

Society of Broadcast Engineers, Chapter 59

Minutes of the May 12, 2026, Meeting

On May 12, 2026, SBE Chapter 59 met at American Tower Corporation Site No. 282654 (Richland), 6309 East 56th St., Kansas City, MO 64129. Ed Treese, Chapter Chair, presided over the gathering of 14 members and 8 guests.

The meeting was called to order at 12:16 p.m. Chriss Scherer read the minutes of the April meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Karl Lind and seconded by Chris Prewitt, and was approved by acclamation.

Chriss Scherer, Treasurer, then gave the financial report for April. John Gray proposed and Kirk Chestnut seconded the motion to accept the financial report, which was approved by acclamation.

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

Upcoming live webinars include: “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.;

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 open for a few more days. For those who are working, please take a few minutes and complete the anonymous survey.

Scherer also advised people to register by June 15 to take a chapter certification exam in August. Private proctoring is also available.

Programs Committee Chair John Gray had nothing to report.

EAS Committee Chair Kirk Chestnut also had nothing to report.

Frequency Coordinator Chris Castro said that his crew will be working Arrowhead Stadium for the six weeks that FIFA will be in town. He advised against attempting to use any wireless equipment at any FIFA venue.

There was no old or new business.

Robin Cross proposed a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Karl Lind, and passed by acclamation at 12:38 p.m.

The meeting’s program featured the new KJNW auxiliary site. Chapter Co-Vice Chair Karl Lind discussed KJNW’s January move of their aux from 2.9 kilowatts at 330 feet in Olathe to 8.3 kilowatts at 640 feet at Richland. The new auxiliary build increases coverage from about 25%

to greater than 90% of their main service listeners. A tour of the facilities followed. American Tower Corporation provided lunch.

Submitted by Dave Buell, CEV
Secretary