
Board of Directors' Governance Committee Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2025

The Iowa Public Radio, Inc. Governance Committee met virtually on August 7, 2025, with the meeting originating from Iowa Public Radio, 2111 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. Present for the meeting were Directors Ken Brown, Nora Everett, Libby Jacobs, Warren Madden, Helen Miller and David Yepsen. Present from Iowa Public Radio were Executive Director Myrna Johnson and Director of Finance Lynn Jones-Folsom. Ken Brown joined the meeting virtually at 3:15 p.m.

Committee Chair Libby Jacobs called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Ken Brown – virtual from Iowa City

Nora Everett – virtual from Des Moines

Libby Jacobs – virtual from Des Moines

Warren Madde – virtual from Ames

Helen Miller – virtual from Des Moines

David Yepsen – virtual from Des Moines

Agenda

Chair Jacobs moved to approve the agenda. Motion approved.

Minutes

Chair Jacobs moved to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2025 meeting. Motion approved.

Board Member Terms and Recruitment

The committee conducted a discussion regarding potential board members. As of the date of this meeting, meetings have been held with two of the three candidates. Those two have expressed interest in serving.

Governance Committee Charter

Legal counsel confirmed that current members can remain members through the annual meeting in October. New board members will be voted in at the annual meeting and their terms will begin following their election at that meeting. Per legal counsel, there is no need to change the existing bylaws to reflect this process.

The committee discussed creating an Immediate Past Chair role, allowing the Chair to serve one more year, if their board term ends while they are Chair. The committee agrees that it makes sense for IPR to have the continuity that this role would provide. The committee asked management to review this with our counsel, and recommend language and a timeline for considering changes to the bylaws, if needed.

The committee discussed options for length of terms for officers as well.

Governance Committee Charter

The committee discussed terms of the Governance Committee charter document. The committee suggested adding board and committee self-assessments to the document. This could tie in with the

annual performance review of the executive director. The committee agreed that it would make sense to perform a self-assessment every other year. The committee also discussed the need to include the process for nominating officers in the charter.

Other Business

Myrna Johnson gave an update on CPB funding.

The location for the annual meeting in October will be in Iowa City.

Adjourn

Chair Jacobs moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.