

KENTUCKY FILM LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, September 16, 2026
MINUTES

A meeting of the Kentucky Film Leadership Council (KFLC) convened on Wednesday, September 16, 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 Hearing Room, 133CE, 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

Soozie Eastman, Chair of KFLC, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. and verified press notification.

ROLL CALL

Danielle Franklin called the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Steve Zahn

STAFF PRESENT

Tim Bates, Hayleigh Burrows, Breanna Dolan, Danielle Dunmire, Michelle Elder, Eric Estill, Ellen Felix, Meg Fister, Danielle Franklin, Joseph Gearon, Charity Hedges, Chandler Jones, Cora Kirby, Shannon MacDonald, Raj Mandala, Andrew Osborne, Emily Patrick, Cody Pennington, Dawn Powers, Kayla Smith, Kelli Thomas, Matt Wingate, Dan Wood, Lizzy Woodcock, Colin Wright, Ashiq Zaman, Chad Zimlich

OTHERS PRESENT

Mary Jackson, Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education; Tim Sabo, Alpha Uno LLC; Gary Auerbach & Dub Cornett, Appalachia Vision LLC; Aimee Schoof, Gasoline Filmed Entertainment, LLC; Michael Pizzimenti, DOMINION FILM LLC; Lisa Brin, FilmLEX; Lily Blavin & Scott Veltri, Saving Snoopy LLC; Lisa Normand, Veronica Radaelli, and Kristen Osborn; Sarah Van Wallaghen, The Rotunda Group LLC; Kristi Kilday; Kelsey Moore; Jacob Taucher; Bryan Houston; Sandra Wilson; Patrick Ball; George Maranville; Andrea Ahl; Mike Day, T17 Aries LLC

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was introduced by Misdee Wrigley Miller to approve the minutes of the Kentucky Film Leadership Council meeting held on August 5, 2026. The motion was seconded by Chair Soozie Eastman. The motion passed without opposition.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

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

MONITORING REPORT

Joseph Gearon provided the monitoring report of the calendar year activity for the KEI projects.

KFLC REGULATION UPDATE (NO ACTION)

Chad Zimlich provided an update to the KFLC regulations 307 KAR 1:080.

NEW BUSINESS

The following projects were presented for consideration by the KFLC:

1. T17 Aries LLC, Butler County, presented by Tim Bates

At the time the project was introduced, no representative from the project was in attendance.

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

2. Kertis Creative, LLC, Boyd, Clay, Jefferson, Kenton, Knott, Letcher, McCracken, and Perry counties, presented by Tim Bates

A representative from the project attended virtually 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.

Jeremy Winton disclosed an interest in Lacys Mom LLC. In accordance with the KFLC bylaws, Mr. Winton refrained from participating in discussions related to the project and was placed in the virtual “waiting room” on Zoom during discussion.

3. Lacys Mom LLC, Hopkins County, presented by Tim Bates

A representative from the project attended virtually 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.

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

Misdee Wrigley Miller disclosed an interest in DOMINION FILM LLC and Gasoline Filmed Entertainment, LLC. In accordance with the KFLC bylaws, Ms. Miller refrained from participating in discussion related to these projects and left the room during discussion.

4. DOMINION FILM 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 Secretary Jamie Link. The motion passed without opposition.

5. Gasoline Filmed Entertainment, LLC, Fayette and Jefferson counties, presented by Cody Pennington

A representative from the project attended virtually for project discussion.

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

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

6. Appalachia Vision LLC, Fayette, Floyd, Harlan, Knott, Leslie, Letcher, Perry, Pike, and Trimble counties, presented by Emily Patrick

A representative from the project attended virtually for project discussion.

Secretary Lindy Casebier made a motion to approve this project with a second by Secretary Jamie Link. The motion passed without opposition.

7. Saving Snoopy LLC, Jefferson County, presented by Breanna Dolan

A representative from the project attended virtually for project discussion.

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

8. TenXTen, LLC, Jefferson County, presented by Breanna Dolan

A representative from the project attended virtually for project discussion.

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

Misdee Wrigley Miller disclosed an interest in Alpha Uno LLC. In accordance with the KFLC bylaws, Ms. Miller refrained from participating in discussions related to this project and left the room during discussion.

9. Alpha Uno LLC, Fayette County, presented by Joseph Gearon

A representative from the project attended virtually for project discussion.

Chair Soozie Eastman 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.

10. T17 Aries LLC, Butler County, presented by Tim Bates

Cabinet staff member Tim Bates informed the Council that a representative from T17 Aries LLC, Michael Day, was now in attendance to discuss the project.

Secretary Jeff Noel made a motion to remove the T17 Aries LLC project from the table and place it back on the agenda for consideration by the Council, with a second by Jeremy Winton. The motion passed without opposition.

Secretary Noel requested additional information regarding previous incentivization and potential for distribution prior to additional incentivization. Mr. Day informed the Council it had previously utilized GR Services for post-production work on the first season. Secretary Noel inquired if the same company would be utilized under the proposed project. Mr. Day informed the Council that it was T17 Aries LLC's intention to do so and that they were engaged in that process. Misdee Wrigley Miller inquired if the company utilized was in Butler County, as represented in the board materials. Cabinet Staff identified that the company was in Daviess County.

Kristi Kilday, representative of GR Services, stated to the Council that she was informed by T17 Aries LLC during the Council meeting of its interest in utilizing GR Services for the project.

Jeremy Winton represented to the Council that the engagement between T17 Aries LLC and GR Services was unknown to him at the outset of the meeting. Jeremy Winton then identified an interest in the T17 Aries LLC project and was placed in the virtual "waiting room" on zoom for the subsequent discussion.

Chair Soozie Eastman invited a motion to approve the project. Secretary Jeff Noel made a motion to approve the T17 Aries LLC project, contingent upon counsel and Film Office obtaining sworn statements from T17 Aries LLC, Jeremy Winton, and a representative from GR Services LLC identifying the underlying communications and circumstances leading to the engagement during the Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Secretary Jamie Link. The motion passed without opposition.

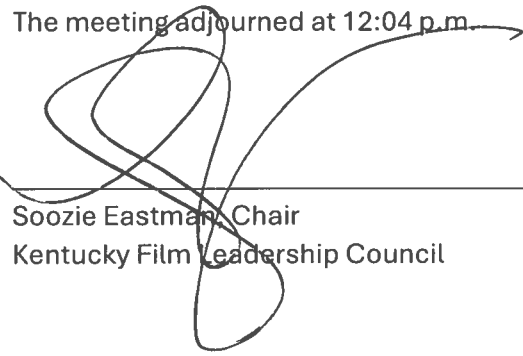
Jeremy Winton returned to the meeting.

The KFLC's next regular scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 21, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Jeremy Winton made a motion to adjourn with a second by Chair Soozie Eastman. The motion passed without opposition.

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.



Soozie Eastman, Chair
Kentucky Film Leadership Council