

Society of Broadcast Engineers, Chapter 59

Minutes of the April 8, 2026, Meeting

On April 8, 2026, SBE Chapter 59 met at Chili's Restaurant, 7001 W. 119th St., Overland Park, Kansas 66202. Karl Lind, Chapter Co-Vice Chair, presided over the gathering of six members and no guests.

The meeting was called to order at 11:56 a.m. John Gray, Program Chair, read the minutes of the March meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Dave Buell and seconded by Robin Cross, and was approved by acclamation.

Chriss Scherer, Treasurer, gave the financial report for March. Scherer proposed a motion to add Ed Treese and Dave Buell as signatories to the Community America Credit Union accounts. The motion was seconded by John Gray and approved by acclamation. Robin Cross proposed and Kirk Chestnut 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):

Upcoming webinars include: "Automation Basics" with Adam Robinson on April 9 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;

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

SBE Membership Drive is also underway. Recruit a new member and the sponsor is entered into a drawing for prizes. See: sbe.org/drive for details;

The SBE Compensation Survey is now open. For those who are working, please take a few minutes and complete the anonymous survey.

Scherer also advised people to register by April 13 to take a chapter certification exam in June. Private proctoring is also available.

EAS Committee Chair Kirk Chestnut said he had nothing to report.

Programs Committee Chair John Gray said May's meeting would include a tour of the Richland tower site, and would be on Tuesday, May 12—one day earlier than usual.

In old business, Kirk Chestnut will be distributing an email from Bob Moore regarding the use of BLU and LEW alerts.

In new business, Kirk Chestnut said he would be approaching KMBC as the next station in the chapter's "town hall" series of meetings with general managers. Chestnut also mentioned the possibility of a tour of Amazon's automated warehouse.

Kirk Chestnut proposed a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Robin Cross, and passed by acclamation at 12:09 p.m.

In lieu of a formal program, there was a lively discussion of engineering-related topics.

Submitted by Dave Buell, CEV
Secretary