

Society of Broadcast Engineers, Chapter 59

Minutes of the December 10, 2025, Meeting

On December 10, 2025, SBE Chapter 59 met at KCTV 5, 4500 Shawnee Mission Pkwy, Fairway, Kansas. Chris Pruitt, Co-Vice Chair, presided over the gathering of nine members and six guests.

Pruitt called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m. Dave Buell, Secretary, read the minutes of the November meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Chris Scherer, seconded by Kirk Chestnut, and approved by acclamation.

Chris Scherer, Treasurer, presented the financial report for November. A reimbursement was made to Scherer for checks. A payment will be made to John Gray for the chapter's website domain renewal. Scherer advised that accounts have been opened at Community America Credit Union and an initial deposit made. Money will be kept mostly in a savings account and transferred to checking as needed. Scherer noted the need for additional signatories, and proposed a motion for Dave Buell and Chris Pruitt to fill those roles. Robin Cross moved to approve Scherer's motion and report, John Gray seconded, and passage was by acclamation.

Chris Scherer shared news from National (see sbe.org/about/news/ for details):

SBE Certification turned 50 in 2025, and Cert Connect is underway: apply to take an exam by November 2026 and be entered into a drawing for prizes. Register by January 4, 2026, to take the chapter exam in February. Private proctoring is also available;

Upcoming webinars include: "A Brief Introduction to SBE Self-Inspection Guides and How to Conduct an Inspection" (January 15 at 2 p.m. ET, with Charles "Ched" Keiler); "Building the Broadcast IP Content Network: Part 2—Audio Over IP" (January 22 at 2 p.m. ET, with Wayne M. Pecena); "Building the Broadcast IP Content Network: Part 3—Video Over IP" (February 26 at 2 p.m. ET, with Wayne M. Pecena); and "Building the Broadcast IP Content Network: Part 4—Architecture and Integration" (March 5 at 2 p.m. ET, with Wayne M. Pecena);

The December SBE WEBxtra will cover Cert Connect. It will drop December 22 at 2 p.m. CT.

Programs Committee Chair John Gray said that all meetings in 2026, thus far, remain open, but that KCPT had agreed to host a meeting.

There was no old or new business.

John Gray proposed a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Brandon Travis, and passed by acclamation at 12:25 p.m.

The program featured KCTV and KMOS's General Manager, Curtis Miles, and Chief Engineer, Mike Sulzman. In a "town hall" format facilitated by Kirk Chestnut, they spoke on the current state of over-the-air and streaming technologies from their points of view. There was also a discussion of ways to identify and recruit the next generation of engineers. Sulzman then led the group on a tour of the stations' technical facilities.

Submitted by Dave Buell, CEV, Secretary