

Knoxville-Knox County Food Policy Council Meeting Minutes

Feb 18th, 2026: United Way of Greater Knoxville

Type of Meeting: Educational

Recorder: Ariel Allen (filling in for Sara Keel)

Attending Appointed (Voting) Members Bolded members in attendance	Bruce Crabtree Lalia Malik Bailey Foster Brett Foster Laura Duebler Sara Keel Marisa Moazen Lauren Woods Sarah Dewitt Travis Henderson Jasmine Bryant
Attending Associated (Non-voting) Members Bolded members in attendance	John Camp Adam Caraco Nicole Gross Noah Jones Rhea Joshi Marissa McKeague Charlotte Rodina Jen Russomanno Amanda Spangler Marsha Spence Cesear Stair Doc Lap Tran
Staff Support Bolded members in attendance	Ariel Allen Kimberly Pettigrew Madelyn Howe Kara Finger Jessie Hillman
Other Attendees Bolded members in attendance	Naomi Waldrow Mollie Houghton Shanae Southall Jaleria Rivera Danielle Trotter Denarius Ross Santosh Kaple Juanita Miller Chris Battle Jenna Bailey

	<p>Sarah Wharton Sara Huron Nolan Sherrill Claire Taylor Cori Sweet Mary Clay Kline Hannah Sutt Becky Hooper</p>
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1.	<p>Welcome: Sarah DeWitt</p>
2.	<p>Organizational Updates and Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rooted East- Ujamaa Bartering Market Feb 28th 2-4 PM Mt. Zion Baptist (2714 Brooks Ave) - KCDC- looking for partners to table at upcoming Resource Fairs for residents. Contact Jenna Bailey for more info at jbailey@kcdc.org. Also about to launch needs assessment. Currently reviewing questions and looking for input. Contact Marisa at mmoazen@kcdc.org - United Way of Greater Knoxville- launching Food System KPI Report today! Reach out to Auden or Ariel for information or if you need help filling out your survey. colea@unitedwayknox.org - Advance Knox- virtual public meeting scheduled Feb 25th. A chance to put in public comment on Knox County zoning and codes update - Wesley House- has an upcoming Dental Fair! Contact Denarius at Denarius@wesleyhouseknox.org. They just got a box truck! - Knox Garden Alliance is expanding in Beaumont. Added 30 raised beds and shed at Western Heights Baptist Center. Excited to work in a new community - Second Harvest- Packs the bag campaign to fundraise for Food For Kids. Over 6,000 kids enrolled. Harvesting Hope is launching. Mary Clay is looking to partner with local farmers. Contact at mary@secondharvesttn.org - <p>Policy Updates:</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 100% of residents are within a 10-minute walk or transit ride of nutritious food access 2. Cut-diet related health disparities (good to identify specific disparities) by [insert percentage] 3. Reduce or divert [insert percentage or pounds] of food waste going to landfills 4. Partner institutions source [insert percentage] of their food from local options

	<p>Timeline</p> <p>Feb 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Branded policy agenda one-pager - Data Ambassador Share Out - Begin KPI survey - Establish Policy Subcommittee <p>March 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy Agenda Communication Training and Power Mapping Session - Data Ambassador Community Share Out <p>Education Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Surplus Food donation tax credit - Establish new zoning and permitting categories for innovative food access such as hydroponics and foodscaping - Prioritize food access in transportation planning - Increase access to land for urban agriculture by securing suitable parcels and creating programs like urban agriculture incentive zones
	<p>Presentations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. SNAP Shot of Hunger by Shanae Southall b. Food Donation Network by Juanita Miller c. Dignity in our Food System by John Camp & Jasmine Bryant d. Off the Eaten Path: Reimagining Art Spaces as Neighborhood Food Hubs by Jaleria Rivera
4.	Q&A
5.	Meeting adjourned. 10:04 AM