

KSPS Community Advisory Board (Regular Meeting)

8 January, 2026 16:00 PT via Zoom

CAB members present: James Albrecht (Chair), Marianne Patton (Secretary), Patty Crone, Christopher Powell

Regrets: Bob Morrison, Ann Dyer

KSPS staff present: Skyler Reep (Interim General Manager), Shawn Claypool (Chief Administrative Officer), Debbie Brennan (Programming Director)

A quorum being present, James called the meeting to order at 16:05 PT.

Minutes of 8 December 2025 were placed on hold for the February 2026 regular meeting.

Reports From KSPS staff

Interim General Manager: Skyler referenced his weekly “Executive Dispatch,” highlighting the official closure of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the multiple interviews he has held as a result, and the surge of generous donations. An additional note of interest is the Alabama Public Television decision to drop PBS as an affiliate.

The KSPS station is ahead of its revenue goal by about 9% for the 1st quarter of the fiscal year. Solutions continue to be sought for alternatives to the closure of KWSU. The livestreaming subchannel lineup of four programs has been increased by two: NHK World Japan, and First Nations Experience. Skyler will explore with Spokane Public Radio the possibility of airing the First Nations audio content on local radio. He reminded members that “Livestream” is six subchannels and not the same as “stream-on-demand,” which is Passport.

The former four-color Preview publication has been replaced by a bi-monthly (every other month) black-and-white Preview that contains detailed program listings with no feature stories. Insider, a four-page fundraising letter is mailed to members alongside Preview. Revenue from Insider covers its mailing cost.

Passport 2.0 will roll out in segments and be updated automatically in original Passport. The change process will be invisible to viewers.

Chief Administrative Officer: Shawn highlighted the upcoming audit, and the hiring of Operations and Engineering Director Ian Maisch.

Final four candidates for the General Manager position will be introduced to the staff later this month with the end of January the target hiring date.

The Board of Directors is seeking new members, particularly from the Canadian viewing area. Further information is posted online at <https://www.ksps.org/about-ksps/board-of-directors/>

Programming Director: Debbie listed and described some upcoming broadcasts, including:

Feb 3: New 4-part series hosted by Henry Louis Gates Jr about Black and Jewish history

Feb 4: Nature: Parenthood (all mammals)

Feb 9: The Librarians

Feb 20: American Experience: documentary on Sun Ra (American composer and bandleader)

Feb 24: State of the Union live

Mar 4: Pledge event

Round Table Discussion by CAB Members

Especially appreciated programs: American Revolution; Christmas program (especially brass, choir, and Celtic concerts); Bombshell, travel programs, All Creatures Great and Small; New Year's Eve with Sara Bareilles and the National Symphony Orchestra; American Experience: Kissinger; Inland Sessions; Live from the LBJ Library with Mark Updegrave; Nature: Hummingbirds-- Magic in the Air; Masterpiece: Jane Austen; Washington Grown; Mary Berry's Christmas; The Real Wild West; The Last Independent Automaker; Breaking the Deadlock; History with David Rubenstein; Uncharted Territory: David Thompson on the Columbia Plateau (KSPS Documentary); Texas Day Tripper (Create Channel)

Patty will send Skyler information and the website link about the Windsor Town Green Christmas Tree fundraising event. **Marianne** will explore local newspaper interest in listing monthly new programs from Debbie's updates. She also noted that the new Breaking the Deadlock series format harks back to the Annenberg production of Ethics in America about 5 years ago. It is a powerful program format both in subject matter and in the role-reversal thinking required by the participants.

Old Business – None

New Business—Chris McGoldrick was introduced to the board and given unanimous approval to join as a new member.

There was general feeling that the Viking ads need to be updated.

Next meeting is 12 February 2026 (second Thursday) at 16:00 PT.

The meeting adjourned at 17:04 PT.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Patton, Secretary