KENTUCKY ENERGY PLANNING AND INVENTORY COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

3:00 PM

Kentucky Chamber of Commerce | Frankfort, Kentucky

Location:	Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Frankfort, Kentucky (Virtual option available)
Presiding:	Ashli Watts, Chair

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ashli Watts called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM. Chair Watts welcomed board members and noted that this is EPIC's official board meeting since the Commission's establishment under the 2024 General Assembly. She expressed appreciation to all members for their service and commitment to Kentucky's energy future.

II. ROLL CALL

Executive Director Eric King conducted roll call. The following members were present, constituting a quorum:

Present:

- Ashli Watts, Chair
- Jeffrey Brock, Vice Chair
- Wesley Cate
- Talina Mathews
- Brian Weisker
- Jeff Noel
- John Crockett
- Eston Glover
- Matt Partymiller
- Todd Case
- Caryl Pfeirffer
- Mark Gooch
- Sec. Goodman
- Leader Miles
- Senator West
- Keith Murt
- Rodney Andrew

Also present: Eric King, Executive Director, Zeb Hart EPIC

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

As this was EPIC's inaugural board meeting, there were no prior board meeting minutes to consider. Chair Watts noted that executive committee minutes would be addressed at the appropriate time.

Motion: Wes Cate

Second: Eston Glover

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Eric King presented his report. He acknowledged that this is EPIC's first official board meeting and expressed appreciation to Chair Watts and all members for their participation and service. He noted that the work of the Commission is significant not only for Kentucky's energy security but for the Commonwealth's long-term economic competitiveness.

Mr. King highlighted the following items:

A. Legal Counsel

The Executive Committee had previously charged Mr. King with securing independent legal counsel for EPIC. He reported that a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) was conducted through the University of Kentucky Procurement Services, and two qualified responses were received. Evaluation of the proposals was underway, including follow-up inquiries to the responding firms regarding potential conflicts of interest and areas of legal expertise. Mr. King indicated he expected to finalize a selection by the end of that week and move promptly to execute an engagement agreement. He emphasized that independent legal counsel is critical as EPIC navigates its statutory authority and manages reviews involving parties with potentially competing interests.

B. Annual Report

Mr. King reported that EPIC had completed its first plant retirement review -- the Big Rivers Electric Corporation Reid Combustion Turbine case -- within the statutory 128-day review timeline. He characterized this as an important early milestone for establishing the Commission's credibility and operational effectiveness. He noted the annual report, which will capture the Commission's first-year activities, including this case, the inventory work, stakeholder engagement, and foundational organizational work, was being finalized and would be transmitted to the Legislative Research Commission, the Governor, and the Public Service Commission.

C. Staffing

Mr. King provided an update on the two open staff positions supporting EPIC's operations. He noted that recruitment was progressing and outlined how these positions would support the

Commission's forthcoming workplan and analytical capacity. He indicated timelines for posting, interviews, and anticipated onboarding would be communicated as the process advanced.

D. Department of Energy Meeting

Mr. King reported that he had met with federal Department of Energy officials to discuss EPIC's mission and explore potential areas of collaboration, including data sharing, modeling resources, and relevant federal programs and funding opportunities applicable to Kentucky's energy planning needs. He committed to following up with the DOE on specific data resources that could support EPIC's analytical work and noted that the federal engagement was valuable for positioning EPIC as a national model for state-level energy planning.

E. General Relationship Building

Mr. King noted that since taking office in October, he had built working relationships with the Public Service Commission, the Secretary of Energy and Environment Cabinet, utilities, manufacturers, and other energy stakeholders. He described these relationships as foundational to EPIC's ability to fulfill its statutory mandate effectively.

Following the report, Chair Watts invited questions from members.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Inventory Report and Energy Dashboard Presentation

Mr. King and Mr. Hart introduced the energy inventory dashboard, describing it as EPIC's first major analytical deliverable -- a tool designed to provide a comprehensive, interactive view of Kentucky's generating capacity. He noted the dashboard covers 61 generating facilities and more than 21,000 megawatts of capacity across the Commonwealth and includes data on announced retirements and active coal mines. Mr. King transitioned the presentation to [Zeb / Staff Analyst], who provided a detailed walkthrough of the dashboard and its key findings.

Mr. King thanked members for their engagement and committed to incorporating the board's feedback into an updated version of the dashboard by year-end.

B. Workplan Development

Mr. King led a discussion on EPIC's workplan, consistent with the direction provided to board members in advance of the meeting to come prepared with thoughts on priority topics and areas for the Commission to address. The discussion covered the Commission's three statutory pillars: demand forecasting, primary energy supply, and transmission infrastructure.

C. Committee Co-Chair Appointments

Mr. King presented proposed committee co-chair assignments for the Commission's three standing committees. After discussion, the following co-chair appointments were confirmed:

VI. FUTURE MEETING DATES

The board discussed future meeting scheduling. The next board meeting date was noted as March 19, 2026. Mr. King indicated he would circulate proposed dates for the coming year.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Watts called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Ed Holmes

Second: Wes Cate

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:59 PM