

Minutes for the WBAI Local Station Board meeting in Public Session on August 10, 2022.

Meeting convened at 7:07 PM (ET) a quorum being present, the Chair being present.

Attending: Rachel Barr, Doc Shya, John Brinkley, Priscilla Cancar, Jack DePalma, James Dingeman, DeeDee Halleck, Maxine Harrison-Gallmon, William Heerwagen, Bounubti Kamethou, Errol Maitland, R. Paul Martin, Basir Mchawi, Kathryn O’Sullivan, Hazel Pinder, Shawn Rhodes, James Sagurton, Sharonne Salaam, Max Schmid, Marilyn Vogt-Downey, Michael D.D. White and Amy Wilson

Not in attendance: Scottye Battle and Jack Devine

Also Present at the meeting: John Hoffman (Secretary), Berthold Reimers (General Manager)

Final

Agenda

WBAI Local Station Board (“LSB”)

7:00 PM, Wednesday, August 10, 2022 Meeting

Remote Participation Meeting Via Zoom

1. Convene meeting- (Ask for recording of the meeting to be started and confirm designated time keeper. Note how chat is to be used.)
2. Adopt Agenda. (20 minutes)
3. Roll Call. (5 minutes)
4. Excuse Absences. (5 minutes)
5. Approve outstanding minutes: July 13, 2022 (5 minutes)
6. Report from Pacifica National Board Directors. (7 minutes & 5 minutes discussion) — Shawn Rhodes, James Sagurton, Sharonne Salaam, Jim Dingeman.
7. General Manager’s Report. (5 minutes report 5 minutes discussion) — Berthold Reimers
8. Programming Updates. (5 minutes report, 5 minutes Q&A) — Linda Perry
9. Report from Community Advisory Board (2 minutes) – Neale Vos
10. Treasurer’s Report. — (5 minutes report 5 minutes discussion) — R. Paul Martin
11. Discussion: Status of LSB elections (7 minutes & 5 minutes discussion) — Shawn Rhodes, James Sagurton, Sharonne Salaam, Jim Dingeman.
12. Discussion: Fund Raising Responsibilities of the WBAI LSB – (8 minutes) Basir Mchawi
13. Discussion of Action of Executive Director Regarding Program Director Process (8 minutes & 5 minutes discussion) Marilyn Vogt-Downey
14. Discussion: Proposal For Fundraising via Steve Kirsch Financially Backed Covid Debate Challenges— (15 minutes) – Michael D. D. White

15. Discussion & Resolution: Creation of Programming Advisory Committee— (5 minutes) – Michael D. D. White
16. Motion to Create Programming Committee (5 minutes) — William Heerwagen
17. Discussion: Competing Successfully With the Internet vs And/or Becoming Internet Successful - (20 minutes) — Michael D. D. White
18. Motion Appreciating Staff (5 minutes) — William Heerwagen
19. Discussion: Improving WBAI and Pacifica Reputation and Brand.— (10 minutes) – Michael D. D. White
20. Discussion: Adjournment Time of LSB meeting(s)—(5 minutes) Doc Shya
21. Resolution Directing the General Manager to Provide a Report On WBAI’s Compliance With Pacifica Communications Policy (per PNB 12/’21 Resolution) by March, 1, 2022 — (8 minutes) — Rachel Barr
22. Public Comment. (30 minutes, 2 minutes maximum per speaker before next in queue to speak. Must always begin no later than 9:15 PM.)
23. New Business
24. Adjourn no later than 9:45 PM. (ET)

Call to Order: 7:07 PM ET

The agenda was read.

Motion: (Michael DD White) “To adopt the agenda” 7:13 PM ET

The LSB discussed the motion.

Motion: (Marilyn Vogt-Downey) “To amend the agenda to add item 13 discussion of Motion, (5 minutes for motion, 8 minutes for discussion)” 7:14 PM ET

The draft motion was read aloud.

Point of Order (James Sagurton): “This motion should be declared out of order” 7:21 PM ET

The Chair ruled the motion out of order 7:22 PM ET

The ruling of the Chair was appealed. 7:22PM ET

The LSB discussed.

Vote: “Shall the ruling of the Chair stand”? 7:43 PM ET (the ruling of the chair was defeated: 8 Yes, 12 No, 0 abstention)

Vote: “To amend the agenda adding item 13 above” 7:44 PM ET (14 Yes, 6 No, 0 abstentions)

Vote: “To approve the agenda as amended” 7:46 PM ET (passed without objection)

Roll Call: 7:47 PM ET

Those not present were: Scottye Battle, Jack Devine and Bounubti Kamethou (who showed up later).

Motion: (James Dingeman) “To excuse absences of those not present.” 7:49 PM ET (passed without objection)

Motion: (Michael DD White) “To approve minutes from July 13, 2022 Public Session 7:49 PM ET (passed without objection)

Report from Pacifica National Board Directors (Shawn Rhodes, James Sagurton, Sharonne Salaam, Jim Dingeman) 7:52 PM ET

- draft audit has been completed and reviewed
- review of financial situation for three stations
- discussion of potential Underwriting Motion in near future
- Best Practices for Music Programming
- CPB: need higher audience levels specifically at stations KPFT and KPFK in order to apply successfully—we are not part of CPB at this time
- discussion of Underwriting Motion

Motion: (Michael DD White) “To extend time for report by five minutes” 8:01 PM ET (passed without objection)

Motion: (William Heerwagen) “To extend time for discussion by five minutes” 8:10 PM ET (passed without objection)

General Manager’s Report (Berthold Reimers) 8:17 PM ET

- update on financial state
- palm card and fundraising venues
- discussion of Evaluation Forms
- request made to send sample blank Evaluation Form to all LSB members (was sent to LSB)

members later on, during the meeting)

Programming Report: Linda was not present, the Chair read highlights of a report that the Program Director sent her. 8:39 PM ET

Motion: (James Dingeman) “Move to extend to exhaust stack” from Station Manager’s Report 8:41 PM ET (passed without objection)

Motion: (Michael DD White) “Move to have Station Manager provide important programming highlights in the absence of the Program Director” 8:44 PM ET (passed without objection)

--evaluating program grid

Motion: (Michael DD White) “To extend time by ten minutes to exhaust stack” 8:56 PM ET

Objection to Motion: (Basir Mchawi) 8:56 PM ET

The motion was withdrawn (Michael DD White) 8:57 PM ET

Community Advisory Board Report 8:57 PM ET: Neale Vos presented an update.

--Denise Joyce named Vice Chair of CAB

Treasurer’s Report: 9:00 PM ET R. Paul Martin presented an update.

--audit complete and unqualified – good result

--approval limits changes

--difficult financial situation across the network

--lack of strategic reserves

--ongoing access to NETA produced Pacifica documents (DocLink)

Motion: (Jack DePalma) “To extend time by four minutes” 9:11 PM ET

Public Comments began at 9:15 PM ET

- Discussion of music programming
- public identification for members of committees using legal name
- pdf of Palm Card posted to website?
- programming of 4PM strip and 5PM strip
- KPFT uses PayPal on fundraising page
- Good Shop and Good Search
- Expression of appreciation for LSB
- WBAI url for streaming
- Governance surrounding Finance Committee Meetings
- Better premiums at low cost
- Outreach to credit card contributors that have fallen off and return of volunteers to studio

Motion: (Michael DD White) "To adjourn" 9:45 PM ET (passed without objection)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM ET
Submitted by John Hoffman, Secretary