

CAB meeting minutes

June 22

WXEL, 3401 S. Congress Avenue
Boynton Beach, FL

1. Call to order and Roll Call

- Pablo called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.
- Present: Bryce Combs, Pablo del Real, Pam Goodman, Joan Starr, Martha Steinkamp. Absent: Joe Cohen, Bunny Elrod, Darlene Kostrub, Mary Weiss, Myron White. Bernie Henneberg and Marlene Ross were also present.
- Joan reminded Pablo that we needed a secretary for the meeting. Pablo said that board members had been taking turns and that among those present, only he and Martha had not taken minutes. Martha deferred to Pablo but Pam said that the chair cannot take minutes and run the meeting. Joan volunteered to take the minutes.

2. Approval of Minutes of May 25 and June 8 meetings

- Bryce moved to approve the May 25 meeting minutes. Joan seconded. Motion passed.
- Pam moved to approve the May 25 meeting minutes. Martha seconded. Motion passed.

3. Reports of Officers and Committees

- Boynton Beach City Commission meeting about WXEL
 - Pam reported that the commissioners were attentive to the CAB message regarding WXEL and jobs. She said that the commission planned to write to the Board of Education to express their concern about the potential loss of jobs if the license transfer Classical South Florida is approved. Pam said other members of the community also urged the commission to oppose the Classical South Florida deal.
- [CAB page](#) at [WXEL.org](#)
 - Pablo reported that the page had been updated to reflect current membership. Martha moved that Judy Garcia and Justin Frankel be recognized as honorary non-voting members. Bryce seconded. Motion approved. Pablo will request that their names and titles be added to the WXEL CAB web page.
 - Pablo asked Marlene if we could also publish links to our minutes at the CAB web page at [wxel.org](#). Marlene said that she didn't see any reason why not and that Pablo should ask the webmaster for help.
- Pat Meehan's phone call to Pablo
 - Pablo received a from Pat Meehan, the attorney representing Barry for the WXEL license transfers. Pat told Pablo that the CAB is "operating outside of its statutory authority", is not covered by Barry Telecommunication's insurance policy, and is liable to a conflict of interest should it decide to endorse a potential successor.

- Pablo wrote to Barry President Sr. Linda Bevilacqua to ask why Pat Meehan called him, stating that Mr. Meehan is not a member of WXEL staff, Barry Telecommunications, or the WXEL community, and that it appears inappropriate for Mr. Meehan to discuss CAB business and activities with any member of the CAB. Pablo wrote to Pat Meehan asking him to clarify the intent of his phone call and the capacity in which he called. As of today, neither Sr. Linda nor Pat Meehan have responded.
- Pablo spoke with Barry Silver, a local attorney, who recommended responding with a strongly worded letter requesting that Pat Meehan specify the statute he believes the CAB is not in compliance with and that if he refuses to do so that the CAB will assume his call was a veiled threat and will ignore any further comments.
- The board decided that the requests to Pat Meehan and Sr. Linda to specify the intent of the call were sufficient and that no additional letter be sent.

4. Unfinished Business

- Pablo reported that he had received email addresses of elected officials from Bunny, Bryce, and Myron and that he had distributed the CAB position regarding Classical South Florida to those officials.
- Martha said that she would contact Congressman Kendrick Meek and Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen on behalf of the CAB to ask for their support in our efforts.
- Martha mentioned that the Miami Herald should be added to our media list since Barry is in their area of readership.

5. New Business

- A meeting room at the Boynton Beach Library has been reserved for the forum. Notices were sent to the media announcing the June 29 public forum and potential endorsement of group or groups seeking the licenses. Both the Community Broadcast Foundation and Strategic Broadcast Media Group have confirmed their attendance.
- The format will be as follows:
 - 5 minutes for CAB introduction
 - 15 minutes for each presentation
 - 30 minutes for audience participation and follow-up

6. Announcements

- Bernie announced the upcoming Palm-Tran promotional campaign for WXEL involving bus wraps. He also said that WXEL is the only public television station broadcasting the full PBS primetime schedule in HD in Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast. Bernie also shared with the board a list of 457 local organizations and individuals who had been on WXEL programs or involved with WXEL over the past few years. Marlene announced several initiatives involving

WXEL employees, including the sister cities program.

7. Public Comment

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.