

**KENTUCKY FILM LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL WORKING GROUP MEETING**  
**JULY 16, 2025**  
**MINUTES**

A special working group meeting of the Kentucky Film Leadership Council convened at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16, 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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

Secretary Jeff Noel, Secretary of the Economic Development Cabinet, called the meeting to order and verified press notification. Karen Yates called the roll.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Soozie Eastman, Misdee Wrigley Miller, Jeremy Winton, Secretary Jeff Noel, Secretary Lindy Casebier and Secretary Jamie Link.

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Steve Zahn

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Kylee Palmer, Chad Zimlich, Danielle Dunmire, Michelle Elder, Cody Pennington, Ashiq Zaman, Jeanne Darby, Andrew Osborne, Peyton McElmurray, Raven Aiken, Brennan Tucker, Breanna Dolan, Shannon MacDonald, Colin Wright, Matt Wingate, Christopher Snyder, Karen Yates (Cabinet for Economic Development.) Niki Goldey (Commerce Lexington), Perri Fichtner-Pearson, Lisa Brin (FilmLEX Lead), Gregory Schroeder, Vanessa Ulm (Edmonson Co + Southern Kentucky Film Commission), Veronica Radaelli, Kasey Faye (Eastern Standard Productions), Sandra T. Wilson (Horse Cave/Hart County Tourism).

**NEW BUSINESS**

This was the inaugural meeting of the new Kentucky Film Leadership Council. Secretary Noel presented the agenda and made opening comments. The meeting began with the members' Administration of Oath and discussion of election of Officers. Chad Zimlich reviewed the bylaws and basic structure of the council and their responsibilities.

Emergency Regulation – Discussion of Regulation 307 KAR 1:080E related to resuming applications under the Kentucky Entertainment Incentive Program.

Kylee Palmer gave an overview of how the KEI projects are administered and the guidelines that support the approval process.

Secretary Jeff Noel discussed the Executive Director position and the funding to support their initiatives.

Soozie Eastman was elected Chair of the Council by unanimous vote.

The members discussed the cadence of future meetings and best timing for everyone. Due to the remaining number of projects that were paused, the council agreed to convene on July 24, 2025 to elect the remaining officers.

The next meeting of Kentucky Film Leadership Council will be held on Thursday, July 24 at 1:00p in the conference room of the Mayo-Underwood Bldg, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Sec Noel entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion carried.

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Soozie Eastman, Chair  
Kentucky Film Leadership Council