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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL

Off. No #53

Date first licensed 4-3-50

Call letters WBUR

LOCATION: BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRUSTEES OF BOSTON UNIVERSITY (BSED 11-9-71)

XBOSTON UNIVERSITY, OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS (SED 9-28-65)

XBOSTON UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC COMMUNICATION,

DIVISION OF BROADCASTING AND FILM (MLED 6-11-64)

Name of licensee XBOSTON UNIVERSITY, DIVISION OF RADIO - SCHOOL OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
AND COMMUNICATIONS

Law/Ed. . Bldg., Boston Univ., 765 Commonwealth Ave, Boston, Massachusetts (PED 4-1-75)

Transmitter location *640 Commonwealth Avenue (BPED 12-30-57) MLED 7-17-58)
x 84 Exeter Street, Boston, Massachusetts (Suffolk County)

640 Commonwealth Ave, Boston, Mass. (MPED 1-30-76)

x 630 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. (PED 4-16-75)

X To-be-determined, Boston, Massachusetts (PED 4-1-75)

X 640 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts (Ltr. 10/8/57)

ZIP: 02215

Main studio location x Same

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BPED-120 C. P. issued	7-27-49	90.9	400 W	40 ft.	By 9-27-49 to 3-27-50
BLED-64	4-3-50	90.9 License to cover	380W	40 ft.	4-3-50 to 9-1-51
BPED-178 (CP to make changes in existing stations)	12-20-50	90.9	20 kw	50 ft.	by 2-20-51 to 8-20-51
Telegram	2-27-51	Retel 26	Auth. gr. WBUR period ending 8-20-51 op. using fac. spec. in BPED-178 re FM prog. serv.		
BLED-100 License to cover CP (BPED-178)	4-23-51	90.9	20 kw	50 ft.	to 9-1-51
BRED-53	8-29-51	Renewal of license to			9-1-52
BRED-53	8-6-52	Renewal of license to			9-1-55(L)
BRED-53	8-31-55	Renewal of license to			4-1-57 (S)
BRED-53	7-29-57	Renewal of license			to 4-1-60 S
BPED-343	12-30-57	CP to move xmtr-studio to 640 Commonwealth Ave., Boston Mass.			2-28 8-30-58
BLED-240	7-17-58	Lic. to cover CP (BPED-343) to 4-1-60. 90.9mc Ch. 215 HAAT:160'			
BRED-53	7-13-60	Renewal of License			7-13 4-1-63
	3-27-63	COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.			
BRED-53	6-11-63	Renewal of license			6-11 4-1-66
BLED-30 (1)	6-11-64	Mod. of Lic. to chg. name to BOSTON UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC COMMUNICATION, DIVISION OF BROADCASTING AND FILM.			
BSED-53 HAAT:160'	9-28-65	90.9mcs ERP:20kw Ch.#215 TPO:6.4kw	Unl.		9-28-65 4-1-66
		Mod. of Lic. to chg. name of licensee to BOSTON UNIVERSITY, OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS.			
BRED-53	3-21-66	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1 4-1-69

Form BC 126

June 1954

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Station location

Name of licensee See Card #1

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BRED-54 (1)	12-21-66	Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 640 Common- wealth Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts.			
BRED-53(L)	3-26-69	Renewal of License			4-1 4-1-72
Contel	5-11-71	Trans: Raytheon FME-10 Exciter.	MP-10A Modified with		
BSED-53(1)	11-9-71	ML chg. name & trans.			
BRED-53(L)	3-30-72	Renewal of License			4-1-75
EBSA	5-15-72				
BPED-1862	4-1-75	90.9MHz. ERP: 22.5kw(H&V)	U 4-1-76		
HAAT: 260ft (H&V)		CP chg TL/ trans, ant, TPO, ERP, HAAT			
BRED-53(S)	3-31-75	Renewal of License			4-1-78
BPED-1862(1)	4-16-75	MP(BPED-1862) add RC from SL, chg SL			
BSED-53(S)	8-21-75	ML to Delete Obstruction Marking			
BMPED-1300(2)	1-30-76	MP(BPED-1862, as mod) chg RC & SL, ant, TPO, ERP: 50kw(H&V); HAAT: 250' (HV)			
BLED-1564(L)	9-29-76	Lic. (BPED-1862, as mod.)			4-1-78
BRED-53	4-21-78	(S) REN. OF LIC.			4-1-81

