

**Montana Beef Council Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
December 15, 2025 | Virtual**

**Call to Order, Roll Call:** President Andy Kellom called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m., welcomed attendees, and conducted roll call.

**Members Present:**

Andy Kellom (President), Montana Cattle Feeders; Travis Choat (Vice President), Montana Stockgrowers Association; Wes Jensen, Montana Farm Bureau Federation; Debbie Andersen, Montana Dairy Association; Ken Morris, Montana Cattlemen's Association; Pamela Bilyeu, Montana CattleWomen Inc.; Justin Iverson, Montana Stockgrowers Association; Jake Callantine, Montana Angus Association; Staff: Chaley Harney, Sue Broyles, Tammy Bridges, Al Koenig, Anna Sponheim. Kinley Hartman, USDA. Guests: Aianna Buist, Katie Grady, Kyle Sedgwick, Skyler Lenz.

Not present- Trent Stoltz, Montana Farmers Union; Andy Tuss, Montana Food Distributors Association; Charlie Hollenbeck, Montana Meat Processors Association; Corey Schultz, Montana Livestock Auction Market Association; Brett Dailey, ex-officio; Ben Peterson, CBB; Verna Billedeaux, CBB.

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** Andy Kellom asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda or minutes. Justin Iverson moved to approve the agenda and minutes from the November 10, 2025 meeting and Pamela Bilyeu seconded. Motion passed.

**Financial Reading:** Business Manager Sue Broyles shared an investment update and MBC's financial standing as of November 30, 2025 with the members.

**Nominating Committee Update:** Continuing the discussion from the August 29, 2025 meeting, Chair Andy Kellom shared that the Nominating Committee recommended Jake Callantine as Vice President. He called for any other nominations from the floor. Seeing none, nominations ceased and moved to a vote for Jake Callantine as Vice President. Motion passed.

*Excerpt from August 29, 2025 meeting minutes:*

**Officer Reports: Vice President-** *Travis Choat was not present. President Andy Kellom shared that Travis notified the office that he would not be able to commit the time to move up to the presidency. Andy Kellom and Chaley Harney shared that after discussing with the Executive Committee and Nominating Committee that the board would need to decide the next leadership slate and presented options, including Andy Kellom serving for one additional year to allow for a new vice president to serve for a year of orientation in the position. Corey Schultz moved to take care of business now and approve Andy Kellom to continue as president for an additional year. Jake Callantine seconded. Motion passed. A new vice president will be selected and voted on by the board by December.*

**Health Professional Outreach**

Aianna Buist, registered dietetic intern, shared an update about her internship with Montana Beef Council and presented results from a campaign where family physicians received beef nutrition toolkits to help in recommending beef to their patients.

**Monthly Presentation: Paid Media**

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association Paid Media team reviewed MBC's current digital marketing strategy and the results of the campaign so far with the members.

**Adjournment:** President Andy Kellom asked if there was any further business to come before the board and seeing none he called for adjournment. Wes Jensen moved and Debbie Andersen seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** January 12, 2026: virtual