

Nuclear Power Summit Board

**WEDC & The Hub
2352 S. Park St., Suite 303**

Microsoft Teams

**Wednesday, December 17, 2025
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM**

(These minutes should be read in conjunction with the agenda and documents prepared for the meeting.)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Voting Members
 - Senator Julian Bradley
 - Senator Melissa Ratcliff
 - Representative David Steffen
 - Representative Angela Stroud
 - Summer Strand
- Non-Voting Members
 - Eric Stein
 - Jason Herbert
 - Kieran Furlong

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED

- Non-Voting Members
 - Paul Wilson

CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of a Board Chair, at the inaugural meeting, WEDC CLO, Jennifer Campbell, facilitated the start of the meeting, calling it to order at 9:01am.

INTRODUCTIONS

Board members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

CHAIR ELECTION

The election of a chair was postponed, pending the appointment and start of the WEDC Secretary/CEO who is a voting member of this Board.

This motion was made by Summer Strand and seconded by Senator Melissa Ratcliff. The motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF STATUTE/SUMMIT SCHEDULING

Jennifer Campbell facilitated the conversation on planning. Included in the materials was a timeline provided by Dean Devesh Ranjan, College of Engineering, for the new building on the UW-Madison campus. An email from Paul Wilson, non-voting member of the board, was also included with his thoughts. Additionally, Representative David Steffen, voting member of the Board, provided a

memo on a timeline he was thinking of. Discussion followed.

Representative Steffen, who was an author of the legislation, provided some background. The intent wasn't for the new engineering building to be a host site but a showpiece. There could be hard hat tours at the summit, or a drive by, to show Wisconsin's commitment to engineering.

Ideas were bounced around, with no set date decided on (pencil in spring 2028)

- Engage the broader community
- Get schools/youth groups involved
- Destination Madison/Downtown Madison Inc/Dept. of Tourism can be resources
- Student engagement
- Wisconsin History Center building is supposed to be done the end of 2027 and will have event space
- Food truck/night market/farmers market
- Pull agendas/speakers from similar events
- Fusion Industry Association and Nuclear Energy Institute
 - Would be good to work with in consultation
- Bring together innovators, investors, government officials, folks who can make a difference in fusion and fission in Wisconsin
- Utilize Memorial Union (Bucky/UW band)
- Fusion week (look at Seattle Fusion Week)

Naming

- Official name is Wisconsin Nuclear Power Summit
- Need to give thought about how we want to message it
- Fission vs Fusion

Budget

- Hoping to make another round at getting state funding, which will impact the conference with registration fees and activities
 - Won't know this amount until the summer of 2027

Next Steps

- Governance Charter
- Chair election
- Settle on a date frame
- WEDC Marketing staff to discuss branding

ADJOURNMENT

Jennifer Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Senator Melissa Ratcliff and seconded by Representative David Steffan. The motion to adjourn the meeting was passed unanimously. The meeting is adjourned at 9:55 AM.