

## GALLUP PUBLIC RADIO (GPR) BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** May 11, 2026 **TIME:** 5:42 p.m. – 7:12 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.
- **Late Arrival:** Samir Wahed (arrived at 5:43 p.m.).
- **Absent:** Gabriel Suk, Angela Benally.
- **Staff Present:** Tom Maxedon (Station Manager). (*Note: Calvin Gleason was absent due to a personal matter.*)
- **Guests/Public:** Jo Ann Benenati.

**1. CALL TO ORDER** President Raymond Calderon called the meeting to order at **5:42 p.m.**

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES

- **Minutes:** Matthew Mingus moved to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2026 meeting. Markos Chavez seconded. Approved unanimously.
- **Agenda:** Markos Chavez moved to approve the current agenda. Fred Held seconded. Approved unanimously.

### 3. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & STATION MANAGEMENT

#### Station Manager's Report (Tom Maxedon)

- **Spring Fund Drive:** Tom proposed launching a targeted fundraising campaign starting immediately and running through the end of July. The goal is to raise \$50,000 to \$60,000 specifically for personnel upgrades, new equipment, and software. The board discussed incorporating live pitching during news magazines to actively connect with listeners.
- **Programming & Software Updates:** Tom addressed recent repetitive programming issues (such as repeated episodes of *Latino USA* and *The Children's Hour*). He explained that these were caused in part by complex downloading errors, Microsoft software conflicts and some problems with our automated system.
- **Engineering & Equipment Needs:** Following his trip to the NAB Convention in Las Vegas, Tom connected with Marcus Damberger, a broadcast engineer for KRQE.

Marcus has agreed to travel to Gallup (billing at the GSA rate of 72 cents per mile and \$65/hour) to do a full assessment of KGLP's equipment. He can also reinstall the Moseley STL equipment. The board encouraged Tom to negotiate a time when Mr. Damberger could come to Gallup and undertake these tasks.

- **Digital Presence:** The board discussed utilizing former KGLP employee Emma to manage the station's social media accounts remotely from Utah for a small monthly stipend to boost digital engagement during the April meeting. Due to a recent landmark court ruling against Meta (the parent company of Facebook, Instagram, etc.) in New Mexico, the future of that social network is uncertain and so a decision on this topic was tabled.

#### **President / Treasurer's Report (Raymond Calderon)**

- **UNM Journalism Partnership:** Tom announced that UNM journalism professor Gwyneth Dolan has secured a student (Reed) for a summer reporting fellowship. The program will provide \$4,000 to pay the student for part-time local reporting during June and July, with KGLP covering the payroll taxes. The student would start June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **Financial Status:** Current cash on hand is roughly \$580,000 (up to \$649,000 including accounts receivable), plus the remaining \$120,000 state line of credit. Raymond has submitted approximately \$82,000 in invoices to the state for reimbursement.
- **Tax Filing (Form 990):** The board is currently waiting on the bookkeeper, Ollie Waters, to finish the Form 990 tax filing.
- **KUNM Board Partnership:** Raymond will attend the KUNM board retreat in early June, where he hopes to negotiate an agreement to share local news stories between the stations.

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

- **Transmitter Roof:** Vertical Bridge has remained unresponsive regarding roof repairs. Tom secured a written quote from Huntington Construction for \$3,494.15 to patch the shingles and install a vent cover. The board agreed to move forward independently with the repairs.
- **Equipment Disposal:** The board discussed responsibly disposing of outdated electronic waste currently taking up space in the station's back room.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

- **Public Input:** Guest Jo Ann Benenati shared feedback regarding station announcements (noting that some sound like artificial/AI voices), repetitive shows, and offered constructive criticism on the recent listener survey format.
- **Officer Restructure (Treasurer):** To resolve a conflict of interest of Raymond Calderon serving as both President and Treasurer, Gabriel Suk has agreed to step into the Treasurer role. This will be made official at the next meeting he attends.

## 6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Motion:** Markos Chavez moved to enter Executive Session. Fred Held seconded.
- **Purpose:** To discuss internal board dynamics, personnel matters, and recent communications.
- **Exit:** The board exited Executive Session and returned to regular session.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

- **Motion:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.
- **Time:** The meeting was adjourned at **7:12 p.m.**