production Crew Members
Above-the-line Production Crew	10	12	22
Below-the-line Production Crew	84	25	109
Total Production Crew Members	94	37	131

Ownership (20% or more):

Zylar Pictures, LLC

100%

Other State Participation:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Amount</u>
None			

TOTAL ELIGIBLE TAX INCENTIVE AMOUNT:

\$387,763
