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## **FCC's LOCALISM TASK FORCE ANNOUNCES PANELISTS AND FINAL AGENDA FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON BROADCAST LOCALISM IN RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, MAY 26, 2004**

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission's Localism Task Force today announced the final agenda and panelists for its May 26, 2004 hearing on broadcast localism in Rapid City, South Dakota at 5:30 pm at the Surbeck Student Center Ballroom, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, 501 East Saint Joseph Street, in Rapid City.

### **AGENDA**

5:30 — 6:00 p.m.

#### **Opening Remarks**

6:00 — 7:00 p.m.

#### **Speaker Presentations**

*Bill Duhamel*, President, Duhamel Broadcasting, Licensee of KOTA-TV (ABC), Rapid City, South Dakota

*Eleanor St. John*, Owner and Managing Partner, White Eagle Partners, Licensee of KQEG (UPN), La Crosse, Wisconsin

*Park Owens*, Director of Emergency Management, Rapid City & Pennington County, South Dakota

*Alan Harris*, President, Wagonwheel Communications, Licensee of KUGR-AM, Green River, Wyoming

*Thomas Short Bull*, President, Oglala Lakota College, Kyle, South Dakota

*Maynard Meyer*, President and General Manager, KLPQ-FM, Madison, Minnesota

*Melanie Janis*, Station Manager, KILI, Porcupine, South Dakota

*Tim Sughrue*, Chief Operating Officer, Rapid City Regional Hospital, Rapid City, South Dakota

#### **Commissioner Questions**

7:00 — 7:15 p.m.

**Break**

7:15 — 7:35 p.m.

**Additional Community Perspectives**

*Moderator:* Steve Hemmingsen, News Anchor, KELO (retired),  
Sioux Falls

*The Honorable Jim Shaw*, Mayor, Rapid City, South Dakota

*Phil W. Bravin*, Technology Research and Development Officer,  
Communication Service for the Deaf, Sioux Falls

*Mark Antonitis*, President and General Manager, KELO  
Television, Sioux Falls

*Carole Anne Heart*, Executive Director, Aberdeen Area Tribal  
Chairmen’s Health Board

*Sonny Skyhawk*, Founder, American Indians in Film and  
Television

*Linda Marcus*, President, South Dakota Broadcasters Association

*Dawn Laskowski*, Executive Director, American Red  
Cross—Black Hills Area Chapter, Rapid City

*Mark Reed*, Actor and Native American Member of the EEO  
Committee, Screen Actors Guild

*Jim McKeon*, President and CEO, Rapid City Area Chamber of  
Commerce

*Patty Pearson*, Director, Kids Voting South Dakota

7:35 — 9:00 p.m.

**Open Microphone**

*Moderator:* Steve Hemmingsen, News Anchor, KELO (retired),  
Sioux Falls

Opportunities to speak during the open microphone session will  
be made available through a random selection method to avoid  
the need for members of the public to spend long periods of time  
waiting in line and to ensure an equal chance for all to speak.

Everyone entering the hearing will be asked to draw at random a  
card that will have a “Group Number” pre-printed on it (for  
example: “Group 25”). There are a total of 10 cards for each  
group. During the open microphone segment, group numbers will

be randomly selected and displayed on screens in the hearing room and overflow seating area

If a person's group number is displayed, that person may proceed to the open microphone check-in area at the back of the hearing room. An FCC staff member will then direct them to the microphone at the appropriate time.

9:00 p.m.

**Closing Remarks**

FCC Commissioners Jonathan Adelstein and Michael Copps will preside at the hearing.

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