



VILLAGE OF HOBART
HOBART MUNICIPAL BROADCASTING CORP.
CIVIC COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING
108 HOPEWELL STREET
HOBART, OHIO 45678

March 25, 2026

HOBART MUNICIPAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING / EMERGENCY SESSION / SHADOW SESSION
(circle/bold one)

DATE: 3/4/2026 **TIME:** 6:18 PM **LOCATION:** Civic Communications Bldg

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM by Station Manager Randall Lummis. Quorum present.

Present: R. Lummis (Station Manager), G. Pritchard (Program Director), A. Bixby (Chief Engineer), D. Rose (Intern, minutes)

Absent: None recorded. Two chairs were occupied by individuals who did not identify themselves and left during Old Business.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes from February 4, 2026 approved as submitted. Pritchard noted a typo on page two where "transmitter" was spelled "transmuter." Bixby stated the spelling was intentional. Motion to approve carried 3-0. Bixby abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Transmitter Maintenance Window

Bixby reported that the spring maintenance window for the Channel 3 transmitter has been scheduled for April 12-14. During this period, PAL-TV will broadcast a static card reading "Scheduled Maintenance - Do Not Adjust Your Set." Lummis asked whether the card had been updated from last year. Bixby confirmed it had not. Motion to reuse the 2025 card carried unanimously.

2. Studio B Ceiling Tile

The ceiling tile above Camera 2 in Studio B continues to sag. Pritchard raised concern that it appeared on-air during the March 1 Council Replay. Lummis confirmed he received one viewer complaint, which he described as "surprisingly detailed." Motion to replace the tile carried 3-1. Bixby voted against, stating the tile "has been there longer than any of us and should be left to resolve itself."



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3. Volunteer Packet Distribution

Lummis confirmed that the updated Volunteer & Staff Packet has been printed and is available at the station. Twelve copies were produced. Three have been claimed. One was found in the recycling bin on the day of printing. Pritchard suggested placing copies at the library. No objection.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Classification Inquiry Follow-Up

Lummis raised the question of whether PAL-TV should update its classification language on the website. The station was chartered as a public access broadcaster under Ordinance 801 but also produces original programming, which may place it in a different regulatory category. Pritchard asked what category. Lummis said he was not aware of one. Bixby suggested "municipal broadcast entity" and then withdrew the suggestion. No motion made. Item tabled.

2. Found Footage Friday - Content Review

Intern Rose submitted three VHS tapes recovered from the basement storage closet for potential Found Footage Friday use. Tape 1 appears to be a 1991 Garden Club segment. Tape 2 is unlabeled and contains 45 minutes of what Bixby described as "the parking lot, from above, at night." Tape 3 is a Council session with no audio. Pritchard approved Tapes 1 and 3 for broadcast. Tape 2 was flagged for further review.

3. Equipment Donation

A resident who declined to give their name left a Betamax player at the station entrance with a note reading "You need this more than I do." Bixby confirmed the unit is functional. Motion to accept the donation carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received. Lummis noted this was the fourteenth consecutive meeting without public comment and asked that the record reflect this.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM. Next meeting: April 1, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

Minutes recorded by D. Rose (Intern). Reviewed by R. Lummis.