

Society of Broadcast Engineers, Chapter 59

Minutes of the August 12, 2026, Meeting

On August 12, 2026, SBE Chapter 59 met at Chili's Restaurant, 7001 W. 119th St., Overland Park, Kansas 66202. Chriss Scherer, Chapter Treasurer, presided over the gathering of six members and no guests.

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. Upon arrival, meeting attendees had the opportunity to individually read the minutes of the July meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Brandon Travis and seconded by Kirk Chestnut, and was approved by acclamation.

Chriss Scherer, Treasurer, gave the financial report for July. Joe Jinks proposed and Robin Cross seconded the motion to accept Scherer's report, which was approved by acclamation.

EAS Committee Chair Kirk Chestnut reported that an FCC Notice of Proposed Rule Making is open for comment until August 31; it concerns implementing FIPS county code subdivisions (up to nine). Also, a new rule requires compliance by September 29; it concerns increased cybersecurity for any device in a signal chain that is connected to the Internet. For specifics, see: <https://sbe.org/fcc-eas-cybersecurity-rules/>

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

The next upcoming webinar is "ATSC 3.0—Datacasting and Public Safety Applications" with Fred Engel on August 20 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;

The SBE Compensation Survey was released July 9. The survey again shows that those who hold SBE Certification tend to earn more than those who do not. The Survey is free for SBE members to download;

Voting for SBE national officers ended August 5. Kevin Trueblood was reelected to a second one-year term as president, Geary S. Morrill was reelected vice president, Shane Toven was reelected to a third term as SBE secretary, and Charles "Ched" Keiler was reelected treasurer;

Those elected to serve two-year terms on the board of directors are: David Antoine, Joseph Geerling, Dustin Hapli, Jeff Juniet, Tom Ray, and Dustin Tatro (Antoine, Hapli, and Juniet are re-elected incumbents). Ted D. Hand will continue to serve as immediate past president;

Terms begin on September 16, during the SBE Membership Meeting and Awards Presentation.

Scherer also advised that the August exam application deadline has passed. Register by September 7 to take a chapter certification exam in November. Private proctoring is also available.

Dave Buell mentioned that the September meeting would be at the Media Tech Museum, 1600 Baltimore Ave., Kansas City, Missouri 64108. The chapter will cover the admission fee.

There was no old or new business.

Scherer adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

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

Submitted by Dave Buell, CEV
Secretary