

GALLUP PUBLIC RADIO (GPR) BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Monday, April 13, 2026 **LOCATION:** UNMG's Zollinger Library Conference Room

ATTENDEES (Present on Audio):

- **Board Members:** Raymond Calderon (President/Treasurer), Carol Sarath (Vice-President), Matthew Mingus (Secretary), Markos Chavez, Samir Wahed, Angela Benally, Fred Held.
- **Staff:** Tom Maxedon (Station Manager), Calvin Gleason (Production Assistant).
- **Public:** Chris Kenny, Ben Mingus (briefly)

1. CALL TO ORDER

- President Raymond Calderon called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion:** Matthew Mingus moved to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2026 meeting.
- **Second:** Markos Chavez seconded the motion.
- **Result:** The minutes were approved unanimously by the Board.

3. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & STATION MANAGEMENT

Station Manager's Report (Tom Maxedon)

- **Volunteer Policies:** The new volunteer policies and liability waivers have been successfully rolled out, and the last volunteers signed off last weekend.
- **Underwriting & Programming:** The new underwriting rate card has been officially released to the public. Tom is currently in talks with advertising agencies and is actively seeking volunteers for music, public affairs, and other programs.
- **Software Upgrade:** The Broadcast Electronics software upgrade is slightly delayed because a corporate merger is occupying their software engineers' time. Tom plans to explore alternative software options at the upcoming NAB convention in Las Vegas.
- **Spring Fund Drive:** The board discussed moving away from a generic "silent campaign" and instead run a targeted fundraising campaign starting in May. The goal will be to raise funds for a specific, tangible need, such as technology assets or local news coverage, rather than general operating costs.

- **Social Media:** The board noted the station's lack of social media presence. There was a discussion about potentially paying former employee Emma Farley a small monthly stipend to manage the station's social media accounts remotely from Utah.
- **FCC Compliance:** Tom successfully filed the quarterly FCC reports.
- **Facilities:** Tom and Calvin were commended for thoroughly cleaning the station office, and UNMG electricians and custodial staff replaced all lighting fixtures they could access, cleaned the duct work and replaced warped or damaged ceiling tiles.

President / Treasurer's Report (Raymond Calderon)

- **Current Financial Status:** The station remains in a strong financial position with approximately \$580,000 in cash on hand, plus the \$200,000 state line of credit. This gives the station an estimated operating runway of 5 to 6 years.
- **State Reimbursements:** Raymond has submitted the first two months of state reimbursement requests. The first month's request was exceptionally high (around \$20,000) because it included quarterly NPR dues and search firm fees.
- **Administrative Updates:** Tom Maxedon has been successfully issued a station credit card with a \$5,000 limit, while Raymond holds a station debit card. The station's Form 990 tax filing has been completed and is in the process of being checked.
- **KUNM Board:** Raymond announced he has been officially appointed to the KUNM board. He missed their first meeting due to a trip to Guatemala but will attend their June retreat, where he hopes to negotiate a partnership for sharing local news stories.
- **Personal Announcement:** Raymond announced to the board that he is officially running for Magistrate Judge.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- **Transmitter Roof:** Vertical Bridge never responded to requests to repair the transmitter building roof. The board agreed to handle the repairs independently by purchasing and installing the shingles locally. Tom will reach out to contractors.
- **EAS System & Equipment Barter:** The EAS system swap and the equipment barter with Keith Desautels were completed weeks ago. The old Bext transmitter is in Desautels' possession and will serve as a backup if it can be certified by an electrician. Other equipment such as an electrical safety switch, the old Sage EAS

system and a 4-channel analog radio receiver were also traded to Desautels for work he completed.

- **STL Equipment:** The refurbished Mosley STL equipment has been returned. Keith's assistance will be required to reinstall it, along with a new failover switcher to protect against internet link drops.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- **Board IDs and PSAs:** Carol Sarath and Matthew Mingus have recorded their station IDs and PSAs. Other board members were encouraged to do the same. Due to FCC equal-time rules, Raymond Calderon cannot record any PSAs or IDs while actively running for public office.
- **Calvin Gleason's Hours:**
 - **Motion:** Matthew Mingus motioned to increase Calvin Gleason's hours from 25 hours a week to 35 hours a week, effective immediately.
 - **Second:** Markos Chavez seconded the motion.
 - **Result:** Approved unanimously.

6. PUBLIC INPUT

- Guest Chris Kenny offered suggestions for building a stronger digital community presence by utilizing the website to post transcripts, discussions, and news that reflects the on-air programming.

7. ADJOURNMENT

- **Motion:** A motion was made to adjourn.
- **Second:** Angela Benally and Samir Wahed seconded the motion.
- **Time:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.