

GALLUP PUBLIC RADIO (GPR) BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Monday, August 10, 2026 **TIME:** 5:35 p.m. – 6:58 p.m. **LOCATION:** UNMG's Zollinger Library Conference Room

ATTENDEES:

- **Board Members Present:** Raymond Calderon (President), Carol Sarath (Vice-President), Matthew Mingus (Secretary), Markos Chavez, Fred Held, Samir Wahid, Angela Benally.
- **Board Members Absent:** Gabriel Suk (without notice).
- **Staff Present:** Tom Maxedon (Station Manager), Calvin Gleason.
- **Guests/Public Present:** Daniel Berg, Joe Schaller, Tom Funk.

1. CALL TO ORDER President Raymond Calderon called the meeting to order at **5:35 p.m.**

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES

- **Motion:** Matthew Mingus moved to combinedly approve the agenda for the August 10 meeting and the minutes from the June 8 meeting (noting that the July meeting was cancelled due to manager travel).
- **Second:** Markos Chavez seconded the motion.
- **Discussion/Revision:** Fred Held requested a correction to the June minutes; he was present at the June meeting but was mistakenly listed as absent while simultaneously being recorded as seconding a motion. The June minutes were approved with the friendly revision to show that Fred Held was present.
- **Result:** Approved unanimously.

3. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & STATION MANAGEMENT

Station Manager's Report (Tom Maxedon)

- **Spring/Summer Fund Drive Wrap-up:** The drive started in June and focused on recruiting new members. June recorded 3 new recurring members totaling \$160 (compared to \$165 in June last year). July recorded 1 new recurring member totaling \$200 (compared to 15 recurring members totaling \$125 in July last year). Overall, total contributions via digital platforms like Zeffy.com from January 1st to August 5th are up about \$2,500 year-over-year. July of last year was an outlier due to CPB fund recissions prompting high one-time donations.

- **APM Programming & Marketplace:** Conditional on early evening carriage of *Marketplace*, Tom negotiated a 50% reduction in APM programming fees for two years, dropping GPR's monthly fee from \$1,821 to \$923. GPR also added the *Marketplace*. The free fee for Marketplace will need to be revisited for FY 28.
- **NPR Negotiations:** NPR is transitioning to a charging model based on total funding and households in the listening area (fringes at \$55,000+). Tom is currently negotiating this to reflect GPR's rural, low-income market.
- **WNYC Rate Cut:** WNYC's flat fee was successfully reduced by Tom from \$450/quarter to \$250/quarter, with the addition of shows such as *Radiolab* and *Freakonomics*. GPR is currently running WNYC's *On the Media and Science Friday*.
- **PRX & Pacifica:** PRX kept costs stable but Tom negotiated award bonus points (used for specials like a Route 66 series and America 250). *Peace Talks* was dropped due to repetitive content. Pacifica negotiations are ongoing, and they continue to host half of GPR's internet audio streaming (dual streaming is maintained for Chrome and iPhone browser compatibility).
- **Delivery Costs & Internet backup:** Satellite program delivery costs \$6,800/year. The industry is moving to mostly internet delivery within the next five years, which poses a dead-air risk during fiber outages unless a robust backup (like Starlink) is in place.
- **Local News Internship:** Logan Reed Black has completed six weeks of his summer grant-funded internship. Funded by a \$5,000 summer grant via UNM. He has completed two feature stories as of the meeting (Route 66 and the Gallup Data Center) and is currently working on stories about local watersheds and library expansion.
- **Personnel & Automation:** Calvin Gleason was praised for manually stitching segments together (such as *Fresh Air*, *Chicago Symphony Orchestra* and *Splendid Table*) to prevent low audio from triggering GPR's silence failover.

President / Treasurer's Report (Raymond Calderon)

- **Current Financial Status:** General Account x355 balance is \$322,903.61, which includes matured CDAR #103151272 (\$233,162.38 as of 7/23/26) and a NM state reimbursement of \$82,625.39. Savings Account x605 is at \$75,115.88. Brokered CDs: CDAR #1032637872 is at \$231,555.35 (held unconverted to evaluate Federal Reserve rate increases). Brokered CDs totaling \$465,000 are being spread across

tiered monthly terms. Part of the state reimbursement will be moved into Savings x605.

- **State Reimbursements:** GPR received its first reimbursement of \$82,625.39 for October 2025 to January 2026 expenses. Raymond is preparing the February to May reimbursement request and will submit it in the same format.
- **Tax Filing (Form 990):** CPA Veronica Villanueva has taken over preparation following Ollie Waters' passing in April. The State of New Mexico is requesting physical wet signatures on the returns. Andrew Havens wants to be officially named as bookkeeper in QuickBooks, and Anna Bond needs to be removed.
- **Banking updates & Rachel Kaub's removal:** GPR is working to cancel Rachel's credit card (ending in x7655) and move some of its recurring charges (Spotify, Spintron, Microsoft, etc.) to another form of auto debit payment.
- **KUNM Board Partnership:** Raymond visited KUNM and sat in on KUNM board meetings. KUNM's ratings (drive-time) jumped from 10th to 2nd place because commercial radio listenership evaporated. KUNM's 60th Anniversary Gala is on October 17th, and Raymond can secure tickets. Discussed sharing a contract engineer or co-op.
- **Officer Transitions & Restructure:**
 - **Treasurer Role:** Gabriel Suk declined due to other commitments. Raymond discussed Angela Benally as a potential treasurer, but she is hesitant. Raymond will continue as Treasurer for now but emphasized they must elect a new Treasurer at the next meeting. KGLP volunteer dj Daniel Berg, who attended the meeting, mentioned his wife is interested in the role.
 - **President Role:** Raymond reiterated his plan to step down as President by the end of the year, especially since he is running for Magistrate Judge. He wants his name off all banking records.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- **Transmitter Roof Repair:** Quote of \$4,115.86 from Harrison Juan (Huntington Construction Company, LLC) approved to conduct repairs ASAP.
- **Studio Transmitter Link (STL) & Engineering:** The STL re-installation was completed at the XMTR site and studio in May along with an IP monitoring system. A new IP power box will need to be installed.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- **Construction in Gurly Hall:** UNM-Gallup is moving public safety and the mailroom into the basement level near KGLP which will affect recording operations.
- **Sound booth:** Discussed Octavia Fellin Public Library sound booth and potentially buying one similar for KGLP (\$2,600 to \$3,000).

6. PUBLIC INPUT

- Joe Schaller expressed concerns over lack of ideological diversity and his perception of KGLP's left-leaning agenda. Raymond and Tom responded, emphasizing that they are pushing for more local voices and consider all show proposals. Schaller indicated he wasn't personally interested in doing another show but would forward those interested to KGLP's management for consideration. Daniel Berg (current producer of Roadhouse Revue on Thursday nights) was also present and mentioned his wife is interested in serving on the Board.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Motion:** Entered Executive Session at **6:50 p.m.** to discuss personnel/board matters (Suk's Treasurer role, Suk's email, Raymond's stepping down).
- **Exit:** Out of executive session at **6:58 p.m.** No decisions were made. No votes were taken.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- **Motion:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.
- **Time:** Adjourned at **6:58 p.m.**
- **Next Meeting:** September 14, 2026.