

**MINUTES**  
**Iowa Nuclear Energy Task Force**  
**Monday, April 6, 2026**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**1963 Bell Avenue, Suite 200 – Mississippi Conference Room**

**TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:      TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

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:      EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Sean Bagniewski  
Mike Boussetot  
Hans Wilz  
David Young  
Izaah Knox

**I. Welcome & Introductions**

- a. Roll Call  
Chair Nutt called to order the April 6, 2026 meeting of the Iowa Nuclear Energy Task Force at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.
- b. Approval of March 24, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes  
**MOTION:** On a motion by Mr. Roberts and a second by Mr. Wilz, the Task Force unanimously approved the March 24, 2026 Task Force meeting minutes.  
  
Representative Sean Bagniewski and Senator Mike Boussetot joined the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

**II. Presentations**

- a. Nuclear Economic Impacts, Opportunities, and Challenges  
Michelle Zietlow-Miller with Gateway for Accelerated Innovation in Nuclear (GAIN) presented on the long-term economic value of nuclear energy plants, converting coal plants to nuclear, financing models, and the importance of having a workforce ready for nuclear.

- b. Nuclear Waste and Fuel Considerations  
Miriam Juckett with Pacific Northwest National Laboratory presented on the process of collecting, storing, and managing used nuclear fuel.
- c. Iowa State Regulatory Framework  
Becca Gillespie with Energy Systems Network gave the Task Force an overview of how a siting study would be conducted and technical factors for site feasibility.

### **III. Meeting Recap and Guided Discussions**

Becca Gillespie with Energy Systems Network led a guided discussion on what role the State of Iowa should play if it seeks to position itself for advanced nuclear development, without predetermining outcomes.

### **IV. Task Force Final Report and Next Steps**

Task Force members briefly discussed items to include in the final report.

### **V. Adjournment**

Chair Nutt adjourned the April 6, 2026, meeting of the Iowa Nuclear Energy Task Force at 12:22 p.m.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

**Respectfully submitted:**

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Task Force Administrator