



## **KBBI Board of Directors Meeting**

**7/30/2025, 5:30pm**

**KBBI Boardroom and Zoom**

### **AGENDA**

*We provide news, information, and entertainment to foster community engagement.*

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Introduction of Public Attendees
4. Public Comment (5 Minute Limit)
5. Presentations
6. Approval of the Minutes from 6/25/2025 BOD Meeting
7. Reports
  - a. General Manager's Report and Objectives Review
  - b. Community Advisory Board Report
  - c. Governance Committee
  - d. Finance Committee
    - i. Budget FY26
  - e. Development Committee
  - f. Other Reports (Worksessions, Work Groups, Etc.)
8. Old Business
  - a. Annual Meeting Change of Date – 10/15
9. New Business
10. Action Items Identified
11. Schedules
12. Closing Comments
  - a. Public Attendees
  - b. Manager and Staff
  - c. CAB Members
  - d. Board Members

**Next Meeting: 8/20/2025, 5:30pm, KBBI Boardroom, and Zoom**

## KBBI BOD Minutes July 30, 2025

1) Meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Kyle. Physically present are: Kyle Schneider, Bill Wuestenfeld, Cindy Bolognani, Josh Krohn. On Zoom: Jo Michalski, Mike Brittain. Excused are: Angie Newby, Mel Strydom, Jack Cushing. There is a quorum. CAB members present in room are Kathy Carssow and on Zoom Elaine Burgess. Public Attendees are Wayne Adderhold, John Mouw, Kathy Anderson, Patrick Speranza.

2) Approval of Agenda: Mike moves to approve, Jo seconds, Cindy asks to add discussion on transmitter site improvement to New Business.

3) Introduction of Public Attendees 4) Public Comments: attending out of concern for recent Federal budget cuts 5) Presentations: none

6) Approval of Minutes from 6/25/25 BOD meeting: Bill approves, Jo seconds No discussion.

7) GM's report: Looking to continue developing with a new listener survey with CAB. July 1 state GM meeting to discuss upcoming budget changes, was supposed to have a CPB representative join but declined due to lack of information to share. All are in a dire situation looking at budget cuts and cutting programs. Looking at ways to combine services. Will have on-going meetings every Friday. July 10 Programs and issues report filed with FCC and published in Public File; SoundExchange Streaming Report filed with NPR. July 12 Concert on the Lawn expense \$8604; income 13,878; 426 adult and 65 youth tickets sold; 58 new members signed up 7/14 attended committees meeting (finance, governance and development) 7/16 NWS issued tsunami warning for earthquake near Sand Point. Simon and Matt handled on-air messaging and provided updates on social media. Warning cancelled after one hour. 7/18 letter to members sent out regarding budget followed by one from the board on 7/23. Have raised \$8500 additional since. 7/25 another statewide managers' meeting, has heard that CPB is shuttering, intend to be closed on Oct. 1, did do us a great service on the way out by paying all our music royalties for the next two years and streaming rates for the next five. Bill suggests for purpose of explaining to visitors, describe what we have done in anticipation of losing funding. Started process planning back in June on laying off part time staff, received notices on July 1, last day is July 31

Those individuals are Kathleen Gustafson, Kaylin Holmes, Fiona Rich, Dylan Smith and Aiden Pullman. Remaining staff are Josh Krohn, Matt Strobel, Program Director, Kim Wilder, Business Manager, Simon Lopez, Reporter and right now Emily Springer, part time reporter until January. Will be handling shared responsibilities, will be prerecording some things, will start at 7 a.m. instead of 6 a.m. Unknown if NPR will still be viable. Should know by Oct. 1, Federal money was about 1% of their budget, about a month CPB spun the satellite service away from NPR, so the satellite system can survive NPR's demise. One of the things we are waiting on is the cost; right now the satellite costs us \$12,000 a year plus 12,000 for programming, 1200 for the website.

CAB report from Kathy met last on June 26, went over last survey results, participated at COTL, worked on getting new members signed up. Elaine was there also. Next CAB meeting Oct. 9.

