

**Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission  
Special Meeting**

**August 27, 2014, 11 a.m.**

**Teleconference**

1-800-240-3895 PIN: 8981030#

Teleconference will originate at the offices of  
Alaska Public Broadcasting, Inc.  
135 Cordova Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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**Call to Order/Roll Call**

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**Introduction of Commission Members and Attendees**

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**Approval of Agenda**

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**Agenda - DRAFT**

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
- II. **Introduction of Commission Members and Attendees**
- III. **Approval of Agenda**
- IV. **Commissioner Disclosures (pursuant to State of Alaska Ethics Act, AS 39.52 and Operating Policy #05-003, Section II F)**
- V. **Public Comment**
- VI. **New Business**
  - a. **FY16 Budget Requests to Governor Parnell**
- VII. **Public Comment**
- VIII. **Next Meeting Date**
  - a. **Committee of the Whole Teleconference Meeting: September 23, 2014, 11 a.m.**
  - b. **APBC Regular Quarterly Teleconference Meeting: October 10, 2014, 11 a.m.**
- IX. **Adjournment**

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**Commissioner Disclosures**

Pursuant to State of Alaska Ethics Act (AS 39.52)

Updated information regarding the Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act, ethics information for members of Boards and Commissions, and notification and disclosure forms can be located on the State of Alaska Department of Law web site located at:

<http://www.law.state.ak.us/doclibrary/ethics.html>

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**New Business:**

FY16 Budget Request to Governor Parnell



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**August 18, 2014**  
**Jamie Waste**

**FY16 Operating Budget Request to Governor Parnell**

The APBC's annual funding request to the State of Alaska (SOA) is made through the Department of Administration (DOA). The APBC has actively sought increased operating revenue for the past eight years. In each year the Governor has proposed flat funding. Modest revenue gains for radio and television through the legislature have been encouraging, while the APBC budget has remained flat. State funding for public media still falls far short of historic levels. In FY91 funding exceeded \$7.5m compared to \$4.2m in FY15. Adjust for inflation and considerable purchasing power has been lost. In addition, federal matching funds are lost due to lower SOA revenue. Last year, the APBC requested an increase of \$460k. Governor Parnell proposed flat funding and the legislature approved. Preliminary FY16 budget submissions were due July 31. Following are succinct versions of what staff submitted:

**Public Radio Broadcasting budget component increment: \$400k**

\$100k for rural engineering service; funds addition of one broadcast engineer to make statewide work scope feasible; ensure service has enough capacity to be stable and timely.

\$300k for expansion of news coverage for local, regional and statewide audiences via traditional broadcasting and distribution on digital platforms (\$200k); provide matching funds for stations to improve local fundraising, especially for stations serving rural areas (\$100k).

**Public Television Broadcasting budget component increment: \$200k**

The \$200k will be used to create a closed captioning public television service for the deaf community in Alaska. The captioning service will provide television and online captioning for Gavel to Gavel Alaska and other public television stations in Alaska

**Broadcast Commission budget component: \$15k**

\$15k increment for APBC operating budget which has been flat funded for the past 14 years. Increment will not increase staff capacity. It will offset annual increases in fixed costs.

Staff recommends the Commission endorse these budget component increments for the FY16 operating budget:

Public Radio Broadcasting Component:	\$400k
Public Television Broadcasting Component:	\$200k
Broadcast Commission Component:	\$15k

**FY16 State Capital Budget Request to Governor Parnell**

Capital budget requests are submitted by stations, working directly with their representatives. For engaged stations, this approach has yielded varying degrees of success. Congress zeroed out a public broadcasting capital grant program that had been in existence for more than 40 years and the Denali Commission capital grant program that supported stations for several years ended in 2012. Capital revenue for equipment replacement

and infrastructure repair is scarce. Once again, stations will be encouraged to submit individual station based capital requests to their legislators.

In addition to stations pursuing capital grants, the APBC has submitted capital budget requests the past two years after a long spell of not submitting requests. Staff requested the following:

- \$150k for contractors to conduct tower inspections at 26 stations.

This will include inspection of transmitter tower, studio STL tower, all antennas, cables and connectors on the towers, and all guy lines and anchors, and will provide a report, pictures, and tower mapping. Tower inspections are needed to help broadcasters comply with government and safety regulations and expose any present or potential problems that compromise the integrity of the structure.

Staff recommends that the Commission endorse this funding request for the FY16 capital budget:

- \$150k for system wide tower inspections.

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