KENTUCKY ENERGY PLANNING AND INVENTORY COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 24, 2026
2:00 PM EST
KY Chamber of Commerce
Frankfort, KY

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Chair Ashli Watts called the meeting of the Kentucky Energy Planning and Inventory Commission Executive Committee to order at 2:00 PM EST. Chair Watts welcomed members and thanked them for their participation.

II. Roll Call

Members present:

- Ashli Watts, Chair
- Jeff Brock, Vice Chair
- Wes Cate- *online*
- Tomy Campbell
- Matt Ricketts

Also present:

- Eric King, Executive Director
- Mary Beth Purvis
- Michael Kalinyak
- Laura Sidwell

A quorum was present and the meeting proceeded.

III. SB 100 (2026) Legal Governance Overview

Executive Director King provided an update on the status of SB 100, Executive Committee authority and responsibilities as well as Executive Director Authority.

IV. University of Kentucky MOU and funding

Executive Director King and Michael Kalinyak discussed EPIC's independence and administrative attachment to the University of Kentucky and the measures that have been taken so far.

Discussion among members addressed funding currently controlled by the University of Kentucky and steps needed to facilitate the separation.

V. FY 2027 Operating Budget

Executive Director King reviewed the proposed operating budget.

Tony Campbell moved to approve the EPIC budget as presented. *Jeff Brock* seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, Chair Watts called for a vote. The motion carried.

The EPIC budget was approved as presented.

VI. Personnel Update

Executive Director King introduced the current staff members EPIC, reviewed new recruitment and identified new additional organizational needs.

VII. Office and Operational Update

Executive Director King briefed the Committee on EPIC office relocation predicted to move forward in the next few months.

VIII. Other Business

No other business was presented

IX. Adjournment

With no further business before the Committee, Chair Watts adjourned the meeting at 4:30 PM EST.

Minutes prepared by: Laura Sidwell, Operations Manager

Date prepared: *August 24, 2026*

Approved by the Executive Committee: