



# NARS Board Meeting Minutes February 20, 2026

Northwest Amateur Radio Society  
P.O. Box 11483  
Spring, TX 77391

## Board Attendance

✓ - In Attendance, X – Absent

Board Voting Privileged Officers		Board Non-Voting Associate Members	
✓	President: Paul Owen, N5NXS	✓	Admin. Secretary: Neal Naumann, N5EN
✓	Vice President: Kyle Vann, K5KNV	X	Social Media Liaison: Sam Labarbera, N6HB
✓	Treasurer: Tom Hoherd, KK5YU	X	Public Information Liaison: TBD
X	Secretary: Brandon Rogers, K5BLR	✓	Webmaster: Bill Buoy, N5BIA
✓	Director: Rich Jones, W5VEK	✓	Repeater Team Lead: Rich Jones, W5VEK
✓	Director: Jorge Gutierrez, WK5J	X	ARRL/VEC Liaison: Brett Hebert, KG5IQU
		✓	Repeater Trustee: Paul Owen, N5NXS

## Meeting Logistics

Meeting was held on Friday February 20 at 6:00pm in the Board Room at Harris County ESD 16 located at 18606 Stuebner Airline Rd, Spring Texas.

## Minutes

- I. Paul Owen, President, N5NXS called the meeting to order @ 6:00PM
- II. President's Opening Statements
  - a. Paul opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees
  - b. President to have the members vote on the Bylaws during general meeting.
- III. Secretary's Report
  - a. Review of the minutes uploaded to the website by Brandon Rogers for the December 2025 board meeting:
  - b. [https://doc-repos.w5nc.net/meeting\\_minutes/2025/BoardMeeting\\_20251219.pdf](https://doc-repos.w5nc.net/meeting_minutes/2025/BoardMeeting_20251219.pdf)
  - c. Motion to approve the minutes by Tom Hoherd.
    - i. Seconded the motion by Rich Jones.
    - ii. The meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote.
- IV. Treasurer's Report
  - a. The following financial reports were presented to the board:
  - b. [https://doc-repos.w5nc.net/financial/2025/TreasurerReport\\_Dec2025.pdf](https://doc-repos.w5nc.net/financial/2025/TreasurerReport_Dec2025.pdf)
  - c. [https://doc-repos.w5nc.net/financial/2025/TreasurerReport\\_Jan2025.pdf](https://doc-repos.w5nc.net/financial/2025/TreasurerReport_Jan2025.pdf)  
Due to the lack of a meeting in January, two reports were furnished.
  - d. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Kyle Vann.
    - i. Seconded the motion by Rich Jones.
    - ii. Treasurer's Report was approved by unanimous vote.

V. Administrative Secretary Report

- a. The Administrative Secretary indicated that due renewal reminders had been sent to all members who were delinquent or coming up for renewal.
- b. The current membership report is:  
ARRL members = 91  
Non-members = 54  
Total membership = 145
- c. Neal Naumann also mentioned a discrepancy and lack of confidence in the numbers obtained from the online platform (Groups.io), which reports a membership of 184.

VI. Reports of Standing Committees

- a. Repeater Committee Report – Rich Jones, W5VEK (Repeater Team lead)
  - i. Rich Jones reported that today, Paul Owen, Scott Siefert, Craig Veteto and himself went to check the antenna located at One Houston Center and took apart the VHF repeater to remove it. They also check the feed line to the antenna and found out that the VSWR is negligible using 40 watts of output for the test, and it is suitable for the UHF repeater. Also, they discovered the duplexer for the VHF repeater had a bad connection and that might have been the reason for all the issues experienced with the VHF repeater.
  - ii. Rich Jones mentioned that the VHF repeater will be set up on the new Gregson Tower. It looks like it will be back on the air by late April
  - iii. We are looking to place the UHF 443.075 MHz repeater at the downtown site. The annual rental fee for the One Houston Center antenna is \$500.00 and we just renewed it for another 12 months at the same price.
- b. **NARS VE Team Report**– Brett Hebert W5IQU – VE Session Results
  - i. Brett was not in attendance, but Paul Owen provided these results from the Monthly VE Session:
  - ii. 4 testers passed the following licenses: 2 Technicians, 1 General and 1 Extra
  - iii. The next month’s VE Session will be on March 28, 2026.
- c. **Net Control Manager** – Mike Lizzo, WA2TOP
  - i. The number of participants has improved and the use of NetLogger software has been a very helpful to get those numbers trending up.
  - ii. The team lost one of the net controllers due to a move, but we gained a new one, so the net loss is zero
  - iii. Requested that the net controller script should be the same for both VHF Analog and DMR net

	Date	Time	Net Control Station	Name	Backup NC	# of Check-In
100	December 17, 2025	0800 PM	KN5DS	Dale	KF5IUM	13
101	December 23, 2025	0700 PM	KI5VPP	Phil	WJ90	16
102	December 24, 2025	0800 PM	WA2TOP	Mike	WA2TOP	18
103	December 30, 2025	0700 PM	KF5IUM	Michael	WA2TOP	12
104	December 31, 2025	0800 PM	WA2TOP	Michael	WA2TOP	8
1	January 6, 2026	0700 PM	KF5IUM	Michael	WJ90	12
2	January 7, 2026	0800 PM	KF5IUM	Michael	WA2TOP	13
3	January 13, 2026	0700 PM	WJ90	David	WA2TOP	12
4	January 14, 2026	0800 PM	WJ90	David	WA2TOP	10

#	Day of Week	Date	Local Time	NC	Name	# of Check-in
5	Tuesday	January 20, 2026	19:00	WA2TOP	Mike	13
6	Wednesday	January 21, 2026	20:00	WA2TOP	Mike	13
7	Tuesday	January 27, 2026	19:00	KN5DS	Dale	15
8	Wednesday	January 28, 2026	20:00	KN5DS	Dale	17
9	Tuesday	February 3, 2026	19:00	KF5IUM	Michael	16
10	Wednesday	February 4, 2026	20:00	KF5IUM	Michael	14
11	Tuesday	February 10, 2026	19:00	WJ9O	David	17
12	Wednesday	February 11, 2026	20:00	WJ9O	David	14
13	Tuesday	February 17, 2026	19:00	WA2TOP	Mike	15
14	Wednesday	February 18, 2026	20:00	WA2TOP	Mike	16

d. **Update on Social sites** – Sam, K5FM

- i. Requesting that Sam post things from the website to generate more interest in the FB group. Sam will need input from everyone.

VII. **Old Business**

- a. A quorum was present and a vote was taken to approve the 2025 Bylaws.
- b. They were approved by the membership in attendance.

VIII. **New Business**

- a. Rich Jones explained that the Raspberry Pi that is part of the repeater connecting it to the Hub, was found, but the URI Board is missing and needs to be replaced. The cost to replace it is around \$119.95 so the cost to be approved needs to be about \$150.
  - I. The motion to approve was made by Jorge Gutierrez.
  - II. Seconded by Rich Jones.
  - III. The vote taken was unanimous.
- b. Rich Jones explained that another item that needs to be bought is a diplexer to connect 2 repeaters to the dual band antenna. Approximately costing \$72.69.
  - I. The motion to approve was made by Rich Jones.
  - II. Seconded by Jorge Gutierrez.
  - III. The vote taken was unanimous.
- c. Paul Owen explained that both driven elements of the ESD 16 Yagi antenna need to be replaced to bring it back into specifications. The traps on the driven elements are suspected to be bad. To make it quicker to replace the 2 elements, we need to purchase the entire elements. The replacement cost is in the Mosley quote for \$1,331.35.
  - I. The motion to approve was made by Rich Jones.
  - II. Seconded by Jorge Gutierrez.
  - III. The vote taken was unanimous.

IX. **MOVE TO CLOSE & DISMISS**

- a. Motion was made to close the meeting by Kyle Vann.
- b. Seconded by Rich Jones.
- c. The vote taken was unanimous.
- d. The Board meeting was closed at 6:50pm