

Morehead State Public Radio – WMKY

Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting Minutes: February 4, 2026 (page 1 of 2)

Members Present: Gwen Akers, David Gillum, Annette Graham, Drew McNeill, James Masterson, Alexis Mathews (chair), Adrian Swain

Present: Allison Caudill-VP MSU University Advancement, Paul Hitchcock-MSPR General Manager

Members Absent: Savannah Jackson (secretary), Louise Mason, Timothy Simpson

1. Welcome

A. Mathews opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. New CAB members D. Gillum, A. Graham, and D. McNeill were introduced. P. Hitchcock mentioned he would take the meeting minutes.

2. Guest Comments

No guests.

3. Old Business

a. CAB Meeting Minutes (November 19, 2025)

Motion by J. Masterson to approve, second by G. Akers. Unanimous approval.

b. Quarterly Program Report (October – December 2025)

P. Hitchcock presented, general discussion.

c. Programming

P. Hitchcock updated the CAB on new programs added to the schedule (A Way with Words, BBC World News Service, Fiesta). In addition, Inside Appalachia has been moved to a new time at 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Updated program schedule shared, general discussion.

d. Transmitter

P. Hitchcock mentioned a new Nautel transmitter has been approved and ordered, with a projected timeline of July 1 for installation and project completion. Project funding provided by the Public Media Bridge Fund. Project must be completed by November 2026.

e. Vice-Chair

A. Mathews opened the floor for CAB Vice-Chair nominations. A. Swain nominated L. Mason, second by D. Gillum. Unanimous approval.

4. New Business

a. Member Letter

A. Caudill and P. Hitchcock shared a membership letter discussing station operations, programming, and infrastructure plans. The letter and updated program schedule will be mailed to listeners and supporters. General discussion and CAB suggestions included sustaining memberships, collaborative fundraising, e-mail distribution, quarterly newsletter, and student opportunities.

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b. CAB Student Leadership Award

- A. Mathews asked G. Akers to leave the meeting for award discussion. CAB reviewed applications received. J. Masterson nominated Gwen Akers, second by A. Graham. Unanimous approval.

5. Open Discussion

D. Gillum emphasized the importance of continuing to utilize students at MSPR as interns, volunteers, and work-studies. A. Graham encouraged the university campus to program MSPR for in-office listening.

6. Closing Comments

A. Mathews recognized Gwen Akers on receiving the CAB Student Leadership Award.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is set for Wed., May 20, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Breckinridge Society Room. A. Swain motioned to adjourn, second by A. Graham at 6:52 p.m.

CAB meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Paul Hitchcock