

KSPS Community Advisory Board (Regular Meeting)

14 May 2026 16:00 PT via Zoom

CAB members present: James Albrecht (Chair), Bob Morrison (Vice Chair), Marianne Patton (Secretary), Ann Dyer, Chris McGoldrick, Patty Crone

KSPS staff members present: Debbie Brennan (Programming Director), Shawn Claypool (Chief Administrative Officer)

Regrets: Chris Powell, Skyler Reep (President & General Manager),

A quorum being present, James called the meeting to order at 16:04 PDT.

Minutes of 9 April 2026 were approved and Shawn will post them.

Reports From KSPS staff

Chief Administrative Officer: Shawn introduced Sheryl Johnson, newly hired Comptroller and Director of Finance. She is guiding the transition of the station's accounting from outsourced to in-house management.

The Spokane Film Festival event was successful. Panel discussions were well-received and there are plans for additional events, including one featuring Sewanee from Thailand. Increases in donations and new Sustainer memberships have been the primary sources of revenue growth rather than events.

Marianne inquired about the "Save My Public Media" initiative which is appearing frequently in emails. Shawn explained it is related to a "Local Station Initiative" which is a group of 16 stations working to improve the PBS streaming app.

The recent staff retreat included implementing the strategic planning process through working groups. The Clifton Strengths Assessment was used to identify individuals' top talent themes to help staff maximize personal productivity and enhance team collaboration.

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

May 24: Memorial Day Concert

May 30: Billy Joel 100th concert, live at Madison Square Garden

June 1: Live local pledge drive begins and runs for two weekends. It will include the final Civics Bowl competition, Alice's Adventures, Inland Sessions Rewind, and Northwest Profile: Faces and Places

June 2: "Women of World War II" features additional stories

June 14: "Patience" season 2 begins

June 14: "Grantchester" 11th and final season begins

June 16: "Becoming Katherine Graham" a 2-hour documentary

TBD: All Creatures Great and Small seasons 7 and 8

Round Table Discussion by CAB Members

James noted that the schedule has moved children's programming to a single morning block from 6 AM to 1:30 PM Monday through Friday. Debbie explained that this change reflects how viewing habits have shifted since Covid, with fewer children watching over-the-air TV and instead watching more streaming content on devices. The station is required to provide 7.5 hours of children's programming on weekdays; adult learning programs are now in the late afternoon hours.

Chris M especially appreciated the KSPS 2024 Annual Report, the audited financials, as well as the transparency and accountability designation by third parties.

Ann noted that "Arthur Wiki" is a useful source of information about the popular Kids Show "Arthur".

Patty suggested the Cat Tails event might endeavor to reach more underserved communities.

Especially appreciated programs:

Civics Bowl, The Last Independent Automaker (documentary), Great Performances: Now Hear This (Scott Yoo, The Call of Istanbul, Everyone Loves Joplin), Arthur, The Wilding documentary, Rowdy Girl documentary, Nova (Athens, Rain Bombs), Nature (Amazing Birds, Woodpeckers, Attenborough and the Sea Dragon), Life on Earth: Attenborough's Greatest Adventure, Saturday Night Cinema: Ben Hur, Viewfinders, Suff, Rick Steves Europe, Energy Switch (all 6 seasons), Hitler: A Life in Pictures (4-part documentary), Shared Planet: Cities, Alice's Adventures, Call the Midwife, Deutsche Welle news, The Count of Monte Cristo, The Secret World of Guide Dogs With Martin Clunes

Old Business – James renewed his request to *Skylar* for further information about the publication ads in the Southern Oregon (Medford) PBS program guide.

New Business - The Save My Public Media's "Say No to Zero" campaign seems to be revitalized and members wondered if new advocacy is called for.

The station-sponsored travel opportunities, frequently described between programs on KSPS, are operated by Colette, a long-term partner of PBS. Marianne wondered how the signups are going (referred to *Skylar*).

Next meeting is 11 June 2026 (second Thursday) at 16:00 PDT.

The meeting adjourned at 17:10 PDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Patton, Secretary