Community Advisory Board Information

In compliance with Section 396(k)(8) of the Communications Act, Ft. Wayne Public Television, Inc. (PBS FW) maintains a community advisory board (CAB). The PBS FW CAB is independent of PBS FW’s board of directors, which is the organization’s governing body. The PBS FW CAB provides for effective community input to the PBS FW Board of Directors about station programming, community service and impact on the community from the station’s major policy decisions.

CAB Structure and Composition
The role of the PBS FW Community Advisory Board is advisory in nature as to whether PBS FW’s programming and other policies are meeting the specialized educational and cultural needs of northeast Indiana communities, and may make such recommendations as it considers appropriate to meet such needs. PBS FW acknowledges the CAB’s responsibilities, which include:

- the right to review the station’s programming goals
- the right to review the service provided by the station
- the right to review significant policy decisions rendered by the station
- the obligation to advise the station’s governing body on whether PBS FW’s programming and other policies are meeting the specialized educational and cultural needs of northeast Indiana communities, and to make such recommendations as the CAB deems appropriate to meet such needs.

The CAB president reports to PBS FW’s board of directors at its bimonthly meetings. PBS FW’s general manager, who is also the president of the governing body, attends all CAB meetings.

The PBS FW Community Advisory Board meets the third Saturday of the first month of each calendar quarter. Meetings are held at noon at the PBS FW studios and via Go to Meeting. All meetings of the CAB are open to the public. PBS FW provides reasonable public notice of the meetings of PBS FW’s governing board and its committees, as well as PBS FW’s community advisory board, at least one week (7 days) in advance of the scheduled date of an open meeting. Such notifications can be found by clicking on the “Calendar of Station Meetings” link on the homepage of PBS FW’s website, (pbsfortwayne.org).

The composition of the PBS FW CAB embraces all aspects of diversity and strives to be reasonably representative of the diverse needs and interests of the communities served by PBS FW. Individuals from across northeast Indiana can be nominated for CAB service by current CAB members or can submit an expression of interest by email (info@wfwa.org) to the attention of the PBS FW general manager. Members are not restricted by a term limit. Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary) serve one-year renewable terms and are elected at the January meeting.