

**KSPS Community Advisory Board (Regular)**  
**13 Feb. 2025 16:00 PT via Zoom**

CAB Members Present: James Albrecht (Chair), Bob Morrison (Vice-Chair), Christopher Powell (Secretary), Ann Dyer, Donna Phillips. Marianne Patton.

Regrets: Patty Crone.

KSPS staff attending: Gary Stokes (President and CEO), Dawn Bayman (Station Manager), Debbie Brennan (Programming Director), Skylar Reep (Development Director)

A quorum being present, James called the meeting to order at 16:03 PT.

Motion to approve the minutes from 13 Jan. 2025. Moved by Chris, Seconded by Bob.

**Reports**

The Community Advisory Board heard reports from the following staff:

Gary Stokes, General Manager and President  
Dawn Bayman, Station Manager  
Skylar Reep, Development Director  
Debbie Brennan, Programming Director

**Staff Action Items**

Gary's focus was on Spokane public schools. His message was to "Continue what you're doing." We are attending graduations and schools are engaging in general cooperation with KSPS.

Dawn reported that we have hired a public affairs producer, Leilagh Isaacson, a freelancer who previously set up *Civics Bowl* for us. She starts on 25 Feb.

Two weeks ago, Dawn participated in a Board retreat. She informed us it was a positive experience. We will be sticking with our four pillars.

Dawn is working on a succession plan with Gary in anticipation of her pending retirement.

It is PBS lobby season in Washington, D.C. This year will be more challenging. More stations are involved, and they will be staying longer in the city. Spokane's school board provided lots of talking points.

Paula Kerger, CEO of PBS, has been subpoenaed to testify before Rep. Majorie Taylor Green's House Committee on Government Efficiency. Related to this, two

PBS employees in Washington, D.C. working in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion have been let go.

Skyler is working with the development team and coming up with a plan, trying to make it more adaptable. People are frightened.

January's numbers are within four percent of our goal. Federal funding threats are real. Although short-term projections are positive, they cannot be banked upon. Skyler encourages members to review the website [protectmypublicmedia.org](http://protectmypublicmedia.org).

Debbie informed us that national pledge drive begins 28 Feb. Featured programs include *Great Performances – Andrea Bocelli*; *America Made* (accompanied by a scavenger hunt app); *Coding Music* (also has an app); *Calling: A Medical School Journey*, 17 March; *Weathered: Inside the L.A. Firestorm*, 19 March; *Wolf Hall*, 23 March, *Maire Antoinette*, season two; *American Experience: Change Not Chairty: The Americans with Disabilities Act*.

**Round Table Discussion from CAB Members included the following programming:**

*Carl the Collector*, *Curious George*, *Places to Love*, *All Creatures Great and Small*, *Nova*, *Nature*, *The Brady Bunch Movie*, *Becoming Frederick Douglas*, *Harriet Tubman: Visions of Freedom*, *Vienna Blood*.

Old Business – James reported that none of the hosts of Saturday Night Cinema will be applying for a position on the CAB.

New Business – None.

Next meeting is 13 March. at 16:00 PT.

The meeting adjourned at 17:54 PT.