

Okemo Valley TV Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, September 23

Minutes

Board Members Present: Wendell Perkins (President), Stefan J. Beaumont (Vice President), Newton Rose (Secretary), Sammy Blanchette, Jon Hanlon, Trevor Barlow

OVTV Staff Present: Patrick Cody (Executive Director)

Board Members Absent: Claire McKey Berkman,

I. Call to Order

Wendell Perkins called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

II. Communication & Public Comments

No communications or public comments to report.

III. Approval of Minutes

- A. The board APPROVED the 08/19/2025 meeting prepared by Newton Rose by UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

IV. Governance

- A. Citing other commitments, Sammy Blanchette respectfully resigned the office of Treasurer effective immediately. Blanchette will continue to serve on the Board of Directors.

V. Bylaw Revisions

- A. Newton Rose reported on progress made with Wendell Perkins to propose updates to the organization's bylaws to clarify and enhance board governance. He verbally outlined revisions including the addition of appointed board members to ensure the Board of Directors includes necessary experience and expertise. He also suggested the elimination of a clause mandating adherence to Vermont Open Meeting Laws – a set of statutes designed for local and state public bodies (not nonprofit organizations) that forbid a quorum meet outside of warned meetings. He reported that this provision has hampered collaboration and inclusion for this working board of directors particularly in committee meetings.
- B. The board also discussed the need for and possible ways to elect board members.
- C. Patrick Cody reiterated the need to continually recruit and cultivate potential board members.
- D. The board appeared in general agreement to the outlined changes. Newton Rose said he will formalizes these changes in a draft revision of the Bylaws for the board to review by the next meeting.

VI. Budget

- A. Patrick Cody noted that FY25 ended with an operating deficit of \$31,294.
- B. Patrick Cody noted that a state appropriation for emergency management broadcasting. He suggested those funds be used to purchase a generator to ensure the forthcoming community radio station continues broadcasting in the event of an emergency.

VII. Executive Session

- A. Wendell Perkins made a MOTION to enter executive session to discuss personnel and was SECONDED by Stefan Beaumont. The motion passed unanimously, and the board and Patrick Cody entered executive session at 6:30pm.
- B. Wendell Perkins made a MOTION to exit executive session and was SECONDED by Jon Hanlon. The motion passed and executive session ended at 7:15pm.

VIII. Community Engagement

- A. Wendell Perkins updated the board about the upcoming Octoberfest fundraiser on October 4. He reported that all expenses have been funded and all addition income will directly support the organization. The board discussed volunteering needs for the event.
- B. Patrick Cody reported that the radio committee is considering a booth at the town-wide Octoberfest on October 18.

IX. Adjournment

- A. Sammy Blanchette made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting; Jon Hanlon SECONDED the motion. The motion PASSED unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Newton Rose
Secretary