

Narrows Broadcasting Corporation
Gary McCullough Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 20, 2026 @ Anchor Properties

Meeting called to order at 6:23 PM by Board President Emil Tucker.

Approval of the agenda: Motion – Julie Hursey, Second – John Havrilek. Agenda unanimously approved.

Emil led introductions of KFSK staff and board members for any in attendance who were unaware, taking time to highlight Operations Assistant Isaiah Bowen-Karlyn and Interim GM Stuart Whyte, as they were both new in their roles. Stuart offered to record minutes for the annual meeting.

Call for Board candidate nominations from the floor: None put forth

Comments from Board Candidates:

Bryan Perry – Thanks to everyone for voting on my write-in campaign. This is the end of my first term, and I'm excited to continue service with a second term.

John Havrilek – I was a former board member about 100 years ago, and I had to come back.

Matt Lenhard – I want to do my best and be of use on the board.

Election of Directors/Counting of Ballots: Interim GM Stuart Whyte gave anyone who hadn't already cast a ballot the opportunity to vote. Ryn Schneider cast a ballot. Ryn's votes were added to the tally of ballots that had been received before the annual meeting.

Election Results: The three official balloted candidates – Bryan, John, & Matt – were elected on a 15.17% ballot return. A 10% return is required to count as a quorum of membership and certify the election results per the Corporation bylaws.

Recognition of volunteers and other supporters: Emil began with some remarks regarding volunteers, and Julie Hursey followed up with additional comments about specific volunteers and how excellent it is to have 10 hours of volunteer hosted music each weekday. Special mention was made of Britton Erickson and James Valentine who have been volunteering time to host basketball this season.

Open Floor Discussion: Emil began by speaking to the situation of the past year including the GM hiring process, the loss of federal funding, pain points and fears, and

a future in flux. Stuart further expanded on these themes, discussed the station being thrust into the national spotlight through various high-profile interviews, specifics of how much emergency funding and enthusiastic membership response the station had received since the announcement of the federal rescission, and the reality of and philosophy for the future. Specific mention was given to a \$20,000 anonymous membership donation, and \$10,000 in funding from PMHS for the 3rd year in a row.

News Director Olivia Rose spoke to the year in news. About how she was a solo reporter at the station for a few months after the departure of Hannah Flor, the hiring of reporter Taylor Heckart in April, and the arrival of Intern Hannah Weaver in June. Quickly the newsroom went from a solo shop to a 3-person team firing on all cylinders and putting out a lot of good news stories. Olivia put colleague Taylor on a pedestal to receive kudos. Olivia also spoke to continuing to learn from mistakes and do better, and to keep improving news gathering and community connection opportunities.

Stuart made note that around 219 stories were produced by the news team in 2025, which is an average of at least one story per day, 4-5 days per week. Olivia noted that the number of stories was down from the previous year, but a member in attendance noted that the quality of the stories and their being picked up and spread to a wider audience had greatly increased. Olivia agreed that ANN (Alaska News Nightly) loved KFSK in 2025.

Some additional comments were offered by members in attendance, and special mention was made of Florida Superfan Tamara Munro who likes to call in frequently.

Questions or motions from the floor: A few questions regarding budget revenues and expenses were brought up by John Havrilek. A question on KFSK's reserves was also brought up, and it was explained that most reserves are shared in CoastAlaska and that the whole organization has about a 6-month financial runway. It was also noted that there is about \$30K in the KFSK Endowment Fund, but that it hasn't been actively promoted much lately and would need about 10x that level of funding to be highly beneficial to the station. No additional motions were brought forward from the floor.

Reading & approval of the minutes: Stuart read back the minutes of the meeting for approval and inclusion in the record. Motion to approve the minutes – Scott Hursey, Second – John Havrilek. Minutes unanimously approved.

Motion to adjourn – John Havrilek, Second – Merrily Jones. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.