

Society of Broadcast Engineers, Chapter 59

Minutes of the March 11, 2026, Meeting

On March 11, 2026, SBE Chapter 59 met at the KCPT Tower Site, 2100 Stark Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64126. Karl Lind, Chapter Co-Vice Chair, presided over the gathering of 11 members and four guests.

The meeting was called to order at 12:09 p.m. John Gray, Acting Secretary, read the minutes of the February meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Kirk Chestnut and seconded by Chris Prewitt, and was approved by acclamation.

Chriss Scherer, Treasurer, gave the financial report for February. Scherer noted Co-Vice Chair Chris Prewitt has been added to the account as a signatory; Secretary Dave Buell will be added soon. Brandon Travis proposed and Chris Prewitt seconded the motion to accept Scherer's report, which was approved by acclamation.

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;

Upcoming webinars include: "Technical Proof of Performance: What Remains Required and What Data Makes Sense to Routinely Collect" with Greg Buchwald on March 26 at 1 p.m. CT; "2026 RF Safety Course" with Stephen Lockwood on May 14 at noon CT; and "Cooling Your Transmitter Site" with John Marcon on May 21 at 1 p.m. CT;

The March SBE WEBxtra will drop on the SBE YouTube channel on March 16. The guest is SBE 59's Chris Prewitt of KCUR/Classical KC, who will talk about the short time the stations were given to vacate their long-time studios and spin up temporary facilities;

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 April 13 to take a chapter certification exam in June. Private proctoring is also available.

Programs Committee Chair John Gray said he did not have a formal program for the April meeting, and it would likely be an open forum at Chili's. He noted that a tower site visit at the Richland tower site is in the works for the May meeting, with no programs scheduled beyond that.

EAS Committee Chair Kirk Chestnut passed along the following information from Bob Moore regarding changes after a BLU alert that went out on February 23: "The state is requesting we use BLU and LEW as alerts for all our stations. I found a few of the LP1 and LP2 stations did receive the BLU alert and passed it on correctly. It is used so seldom many did not have it programmed correctly or programmed at all. I am requesting everyone make the change and add BLU and LEW as a high alert in all our EAS units. I am told the reason both codes need to be in there has to do with the originating agency. While all alerts are sent out by the Highway

Patrol, the originating agencies may differ.” Kirk indicated he would send this information out to the chapter email list.

There were no old or new business items.

Chriss Scherer proposed a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by John Gray, and passed without objection at 12:30 p.m.

Chapter member Brandon Travis gave a tour of KCPT’s transmitter site. Last fall, KCPT replaced its old tube transmitter with a new solid-state transmitter along with new transmission line and top-mount antenna. This project was completed as part of a larger infrastructure project funded by a recent capital campaign.

KCPT provided lunch.

Submitted by John Gray
Acting Secretary