

MINUTES
Iowa Nuclear Energy Task Force
Tuesday, March 24, 2026
12:00 p.m.

1963 Bell Avenue, Suite 200 – Mississippi Conference Room

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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Dr. Mark Nutt – Chair
May Farlinger
Mike Fehr
Sarah Martz
Dr. Jim McCalley
Matt Resor
Andy Roberts
Lane Witten
Brandy Zumbach Meisheid

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:

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Hans Wilz
David Young

Sean Bagniewski
Mike Bousselot
Izaah Knox

I. Welcome & Introductions

a. Roll Call

Chair Nutt called to order the March 24, 2026 meeting of the Iowa Nuclear Energy Task Force at 12:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

b. Approval of February 23, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION: On a motion by Mr. Roberts and a second by Mr. Resor, the Task Force unanimously approved the February 23, 2026 Task Force meeting minutes.

Representative Hans Wilz joined the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

II. Presentations

a. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Michael Wentzel with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) provided the Task Force with background on the NRC, what their role in the nuclear permitting process is, and updates on the agency.

b. U.S. Department of Energy

Julie Kozeracki with the Energy Dominance Fund gave the Task Force an update on the Energy Dominance Fund and recently funded projects.

Representative David Young joined the meeting at 1:15 p.m.



- c. Iowa State Regulatory Framework
Sarah Martz, Chair of the Iowa Utilities Commission (IUC), presented on IUC's role in nuclear energy in Iowa.
- d. Iowa State Energy Policy
Kristin Hanks-Bents with the Iowa Energy Office presented on past and pending Iowa legislation dealing with nuclear energy.
- e. National Benchmarking of State Policy
Sandy Fazeli with the National Association of State Energy Offices provided the Task Force with an update on what other states have done to support nuclear energy development.

III. Meeting Recap and Guided Discussions

Becca Gillespie with Energy Systems Network led a guided discussion on opportunities and challenges of deploying nuclear energy in Iowa.

IV. Task Force Final Report and Next Steps

Task Force members discussed the proposed final report outline and made suggestions on changes and items to include in the final report.

Sarah Martz left the meeting at 3:25.

V. Adjournment

Chair Nutt adjourned the March 24, 2026, meeting of the Iowa Nuclear Energy Task Force at 3:31 p.m.

Dated this 24th day of March 2026.

Respectfully submitted:

Jessica Flannery
Task Force Administrator