

Knoxville-Knox County Food Policy Council Meeting Minutes

Date & Location: Wednesday, August 19, 2025; United Way of Greater Knoxville

Type of Meeting: Educational

Recorder: Sara Keel

Attending Appointed (Voting) Members Bolded names in attendance	Bruce Crabtree Femeika Elliott Bailey Foster Brett Foster Laura Deubler Sara Keel Marisa Moazen Rylan Thompson Lauren Woods Donna Wright Sarah Dewitt
Attending Associated (Non-voting) Members Bolded names in attendance	Trace Bateman John Camp Nicole Gross Julia Stewart Judith Pelot Adam Caraco Travis Henderson Marsha Spence Marissa McKeague Charlotte Rodina Hailey Lewis Caesar Stair Sandra Wairimu Becky Hooper Jen Russamano Jasmine Bryant Jen Durant
Staff Support Bolded names in attendance	Arien Allen—United Way Greater Knoxville Kimberly Pettigrew—United Way Greater Knoxville Madelyn Howe—Knox County Health Department Jessie Hillman—Knoxville-Knox County Planning Kara Finger—City of Knoxville
Other Attendees (all names listed were in attendance)	<u>Other Attendees:</u> Malinda Wollert, Planning Cecilia Albert-Black Doc Lap Tran, TSU Allen Drillich Khan Chov, UWGK

	Chloe Mowry, CDG Noah McBrayer Jones, Bride Refugee Services Lauren Woods, UT Extension Penny Taylor, UTK Nursing Hannah Sutt, KCDC Laila Malik, Rooted East Becky Hooper, Nourish Knoxville Denarius Ross, Wesley House Torrid Boggs, RGKF Jani Whaley, KIN Grace Rickman, KIN
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1.	Welcome and Introductions – Sarah Dewitt, Vice Chair
2.	Organizational & Committee Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ariel Allen Wins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UTK Waste Recovery project ○ New Farmer Academy – TSU partnering for a research study on cover crops. Student will receive \$5,000 and materials from TSU. ○ American Public Gardens – Food/Ag working group. Want us to talk about refugee gardens on zoom. ○ Magnolia Dollar reached out to FPC regarding meat procurement. • Bylaws/Nominations Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bylaws – Sarah Dewitt, Noah McBrayer James, Hannah (KCDC AmeriCorps) ○ Nominations – Lauren Woods, Rylan Thompson, Jessie Hillman ○ Nominations passed • Website Updates • One Pager Updates • Council Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FPC retreat is Oct 15 at UTK 9-1pm ○ Overall Ball fundraiser for Battlefield Farm Oct 2 ○ Nov 7 9-12 – Kimberly hosting a meeting to help organizations develop policy agenda. ○ September Meeting with the Mayor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mayor will attend to share information on referendum on the ballot, why she brought it forth, excluding groceries from the sales tax referendum ○ Gathering community garden key performance indicators, including stories • Amerian Heart Association, continuing their heart healthy pantry and cold storage projects

3.	Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Group Breakouts (Production, Aggregation, Distribution, Consumption, Waste, and Recovery)
4.	Meeting Adjourned

Upcoming Meetings:

- Sept 17, 2025 – Food Policy Council Mtg 8:30-10:00am, United Way of Greater Knoxville