
**Meeting of the NEPM Board of Directors
Tuesday, June 24, 2025
Public Session Meeting Minutes**

A meeting of the NEPM Board of Directors was held via Zoom on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, Crist Myers, Chair. Those members attending are marked with a “#”.

Aaron Vega, Vice Chair	# Laura Wright, Vice Chair, Development Chair
# Carlo Centeno, 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
Jessica Atwood, Director	# Melinda Mason, Director
John Armstrong, Director	Sarah Carlan, Director
# John Kennedy, Director (UMASS)	# Sarah Pfatteicher, Director
Joy Ohm, Director, NGC Chair	

NEPM staff also in attendance via Zoom: Vanessa Cerillo, Sr. Director, Marketing and Communications; Rebeckah Egan, Dir. of Corporate Sponsorship, Lynn Page, Managing Director, Operations; Liz Román, Executive Editor; John Sutton, VP of Content and Audience Strategy; Tracy Trial, Sr. Director of Development; and Walter Clune, Development Assistant, recorded the minutes.

Other guests via Zoom: Tim Boomer, emeritus; Xiomara Albán DeLobato, board candidate.

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

- Crist called for a motion to approve the May 6, 2025, Public Session minutes [Vote]
 - Sarah Pfatteicher moved, Matt Landon seconded, and none opposed. Evie Kintzer and Laura Wright abstained.
 - Minutes approved.

President’s Report – Matt Abramovitz, President

Year in Review

- Election convention coverage (received award for [Red in a Blue State: Stories from the 2024 RNC](#))
- [Life on the Connecticut](#) interviews by Ben James, covered on NEPM, NHPR, Vermont Public, and the NENC
- [Debate Parties](#)
- [Latino Election Project](#)
- [Senate Debate: Warren/Deaton](#) debate in Studio A
- [Carl at the Carle](#)
- [Valley Voices 10th season](#)
- [Hunger Awareness Week](#) with Monte Belmonte
- [A Very 413 Christmas Carol](#)
- [New executive editor Elizabeth Román](#)

- *Jazz à la Mode* 40th anniversary
- First 413 Day celebration
- BPR – joins NEPM’s weekly schedule in collaboration with GBH
- TV Upfronts corporate sponsorship event in Studio A
- Murrow Society Thank You event in Studio A

FY26 Preview

- Focus on what is uniquely local
- Programming
- Events
- Philanthropy
- Leverage ties with GBH (in content, fundraising, and operations)
- Federal Funding Landscape

Federal Funds Landscape

- **Threats**
 - Rescission package before Congress
 - Executive Orders
 - Budget appropriations for FY28 to CPB
 - CPB board firings
 - FCC investigations
 - Other federal grants pulled back, ex. education
- **What are we doing**
 - Coordinate efforts with GBH, NPR, APTS and PMPM
 - Reach out to our Congressional delegations
 - Keep staff and our community informed
 - Rapid relief fundraising campaign if needed
 - Scenario planning for possible cuts
- **What you can do**
 - Sign up at [Protect My Public Media](#) (PMPM)
 - Call your senator
 - Record a testimonial for use on-air
 - Tell your friends and family
 - Support the station financially

Next board meetings: September 30 and December 9

Public Comment: no public comments or questions

Short discussion led by Crist applauding NEPM on the successes of the [Play It Forward Instrument Drive](#), the Murrow Society Thank You celebration event, and the TV Upfronts event led by the corporate sponsorship team. All of these events reinforces the strength of NEPM and our role as a “microphone” for our community.

Crist adjourned the Public Session at 4:37 p.m.

Submitted by:

Walter Clune, NEPM Development Assistant