

**KSPS Community Advisory Board (Regular)**  
**15 May, 2025 16:03 PT via Zoom**

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

Regrets: Donna Phillips, Ann Dyer.  
Absent: 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 14 March 2025 as amended. 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  
Skyler Reep, Development Director  
Debbie Brennan, Programming Director

**Staff Action Items**

Dawn reported that Ready to Learn funding has been cut entirely. We are one of forty-four stations affected regarding children's educational programming. (This is separate from funding received from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), which has also been cut.) CAB members are encouraged to contact their representatives.

We have contracted a consultant on communications strategy to determine what are the best things we can do.

Our education specialist has been laid off as of yesterday due to cuts. Affects thousands of children.

Previous Executive Order to not fund is in the courts.

Threat of rescission package going to Congress to kill funding to CPB (funding cut through back door).

At this point in the meeting Gary, Dawn, and Skyler co-reported. These are challenging and difficult times, we're not even sure what's going to be happening at any given time.

#### The Sinister Six

- 1) Executive Order (EO) 12424 – a cut of \$30,000 from Ready to Learn.
- 2) EO 14151 directed PBS fired its Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) executives.
- 3) EO 14290 (in court) threatens to revoke CPB funding.
- 4) Recission Package – Threatens to claw back \$1.24 million/year already approved by Congress.
- 5) Congressional Budget Process (pending) – Could exclude CPB from this and future budgets.
- 6) Federal Communications Commission (FCC) threat – PBS may be challenged on its non-commercial status as a way to revoke its broadcast license.

Regarding number 3, this has already happened. Skyler feels comfortable fundraising around this; he will reach out to select donors.

Regarding number 2, this has been lost in the fray. PBS did not have the courage to stand up to this despite it possibly not even being a legal order.

Regarding numbers 5 and 6, these are both very realistic.

According to Skyler, all six are addressable.

Debbie – June pledge is 31 May to 8 June.

15 June, new six-part drama series, an American adaptation of the French *Astrid, Patience*.

- Season ten of *Grantchester*
- New six-part series starting 16 June, running Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, *Walking with Dinosaurs*, produced in partnership with BBC. Bob and Chris gave a shout out to the Royal Tyrrell Museum in Drumheller.
- 24 June two-hour documentary *Caregiving*.
- 28 June *Julie Andrews Forever*.

**Round Table Discussion from CAB Members included the following programming. In addition, Bob provided a Canadian political update.**

*-Secrets of the Forest, Corridors of Power, Marie Antoinette, The Ultimate Cereal Test Countdown, Dalglish, Enemy of the Reich: The Noor Inayat Kahn Story,*

*Independent Lens: Free for All: The Public Library, Escape from Alcatraz, Call the Midwife, Patty Jinich Explores PanAmericana.*

**Announcements**

James will not be at next meeting; Bob will Chair.

Dawn is retiring – last meeting.

Chris is stepping down as secretary. Will continue until after the first meeting in September.

Old Business – none.

New Business – none.

Next meeting is 12 June at 16:00 PT.

The meeting adjourned at 17:17 PT.