

## Knoxville-Knox County Food Policy Council Meeting Minutes

Date & Location: Wednesday, March 18, 2026; United Way of Greater Knoxville

Type of Meeting: Educational

Recorder: Sara Keel

<p>Attending Appointed (Voting) Members <b>Bolded names in attendance</b></p>	<p><b>Bruce Crabtree</b> <b>Bailey Foster</b> <b>Brett Foster</b> Laura Deubler <b>Sara Keel</b> <b>Marisa Moazen</b> Lauren Woods <b>Sarah Dewitt</b> <b>Laila Malik</b> <b>Travis Henderson</b> Jasmine Bryant</p>
<p>Attending Associated (Non-voting) Members <b>Bolded names in attendance</b></p>	<p>John Camp Nicole Gross Adam Caraco <b>Noah McBrayer Jones</b> <b>Rhea Joshi</b> <b>Marsha Spence</b> Marissa McKeague Charlotte Rodina Jen Russomano Amanda Spangler <b>Caesar Stair</b> Doc Lap Tran</p>
<p>Staff Support <b>Bolded names in attendance</b></p>	<p><b>Ariel Allen—United Way Greater Knoxville</b> <b>Kimberly Pettigrew—United Way Greater Knoxville</b> <b>Madelyn Howe—Knox County Health Department</b> Jessie Hillman—Knoxville-Knox County Planning Kara Finger—City of Knoxville</p>
<p>Other Attendees (all names listed were in attendance)</p>	<p><b><u>Other Attendees:</u></b> Jenna Bailey, KCDC Hannah Sutt, KCDC Cori Sweet, UT Nutrition Amanda Spangler, UT Plant Sciences Lia Bevins, Beardsley Farm Chloe Mowry, Carex Design Group Eli Cockrum, Bloc Torrie Boggs, RGKF Becky Hooper Gianni Tesfaye, Ijams</p>

	Mary Clay Kline, Second Harvest Food Bank Danielle Trotter, UT Ext Femeika Elliot, Rooted East
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1.	<b>Reflection and Introductions – Sarah Dewitt</b>
3.	<p><b>Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Introductions and Reflection – Sarah Dewitt</b></li> <li>• <b>Minutes Approval – Marisa Moazen</b></li> <li>• <b>Bylaw Rubric Review – Sarah Dewitt</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bylaw committee created a detailed rubric based on the bylaws to help ensure compliance and find areas for improvement. Will send out with minutes for review.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Approval of Policy Subcommittee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Travis Henderson (Voting Member)</li> <li>○ Sarah Dewitt (Voting Member)</li> <li>○ Marsha Spence</li> <li>○ Jenna Bailey</li> <li>○ Rhea Joshi</li> <li>○ Danielle Trotter</li> <li>○ Jodi</li> <li>○ Cori Sweet</li> <li>○ Hannah Sutt</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wins and Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ RGKF – Hosting Food Business Workshops</li> <li>○ KCDC – Hosting Community Resource Fairs now through May to share local services. Reach out to Jenna Bailey to participate.</li> <li>○ Second Harvest - Agency Relations Conference next Thursday at Bridegewater Place.</li> <li>○ Knoxville Botanical Garden - Preschool story time starts April 7, will be Tuesday mornings at 10am. No sign up necessary. Also hosting Easter sunrise service 7am April 5.</li> <li>○ Knox Gardens and Growers Alliance - On April 11 from 1-3pm at 2723 Louise Ave. Hosting an event where guests learn to plant trees and can take a tree home. On April 17 at 5pm is the grand opening of the Miller Heritage Community Garden. Will include 29 raised beds and in-ground gardening.</li> <li>○ Rooted East – Hosting a Paint Party on April 3 at 3pm behind the holiday market, address is 107 South Chestnut.</li> <li>○ Transforming Western – Available 1000 square foot space, plan to utilize as a local market. Holding focus groups and info sessions. Looking for someone to operate it.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Magnolia Dollar looking for someone to take over the space. Wants to lease or sell to anonprofit. 10,000 square feet. Owners want the space to benefit the community. Reach out to Ariel if interested.</li> <li>● <b>Developing Your Elevator Pitch – Dr. Marsha Spence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Members broke off into groups and developed advocacy speeches based on the FPC priorities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4.	<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>

Upcoming Meetings:

- Food Policy Council Meeting – April 15, 2026 from 8:30am-10am at United Way of Greater Knoxville