

Society of Broadcast Engineers, Chapter 59

Minutes of the February 11, 2026, Meeting

On February 11, 2026, SBE Chapter 59 met at Corinth Library, 8100 Mission Rd; Prairie Village, KS 66208. Chris Prewitt, Chapter co-vice chair, presided over the gathering of seven members and one guest.

The meeting was called to order at 11:58 a.m. John Gray, acting as Secretary, read the minutes of the December 2025 meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Chriss Scherer, seconded by Brandon Travis, and unanimously approved.

John Gray then read the minutes of the January 2026 meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Robin Cross and seconded by Joe Jinks, and was unanimously approved.

Chriss Scherer, Treasurer, gave reports for both December and January. Three checks were written in December: to Chriss Scherer for bank checks, to John Gray for the chapter's website domain renewal, and to John Gray for the December meeting's lunch. Scherer noted he would be reimbursing John Gray for the February meeting's lunch. Scherer also noted he is still the only signatory on the Community America account. Chris Prewitt will be added when he and Scherer can arrange a time to meet. Others will be added as they become available. John Gray proposed and Chris Prewitt seconded a motion to accept Scherer's reports, which was unanimously approved.

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

An SBE Ennes Workshop at the NAB Show will be held in 2026 on the Tuesday and Wednesday at the end of the convention. Reserve your hotel rooms early;

Upcoming webinars include: "Radio Metadata: Making Radio Stand Out in 2026 and Beyond" presented by Anthony Eden on February 12 at 1 p.m. CT; and the final two parts of a four-part series by Wayne M. Pecena, "Part 3 – Video Over IP" on February 26 at 1 p.m. CT, and "Part 4 – Architecture and Integration" on March 5 at 1 p.m. CT;

SBE Certification turned 50 in 2025, and Cert Connect is underway. Chapters are encouraged to hold a meeting discussing Certification.

Scherer also advised people to register by March 9 to take an SBE certification exam at the 2026 NAB Show. Register by April 13 to take the chapter exam in June. Private proctoring is also available.

Programs Committee Chair John Gray said the next month's meeting will be at KCPT's transmitter site.

There was no old or new business. Robin Cross briefly discussed the benefits of CERT training and indicated he would pass along details of an upcoming one in Raytown to the chapter's email list.

John Gray proposed a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Chriss Scherer. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Chris Crump of Comrex, via Zoom, then provided an overview of issues broadcasters, especially at sporting and live concert events, face when trying to do sideline or in-the-stands reporting. Comrex, founded in 1961 by John Chaney in Sudbury, Massachusetts, produced some of the television industry's first wireless mic and IFB devices; they were used on Broadway, by the NFL, and by stations all over the United States. While a lot has changed since then, problems with frequency congestion—which caused Comrex to shift its product line focus in the late '60s—have not. Crump covered some new solutions offered by Comrex and other vendors.

Chris Crump has served as the Senior Director of Sales & Marketing for Comrex since 2004. He is also a CBNE certified member of SBE Chapter 5 in Atlanta, Georgia.

The chapter provided pizza for lunch.

Submitted by John Gray, Acting Secretary