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL FM

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Name **BOSTON UNIVERSITY, DIVISION OF RADIO, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**
 (P. O. 688-Boylston, Boston 16, Massachusetts)
 84 EXETER STREET.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-120 Rec'd. Filed	4-4-49 4-5-49 4-5-49	Construction permit for a new Non-Commercial Educational FM broadcast station to be operated on Frequency: 90.9 Mcs. Channel 215 Operating Power: 250 watts Transmitter: 84 Exeter Street, Boston, Mass. (Raytheon RF-250 Max. 250 W) Studio: Same	GRANTED C.P. mailed 8-24-49 Exp. 3-27-50	7-27-49
PLED-64 Rec'd. Filed	2-24-50 2-27-50 2-27-50	License to cover C. P. (BPED-120) which authorized a new Non-Commercial Educational FM broadcast station.	GRANTED	4-3-50
BPED-178 Rec'd & Filed	12-5-50 12-6-50	Construction permit to make changes in existing Non-Comm. Educa. FM b/c station to change ERP from 0.380 kw. to 27.2 kw.; transmitter to Raytheon, RF-10A, 10 kw. and make changes in antenna system.	GRANTED	12-20-50
BLED-100 Rec'd & Filed	4-3-51 4-4-51	License to cover CP (BPED-178) which authorized changes in existing Non-Comm. Educa. FM b/c station.	GRANTED	4-23-51

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRED-53 Rec'd. Filed	6-7-51 6-13-51 6-13-51	Renewal of license.	GRANTED	8-29-51
BRED-53 Recd. Filed	5-28-52 6-2-52 6-2-52	Renewal of license	GRANTED	8-6-52
BRED-53 Recd. Resub. Recd & filed	6-1-55 6-9-55 6-1-55 7-3-55	Renewal of license	Ret. 6-27-55 re name page 1 & 2 Program logs retained. GRANTED 8-31-55	
BRED-53 Rec & filed	3-4-57 3-6-57	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-20-57
BPED-343 Recd Filed	11-5-57 11-12-57 11-12-57	CP to move transmitter-studio from 84 Exeter St., to 640 Commonwealth Ave. Boston, Mass. Change HAAT from 50' to 161.7'	GRANTED	12-30-57

FORM BC-121

AUG. 1955

BOSTON UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS
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XBOSTON UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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WLED-240 Rec'd Filed	4-10-58 4-23-58 4-23-58	License to cover c.p. WLED-240 which authorized change transmitter-studio location and increase MAAT.	GRANTED	7-17-58
BRED-53 Rec'd Filed	12-18-59 12-21-59 12-21-59	Renewal of License.	GRANTED	7-13-60
BRED-53 R & F	12-28-62 12-31-62	Renewal of License	GRANTED	6-11-63
WLED-30 R & F	4-27-64 4-28-64	Mod. of lic to chg name of licensee to Boston University, School of Public Communication, Division of Broadcasting and Film.	GRANTED	6-11-64
BRED-53 R & F	1-6-66 1-10-66	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-21-66

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THE TRUSTEES OF BOSTON UNIVERSITY

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Boston, Massachusetts

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCD-54 R & F	12-12-66 12-16-66	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 640 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts.	GRANTED	12-21-66
BRED-53 R & F No Fee Required PRESS	12-26-68 12-30-68 JAN 27 1969	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-26-69
BRED-53 R & F PN Recd. PRESS DEC 29 1970	12-16-71 12-20-71 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-30-72

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September 1969

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Letters W.B.U.B.

Name The Trustees of Boston University
Boston, Massachusetts

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-1,862 R & F No Fee Required Press P. N. Rec'd	5-13-74 5-21-74 AUG 5 - 1974 10-7-74	CPTO chg. TL to: Law/Ed Building 765 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts; chg. SL: To Be Determined, Boston, Massachusetts; delete RC; install new trans. (Gates FM-20H3); install new ant. (Gates FMS-4, 4 sects.); make chg. ant. system (incr. hght.); chg. TPO; ERP: 22.4KW(H&V) and HAAT: 260'. (41° 21' 03" - 71° 06' 27") Atty: Edward W. Hummers, Jr. (Fletcher, Heald etc.) Section III.	GRANTED	4-1-75
AMENDED	11-21-74			
BRED-53 R. & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-25-74 11-27-74 " JAN 28 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-31-75

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BMPED-1300 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED PRESS	7-21-75	MP(BPED-1862, as mod.) to chg. SL & RC to: 640 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass.; chg. ant. (Gates FMS-6, 6 sects.); chg. TPO; chg. ERP: 50kw; chg. HAAT: 250 ft. REQUEST WAIVER OF INTERFERENCE RECEIVED. Atty: Edward W. Hummers, Jr. (Fletcher, Heald etc.) Engr: Jules Cohen & Associates Engineering Statement.	GRANTED	1-30-76
	7-29-75			
SEP 15 1975				
AMENDED	11-24-75			
BLED-1564	6-29-76	Lic. to cover (BPED-1862, as mod.) for changes	GRANTED	9-29-76
R & F	6-30-76	Note-RC:-740-Commonwealth-Avenue,-Boston,- ---Mass-		
NO FEE REQUIRED				
PRESS	AUG 2 1976			
AMENDED	7-12-76	Engr. Data and Remote Control Add. Correction to: 640 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass.		

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90.9 mhz

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May 1976

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BRED-53 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-29-77 11-30-77 " JAN 13 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	4-21-78
BRED-801201VM PRESS	1 5 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty. George M. MacDonald AMENDED 2-9-81 re: ascertainment of community needs & problems Ltr. 6-5-81 re: programming	<i>gh</i>	3/30/81

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

