KFSK Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Minutes
Thursday, Mar 12, 2026, 5:30pm

Call to Order

Emil Tucker

Excusing of Absences

Bennet McGrath requested excused absence via email

Members in Attendance:

Emil Tucker, Bill Tremblay, Bryan Perry, John Haverlick, Matt Lenhard
Beverly Richardson via Zoom
Stuart Whyte, General Manager via Zoom
Isaiah Bowlen-Karlyn, Operations Assistant

Absent: Bennet McGrath

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda passed.

People to be Heard

No requests

Communications

Comments highlighted from comment book pertaining to volunteer shows.

New Business

Election of new board officers

- Emil Tucker, president and representative to Coast Alaska
- Bryan Perry, vice-president
- Matt Lenhard, secretary
- Bill Tremblay, treasurer
  - Comments:
    - Emil: Board Treasurer is traditionally the Coast Alaska representative so that scrutiny of KFSK finances can go all the way to the regional organization.
    - Bill: (current Coast Alaska Board member and President) Board needs to elect a Coast Alaska board member and alternate. Charter was updated recently from KFSK providing two representatives to one and one alternate (currently Bryan). (Clarification: this was a discussion item in the November KFSK Board Meeting.)

Review Annual Meeting

- Bill: staff happy, he's happy
- Emil: appreciated reporter Olivia Roses' year-in-review, larger turnout would have been nice, but there was a quorum
- Matt: appreciated esprit d'corps with reporting staff, commented that annual meeting used to be a party
- Beverly: not being in attendance, appreciated the minutes taken by Stuart. Apparently, minutes are normally discarded - why?
- Emil: Minutes are discarded because it is not a KFSK Board Mtg, but an annual membership gathering in which the minutes approval would be received until a year later, likely with little to no overlap of members present.
- Bill/Stuart: meeting notes should be archived with other meeting notes in case of being audited. Stuart has a folder of annual meeting minutes, keeping as much documentation as possible.

Review of conflict-of-interest statement

- Reviewed with no changes to current statement

Review and vote on revised Volunteer Policy Agreement

- Motion to approve review and revision of Volunteer Policy Agreement passed

Discussion Items

Board members personal liability and possibility of insurance

- Emil, Beverly: Though the probability is very small, Board members are legal owners and legally responsible for any monetary harm or damages. A policy should be taken out by KFSK.
- Stuart: will request a presentation or breakdown of coverage from Sue Erickson of Petersburg Wrangell Insurance

Scheduling of a board planning session for spring

- A session is needed and Stuart will look into scheduling Molly Kabler for a clinic with the board. Discussion of merits of scheduling soon or waiting to FY27

Project ideas for Petersburg Community Foundation Grant

- Priorities for grant-funded items:
  - Upgraded news equipment to help reporters deliver local news more efficiently
  - IT techs recommendation: antenna air dryer, upgrades to backup generator, upgraded phone system, washer & dryer, Starlink back up internet, various, small IT and engineering items

Preliminary FY27 budget discussion

- Discussions of COLA at the managers level (Coast AK managers discuss COLA increases)
- Inform Stuart of any budget concerns or requests
- Emil:
  - extra funding came in last FY, cautious to expect that much giving from outside sources
  - is there a possibility of roll-over from this year's funds?

        - typically extra goes to Coast AK reserves, but once overages are paid back, can KFSK make a “token” donation to Coast AK reserves?
            - Stuart response: Coast AK intent this year is for stations to keep roll their budget surplus over, KFSK currently has ~$76K
                - a lot of fees for royalties, etc for programming has been given a 2-year grace period
                - Advises that KFSK should raise as much money as it can to build up a surplus in FY27 then plan

Scheduling a Community Advisory Board meeting - March? April?

- Typically the Board is not involved in the CAB
- Intent is for the management to get listener involvement and engagement
- Emil willing to attend
- Stuart will research the CAB members
- Isaiah is interested in CAB meeting for the one question of adding a news show that many other stations carry (Democracy Now)

Spring Drive - May 4 - 8

- Usually a “quiet drive” (mail in)

Reports

Manager’s Report - February Annual Meeting & March Regular Meeting

- Acquired Alaska Airlines tix for Quiet Drive
- PSG Community Foundation grant application
- KFSK has been invited to apply for $15K “Public Media News Preservation Grant” from Alaska Center for Excellence in Journalism

Financial Report (Stuart)

- Documents provided by Stuart in board packet
- Regional underwriting has been low for a couple of years
    - Coast AK has to rehire a position for regional underwriting
    - Stuart: local underwriting is in good shape, but not much he can do for the regional effort

Programming Report (Isaiah)

- Math Literacy Month coming up coordinating with Lean Jenkins at Petersburg Schools
- April Poetry Month recording spots

Engineering Report

- Stuart provided reports from engineer’s visit in board packet

Coast Alaska Report (Bill)

- All stations in Coast AK are experience the same financial challenges from loss of federal and state funding
- Community responses have been generous
- Much discussion going into sustaining a generous fundraising year (rollovers, private grants, etc.)

Review Corporate Calendar

- May: FY27 Budget

- Plan for July 4 Kid Carnival

Next Meeting May 14, 2026

Motion to adjourn (John, seconded and passed)