RTDNA Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE: Colin Benedict, Blaise Labbe, Sheryl Worsley, Jennifer Seelig, Vince Duffy, Alex Silverman, Robert Thomas, Liz Alesse, Tyler Chance; (staff) Dan Shelley, Tara Puckey, Michael Sanserino, Greg Jacobs (outside counsel)

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

Benedict calls the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

RTDNA Counsel Greg Jacobs runs through board rules and responsibilities with returning and new board members. He also covers general corporate governance best practices.

Duffy moves to adjourn as the Association and convene as the Foundation. Seelig seconds. The board unanimously approves.

RTDNA FOUNDATION TRUSTEE SELECTION

Worsley walks the board through the selection process for the Foundation Trustee. Two individuals self-nominated to serve as Foundation Trustee.

Worsley moves to nominate Monika Diaz. Seelig seconds that nomination.

Labbe moves to nominate Lynn Hatter. Duffy seconds that nomination.
Diaz is elected as Foundation Trustee.

Duffy moves to adjourn as the Foundation and reconvene as the Association. Labbe seconds. The motion unanimously passes.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

Shelley shares updates on RTDNA's advocacy activity at the local, state and federal levels, including:

- An order from an LA-area U.S. District Court that directs LAPD and federal forces in Los Angeles to avoid harassing and assaulting journalists covering protests in Southern California
- The rescision package in the U.S. Congress that could eliminate federal funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which funds PBS and NPR
- A bill in the New York state legislature that requires public service agencies to provide unencrypted radio frequencies to working journalists

NEW BUSINESS

Future Advocacy Work

Benedict underscores the importance of advocacy work in RTDNA's mission and says replacing Dan as the leader of RTDNA's advocacy efforts will not be easy but requires a dedicated effort.

Benedicts says Puckey has started a process to ensure a smooth transition that continues to prioritize advocacy in RTDNA's strategy.

Puckey says this is a good time to evaluate and reevaluate what RTDNA's goals are and what success looks like for RTDNA's advocacy efforts. Puckey will be sending a survey to board members to do just that: define goals, refine strategies, figure out staffing, etc. That survey will go out to board members soon.

Committee Approval

Benedict says he and Puckey have worked together on a list of committees to approve for 2025-26. Benedict says it is critically important that the board better define the goals for each committee for the upcoming year.

Benedict also says RTDNA's strategy to bring non-board members into committees has really paid off the past few years.

The committees that Benedict proposes for the next year are:

- Advocacy Advisory Council
- Awards Committee
- Education Committee
- Ethics Committee
- Finance Committee
- Leadership & Development Committee
- Safety Committee
- Murrow Task Force

Worsley moves to accept the committees as proposed. Duffy seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

Old Business

None

Meeting Minutes Approval

Duffy moves to approve the June 11, 2025 meeting minutes. Thomas seconds. The motion unanimously passes.

ADJOURNMENT

Silverman moves to adjourn. Thomas seconds. The motion passes unanimously.