
Meeting of the NEPM Board of Directors
Tuesday, May 19, 2026
Public Session Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the NEPM Board of Directors was held at NEPM, 44 Hampden Street, Springfield on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, Crist Myers, Chair. Those members attending are marked with a “#”. Those attending via Zoom are marked with a “**”.

Aaron Vega, Vice Chair	#Laura Wright, Vice Chair, Development Chair
Bob Sproull, Director	Liza Hernandez-Henson, Director
#Crist Myers, Chair	Liz Roberts, Director, Clerk/Secretary
Eric Cromwell, Director	Marcos Carreras, Director
**Evie Kintzer, WGBH Director	#Matt Abramovitz, NEPM President
**Heather Hayes, Director	#Matt Landon, Director, Treasurer
John Armstrong, Director	**Melinda Mason, Director
#John Kennedy, Director (UMASS)	**Sarah Carlan, Director
#Joy Ohm, Director, NGC Chair	**Sarah Pfatteicher, Director

NEPM staff in attendance: Vanessa Cerillo, Sr. Dir. Marketing, Communications & Events; Rebeckah Egan, Director of Corporate Sales; Chris Schwantner, Chief Engineer, Television; John Sutton, Vice President of Content and Audience Strategy; and Walter Clune, Development Assistant, recorded minutes.

Other guests: Carlo Centeno, board emeritus.

Crist Myers, Chair convened the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

- Crist called for a motion to approve the March 24, 2026, Public Session minutes [Vote]
 - Joy Ohm moved, John Kennedy seconded, none opposed, Laura Wright abstained.
 - Minutes approved.

President’s Report – Matt Abramovitz, President

- Strategic Path reviewed: western Mass focused, rebuilding talk and music on the radio, reinvigorate fundraising, and invest in multiplatform journalism
- Shout Outs:
 - The Rundown is now on YouTube
 - The Fab413 received a best podcast award
 - Nirvani Williams received a 1st prize award for her religious news reporting on an Afghan family
 - Media Lab & NEPM News have collaborated on producing the series Conexcion and received a related grant from the MassMutual Foundation

- Membership Drive: we surpassed our revenue goal of 65k with over 525 donors. Monthly sustainer donations made up 41% of the gifts.
- Merger Updates:
 - Audience: messages have gone out to key donors and Murrow members
 - Team: actively communicating with staff and did a “pulse check”
 - Press: there has been little coverage on the merger. Stories did run in Current, Boston Globe, and The Republican
 - We are forming a transition team with Shane Miner at GBH
- Key Dates: key dates were reviewed including 413 Gives and NEPM’s role using the power of what we do, building partnerships, adding our brand equity, and supporting other parts of our greater community.

Public Comment: none

Crist adjourned the Public Session at 4:39 p.m.

Submitted by:

Walter Clune, NEPM Development Assistant