Governance, Finance and Development Committees: combined on July 14, in attendance was Bill, Angie, Cindy, Josh, Wayne, Kyle, Jo. Josh reported on status Congress and President's actions, reported on Concert on the Lawn and the new members. Looking for ways to be independent of Federal funding. Jo planning on an event in Anchorage. Discussed idea of starting a Club 890. Make it a special event.

Finances linked to KDLL, loss of Federal funding may be as much as \$200,000. Wayne talked about 100 men contribution, and broke down percentages for them, regarding funding loss. Governance discussed change to bylaws regarding annual meeting to October. We did have a board member resign this year. Talked about getting Seward more involved. Still having problems with Seward's spotty signal, Mike says the reliability of the signal is a major issue in Seward. Josh says ongoing efforts to remedy it. Webstream is intermittent. Talked with KPB's emergency management office. Trying to get us access to borough's microwave.

Josh says we have had a volunteer step up to take over janitorial duties. Other volunteers to do building upkeep and yard work.

Committees also discussed FM vs AM. Kyle says KBBI has been very good at training people who then go on to state and national positions.

We will be focusing on upcoming fund drive, increase cash for payroll, pitching will start next week.

Work Group: Wayne reported on weed whacking work done on the transmitter site.

8) Old Business: Annual Meeting Change of Date to Oct. 15, Bill moved to approve changes to the bylaws as required, Cindy 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion or objections.

9) New Business: Regarding transmitter site, Cindy wants to discuss possible ways to level the ground and cover with weed suppression fabric so that weed whacking does not have to be done every year. Wayne and Josh had input, several potential problems identified with ground grid, potential damage to buried wires, etc. The solar panel array (which is 18" lower than planned) will also need weeding. Some discussion about future tower replacement.

Bill suggests that the upcoming fund raising and open house be transferred to Development Committee.

10) Action Items: upcoming fund drive, no specific goal for the drive, intent to bolster cash flow and recruit new members, increase underwriters, more volunteer participation and business members. Soft pitching starting Friday this week. Newspaper ad for next week about funding loss as well as to the theatre. Have received a large pledge to use as challenge money from Kathy Anderson. 100 Men Who Care pledge can also be used a challenge. We need to replace \$175,000.00 at least. Need to keep programming at a level of interest to make sure people want to contribute. Wayne and Josh both talked about generator and back up battery needs.

11) Schedules: BOD meeting Aug.27 at 5:30, Development Aug.4 at 4:30. Finance and Governance Aug.18 at 4:30. Cab Oct 9 at 1:30, Oct 15 Annual Meeting.

12) Closing Comments: John: thank you for letting me listen in and really appreciate all that you are doing, so important Wayne: offering to reimburse employees Pier One Theatre show tickets Josh: thank you for assistance with concert and planning and making drastic changes, we will get through this, not knowing what's happening with national programming and losing staffing "keeps me up at night". Sign cards with gift certificates for employees leaving. Should work on serving permit for annual meeting as well as up coming fund raiser Josh's band will be playing at the Porcupine Theatre Oct.1. Main priority is next week's fund drive, please come in to do prerecording, pitching.

Elaine: great to listen to the intricacies of a board meeting

Kathy: 100 Women Who Care, she may pursue pitching for KBBI, have donated in the past, there is a rule of 3 years between donations. Feels buoyed by the increase in new members we signed up at the concert.

Mike: coming into the most critical time in the history of public radio, will be talking to the Seward Foundation to bring in funds,

Jo: looking at having event at her house in Anchorage mid August. Bill collecting names of people in Anchorage who are public radio fans to send to her as well as Josh working on names of potential donors.

Cindy: no comment Bill: no further comments

Kyle: thanks to everyone for all the work, is enthralled to be a part of this board and this organization, a lot of work ahead of us.

Bill suggests giving Josh another vacation as he worked throughout the most recent one.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:58 p.m.