



## **KBBI Board of Directors Meeting**

**8/27/2025, 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 7/30/2025 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
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: 9/17/2025, 5:30pm, KBBI Boardroom, and Zoom**

## KBBI BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES AUG.27, 2025

- 1) Called to order by Kyle at 5:31p.m. Physically present: Bill Wuestenfeld, Jack Cushing, Mel Strydom, Cindy Bolognani, Angie Newby, Kyle Schneider On Zoom: Josh Krohn, Jo Michalski Excused: Mike Brittain CAB member present: Kathy Carssow There is a quorum.
- 2) Approval of Agenda: Angie moved to approve, Mel 2<sup>nd</sup>, Josh adds alcohol permits resolutions.
- 3) Public Attendees: Kathy Anderson, Wayne Adderhold
- 4) Public Comments: Wayne expresses concern for stress on staff after recent changes
- 5) Presentations: none
- 6) Approval of Minutes from BOD meeting 7/30/25. Bill moves to approve, Mel 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion
- 7) Reports: General Manager, Josh: 8/1 met with Alaska station managers to discuss strategies for reductions in funding 8/4 Station managers met with Lisa Murkowski regarding impacts of funding loss around the state. AK Native stations were left out of national tribal exceptions. 8/8-8/9 Emergency Membership Drive. Funds raised between 7/18 and 8/9 total over \$131,000.00. Does not include 100 Men Who Care and other donors. \$50,000.00 goal for fall fund drive. 8/18 assisted Jake Dye at Peninsula Clarion to schedule candidate forums in September. Simon going to Seward for two forums. 8/19 did presentation to the Homer Women of Action, requested support lobbying government representatives to support KBBI and public broadcasting. Coffee Table subjects and underwriting discussed. Also volunteer opportunities. 8/20 closed FY25 AK State Council on the Arts grant for Bunnell Arts by Air.  
Angie brought up Homer Foundation has \$100,000.00 in matching funds. Angie volunteers to write a letter for newsletter requesting donations to the Foundation on behalf of KBBI.

Community Advisory Board: Kathy says since the CAB is no longer required now that CPB is gone, CAB should join with the board as another committee. Kyle points out the CAB is in our bylaws; not enough time to change before the annual meeting. Table for further discussion in the future. Some discussion about surveys; good time for community involvement having a say on programming.

Governance: Kyle: Federal funding minimal or non existent/should plan on private sources only. Potential funding coming from Voices Across Alaska Fund, Alaska Community Foundation, Rasmussen. They will prioritize stations that need the most help. CPB is being replaced by The Public Media Company. Josh says they did raise 37 million to help stations in most extreme need. Talked about new board members to fill open seats needed to sign up by Sept.11.

Finance: Josh: Updated budget no longer holds the option for federal funding. KDLL's contract still in question. They have not had an emergency fund drive. Current employees at current levels of compensation. Retains a contract reporter. Audit is no longer necessary for CPB, still useful to have. Josh proposes we go to biannual audits. Next year's audit will reflect our fundraising this year. Josh will ask auditor about switching to

biannual. Budget FY26 moved to approve by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mel. No further discussion or objections.

Development: Bill: mostly discussed previous fundraiser and open house. Talked about annual meeting coming up. Need board to approve liquor license. Discussed need for more board members. Josh says that Suzanne at the Porcupine has asked if we would be interested in moving the meeting date to Oct.24. There is a band coming in that night that may be willing to be our entertainment for the night. Jo gives an update on her planned fundraiser in Anchorage on Sept.7. Asking for contacts of people who may be interested in attending.

Work Group: Wayne: mowed the lawn yesterday, there are building repairs needing to be done but they will cost money, Wayne had grilled over 100 hot dogs at the open house.

Old Business: none

New Business: Resolution 2025-005 Authorization for Alcohol Sales, Oct.1 7-8:30 p.m. at the Porcupine, Pushki Pickers performing, Bill moved to approve, Angie 2<sup>nd</sup>. No discussion, no objections.

Resolution 2025-006 Authorization of Alcohol Sales, Oct.24 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Porcupine for KBBI's Annual Meeting. Jack moved to approve, Bill 2<sup>nd</sup>. No further discussion, no objections.

Action Items: none

Schedules: Governance, Finance and Development Committees Meetings Sept.8 at 4:30 p.m. BOD meeting Sept.17 at 5:30 p.m. CAB Oct.9 at 1:00 p.m.

Closing Comments: Wayne: again comments about stress on staff, talked about 8/26 New York Times news article regarding public radio funding loss. Kathy A.: one of the biggest challenges we are facing will be more apparent next year Josh: thank you to Matt and Simon during Josh's absences, is aware of stress on staff. Kathy C.: none Jo: reminder to send contact info for fund raiser in Anchorage Bill: thanks to all board members and staff for hard work Mel: thanks to everyone keeping the station afloat, sorry for missing last Finance meeting Cindy: none Jack: thanks to volunteers and staff working to keep station going Angie: impressed by latest fundraising Kyle: thanks for being here, sticking it out, keep talking it up with the community and the next generation of KBBI membership, remind the young people to become members.

Meeting adjourned: 6:44 p.m.