

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

**DATE:** February 9, 2026 **TIME:** 5:37 p.m. – 6:52 p.m. **LOCATION:** UNMG's Zollinger Library Conference Room

### **ATTENDEES:**

**Board Members Present:** Fred Held, Raymond Calderon (President/Treasurer), Carol Sarath (Vice-President), Markos Chavez, Matthew Mingus (Secretary).

**Late Arrival:** Angela Benally (Arrived 5:47 p.m.).

**Absent:** Gabriel Suk, Samir Wahed.

**Staff Present:** Tom Maxedon (Station Manager), Calvin Gleason.

**Guests:** None.

**1. CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Raymond Calderon at **5:37 p.m.**

### **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES**

- **Motion:** Carol Sarath moved to approve the agenda for the current meeting and the minutes from the January 12, 2026, meeting.
  - **Second:** Markos Chavez seconded the motion.
  - **Result:** Approved unanimously.

### **3. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & STATION MANAGEMENT**

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

- **FCC Inquiry:** The station received an inquiry from the FCC regarding interference with air traffic control at the local airport. An investigation revealed the interference was caused by the airport's own walkie-talkie charging cradles, not KGLP's equipment. The issue has been resolved.
- **Engineering (STL):** The station is now interlinked via IP from the studio to the transmitter site. However, the Mosley STL equipment requires refurbishment. Tom obtained a quote of approximately \$2,000 to refurbish the pair.
- **Facilities:** A cleanup of the studio resulted in the removal of 300–400 lbs of trash.
- **Conferences:** Tom requested approval to attend the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) convention in Las Vegas in April (to inspect equipment) and the

Greater Public marketing conference in Chicago in July (where he has been invited to hold a workshop).

- *Board Action:* The Board requested cost estimates but expressed consensus approval for the travel.
- **Programming & Sales:** Tom is developing a rate card for underwriting. He has been in contact with the First United Methodist Church regarding a potential "Moth-style" storytelling partnership and underwriting spots.
- **Software:** Broadcast Electronics will update the scheduler software to the 2025 version (which was previously purchased but never installed) at no additional cost.

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

- **Financial Status:** Total funds available (savings, checking, CDs, and state credit line) are approximately **\$836,000**.
- **Legislative Advocacy:** Raymond Calderon and Richard Reyes visited Santa Fe to advocate for permanent public broadcasting funding.
  - They met with UNM Journalism faculty regarding a potential \$40,000 fellowship/internship for a local news reporter at KGLP.
  - Meetings were held with legislators, including Senator Peter Campos, to push for the current state funding grant to become a permanent line item.
- **State Funding:** The station has locked in approximately \$202,000 in state reimbursement funds valid through June 30, 2027.

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

- **Transmitter Site & Engineering:**
  - **Roof:** Vertical Bridge has not responded regarding roof repairs. The Board agreed to reach out one last time; if there is no response, KGLP will proceed with repairs independently.
  - **Transport:** The Board discussed utilizing a university vehicle or hiring Keith Desautels (Millennium Media) for transport to the transmitter site to allow for regular maintenance.
  - **Equipment Disposal:** The Board agreed to provide the old BE transmitter and a safety switch to Millennium Media/Keith Desautels as a trade/barter for future engineering services.
- **Banking Signatories:**

- **Motion:** Markos Chavez moved to add Station Manager Tom Maxedon to the bank accounts and to remove Rachel Kaub and any other former board members from the accounts.
  - **Second:** Raymond Calderon.
  - **Result:** Passed unanimously.
- **Board IDs:** Raymond Calderon suggested all Board members record legal IDs and PSAs for the station to increase vocal presence.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

- **Expense Review:** Raymond Calderon will request a three-year annualized expense report from the bookkeeper to identify costs that can be reduced or transitioned to the University.
- **Tax Filing:** Raymond has reached out to Ollie Waters regarding the upcoming Form 990 filing.
- **Adjunct Position:** The Board discussed Tom Maxedon potentially adjuncting a media class for UNM-Gallup in the fall, which could open avenues for university equipment funding for the station.
- **Election of Officers:** Raymond Calderon noted that he was elected to a full term in the previous year, so no new officer elections were required at this meeting.

## 6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Motion:** Matt Mingus moved to enter Executive Session at **6:42 p.m.** to discuss personnel matters.
- **Result:** The Board entered Executive Session.
- **Exit:** The Board exited Executive Session at **6:51 p.m.**