

GALLUP PUBLIC RADIO (GPR) BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Monday, June 8, 2026 **TIME:** 5:30 PM **LOCATION:** UNMG's Zollinger Library Conference Room

1. CALL TO ORDER (5:37 PM)

- Welcome Public (JoAnn Benenati) & KGLP Members.
- Gallup Public Radio Board of Directors Attendees: Raymond Calderon, Carol Sarath, Markos Chavez, Gabriel Suk, Angela Benally and Samir Wahid. Board Secretary Matt Mingus was absent due to a schedule conflict.
- KGLP Staff Present: Tom Maxedon (Station Manager), Calvin Gleason (Production Manager) and Logan Reed Black (News Intern).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of the May 11, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.
 - Samir Wahid motioned to approve.
 - Fred Held seconded the motion.

3. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & STATION MANAGEMENT

- **Station Manager's Report (Tom Maxedon):**
 - **Spring Fund Drive:** Underway. Early focus is on new members. Using recorded messaging. Suzanne Bona recorded some personal messaging for Sunday Baroque.
 - **APM Programming Costs:** Tom has negotiated a 50 percent cut in programming fees (over \$10K) each year for two years. It's conditional on carriage of APM programs such as Marketplace in the early evening and consideration of others.
 - **New Mexico Local News Internship:** Welcome Reed Black. All of his paperwork is in with our bookkeeper. We are waiting to hear from UNM main campus about our purchase order. Reed will be in Gallup three days per week, and is expected to turn out a few feature stories in his short two-month stint.
 - **Equipment Between Tower and Studio:** The Moseley STLs have been reinstalled in the studio and at the tower along with a switching device, giving

us a back up to our fiber connection. Due to a recent IT snafu, we need to reestablish connectivity.

- **IT:** KGLP suffered a hack to one of our IP addresses affecting some of our programming. A local company was contracted to map our system and provide next steps to get our equipment behind appropriate firewalls and consolidate our network into a more user-friendly location as UNMG IT is not responsible for such.
- **Tower Roof:** Huntington Construction Company wants paid upfront to do the work.
- **Power:** We have a lot of equipment “daisy-chained” on uninterrupted power supplies. At least three power spikes or fluxes occurring on Easter, Mother’s Day and Memorial Day weekend have likely contributed to the failure of our switchers which provide network programming. After inspection from our contract engineer, he recommends replacing the units. Our automation software providers confirmed the units are no longer communicating as they should.
- **President / Treasurer’s Report (Raymond Calderon):**
 - **Current Financial Status:** Update on the station's cash on hand and state line of credit.
 - Bank of Colorado/Pinnacle Bank CDARS = \$452,543.46 as of 5/31/26
 - Bank of Colorado/Pinnacle Bank General X355 = \$27,892.34
 - Bank of Colorado/Pinnacle Bank General Savings X605 = \$75,000
 - **State Reimbursements:** Status update on state reimbursement.
 - Approximately \$82,000 in reimbursements have been submitted by Raymond. He reported that the State of New Mexico has requested more reports from Gallup Public Radio to fulfill this reimbursement: a quarterly product report that should contain a narrative and or bulleted highlights of successes and challenges, a detailed budget breakdown of project milestones. Raymond will get more clarity on this aspect.
 - We could start asking for reimbursements that started October of 2025.
 - **KUNM Board Partnership:** Report on KUNM board retreat.

- Main takeaway was developing an engineering co-op for assistance in broadcast needs so stations can share in the cost burden.
- **Tax Filing for Form 990:** Unfortunate passing of Ollie Waters who was conducting the audit.
 - Ollie died in April.
 - His firm did file an extension for our Form 990 and Veronica Villanueva, CPA has taken over the function of seeing the audit through.
- **Update on Board Officers:** Status of Treasurer – No update was provided.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- **Roof Repair at Transmitter Site:** Raymond will follow up on the quote of \$3,494.15 provided by Harrison Juan from Huntington Construction Company, LLC and determine a payment schedule.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- **Lobo WiFi access:** Currently dealing with main campus for such.

6. PUBLIC INPUT

- **JoAnn Benenati:** Expressed her appreciation for being given an understanding of ongoing technical issues and solutions that have contributed to better sound.

7. ADJOURNMENT

- **Motion to adjourn:** Provided by Markos Chavez at 6:40 p.m. and was seconded by Carol Sarath.
- **Next Board Meeting:** Tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 13, 2026, but Tom Maxedon will be on vacation. Board members will decide whether to push back the meeting or cancel it entirely.