

**KFSK Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Minutes
Thursday, May 14, 2026, 5:30pm**

Call to Order: Emil

Excusing of the Absences: Bennet, children in pageant

Members present: Emil Tucker, Bill Tremblay, Beverly Richardson, Bryan Perry, Matt Lenhard, Stuart Whyte via Zoom, Craig Olson as an interested member

Approval of Minutes

3/12/26 Regular Board Meeting

Approval of Agenda: Seconded, approved

People to be heard

- Tom Kowalske, wants an infrastructure created where towers can be erected in places more suitable to populations, (Missing PSA???) a friend went to search KFSK website for Tom's commentary given on Tradio and couldn't find it. Was it lost? Censured? Stuart: Tom's commentary on Tradio was most likely overwritten
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- Leo Luczak, spring quiet drive and concerned by little effort given for the drive at KFSK despite the dire circumstances and understaffing, personal touch needed on the donations, well-wishes
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- Becky Knight, request that all KFSK board meetings be recorded and stored in perpetuity, request for explanation of May 1 Tradio episode in which Tom and Josh's commentary was removed, other commentary/announcements have been given in past Tradio episodes that seem to fit Tradio commentary policy
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- Dave Beebe, importance of being clear of what was removed from the May 1 Tradio episode, concerned about the loss of independence by joining Coast Alaska, concerned about KFSK website taking digital fingerprints of visitors to the KFSK website and then being sold to Google and Facebook, could KFSK be in conflict with Alaska's Constitutional right to privacy? Concern with the content of news reporting since joining Coast Alaska.

Communications

-Phone/email/mail comments

New Business

Review & vote on FY27 budget

- Beverly, discussion of CA charges for benefits payments for temporary hourly-paid employee Isaiah and part time employee Julie Hursey
- Discussion about future membership donations, ways to raise revenue, activities to raise funds, borough allocation
- Stuart will be present via Zoom for May 18, 6pm Borough Assembly meeting for the 2nd reading of the Borough budget, thanking Borough for past contribution and advocating for FY27 contribution
 - Motion to pass budget as revised by Beverly, seconded by Bill, passed unanimously

Discussion Items

Review of April Board & Staff work session

- Manager's report contained large outcome notes (stop carrying Hospital and School Board meetings due to lack of board operators, limitation of office hours for public visitors, and cutting away 4:30 local news broadcast)

Discussion & vote on suggested changes to KFSK Mission Statement

- Emil, the mission doesn't say "local" but no strong input to change the wording

Discussion & vote to adopt draft Board Roles & Responsibilities document as policy

- Tabled for July meeting

Discuss & develop a list of questions to send to Mollie – unanswered items from work session and/or new thoughts that have come up

- Gaining a broader perspective on public radio KFSK→Coast Alaska→Nation
- Endowments for KFSK specifically

Reports

Manager's Report

- Most items in report were discussed tonight

Financial Report

- Leave liability has decreased \$10K from last year which helps bottom line at end of FY26

CoastAlaska Report

- Bill, spring meeting topics were mostly spring drive related
- Board member added from Sitka, there are now 7 members
- Future funding discussions

Review Corporate Calendar

- July 4th Kid Karnival organization about to start

Next Meeting and Adjournment (July 8 or 9 @ 5:30 PM)

Next Meeting set for July 9 at 5:30pm

Motion to adjourn, meeting adjourned 8:11pm