

Minutes WBAI LSB 7-9-25 Regular Monthly Meeting in public session

Present: Milton Allimadi, Carolyn Birden, John Brinkley, Elliot Crown, Joan de Lorenzo, Jim Dingeman, Eleanor Elizabeth Forman, Sally Gellert, Gloria Guillo (Vice Chair), Queen Mother Imakhu, Bounubti Khamentou, Alejandrina Murphy, Katherine O'Sullivan (Chair), Cerene Roberts (PNB Director), James Sagurton (PNB Director), Sharonne Salaam, Max Schmid, M. Kay Williams (Secretary).

Also present: R. Paul Martin (Treasurer), Keziah Glow (Interim Program Director)

Absent: Bob Hennelly (Interim General Manager), Gail Bey, Randy Credico, Paul De Rienzo, Simon Fitzgerald, Jim Freund, Alex Steinberg (PNB Director)

----- Final Agenda

1. Convene meeting- Ask for recording of the meeting to be started. Note how chat is to be used, plus other preliminary remarks by Chair.
2. Adopt Agenda. (20 minutes)
3. Roll Call. (5 minutes)
4. Excuse Absences. (5 minutes)
5. Approve outstanding minutes: June 11, 2025 Meeting(5 minutes)
6. Reports of interim General Manager and interim Program Director. (12 Minutes report 10 minutes discussion- Questions limited to One minute- Responses limited to 90 seconds)
7. Motion re listing LSB email address (lsb@wbai.org) at “any LSB activity (meetings, reports, or other events)” AND “request the General Manager provide an exclusive station voicemail to the LSB Secretary” and add the phone number to board announcements. - John Brinkley (15 minutes)
8. Treasurer’s Report. — (5 Minutes report 8 minutes discussion) — R. Paul Martin
9. Report from Pacifica National Board Directors. (20 minutes & 15 minutes discussion- Questions limited to One minute) — Sally Gellert, Cerene Roberts, James Sagurton, Alex Steinberg
10. Report from Community Advisory Board (2 Minutes) – Neale Vos
11. Discussion: Appropriate thoughts for observing minutes of silence during LSB meetings and chance to express opinions about what people might choose to keep in mind. (5 minutes.)
12. One minute of silence. (One minute)

13. Discussion: Dealing appropriately with attacks on Public and/or Listener Supported media. (7 minutes) – Jim Dingeman
14. Report from the Committee of Inclusion (5 minutes) – Carolyn Birden, John Brinkley, Joan De Lorenzo, Cerene Roberts
15. Discussion: Launching additional streaming (of HD) WBAI channels (15 minutes) — Jim Dingeman
16. Using Current WBAI Studio Camera Capacity to Start YouTubing WBAI Content (15 minutes) — Jim Dingeman
17. New Business.
18. Public Comment. (30 minutes, 2 minutes maximum per speaker before next in queue to speak. Must begin no later than 9:16 PM ET.)
19. Adjourn no later than 9:46 PM ET (Note this, and start time for public comments is one minute later to reflect the meeting's one minute of silence).

7:09 pm ET – The Chair convened the meeting, and made her usual Chair's remarks re use of the Chat and not speaking without being recognized.

Jack de Palma volunteered to be timekeeper and there was no objection.

7:11 pm ET – The Chair called for a motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion (Joan de Lorenzo) Move to adopt the agenda. Seconded (Gloria Guillo)

The Chair asked if there were any objections to adopting the agenda

Motion (MKW) To amend the agenda by moving John Brinkley's motion (orig. Item 6) to after the Station Managers' reports, in order not to delay the report. Originally objected to by John Brinkley then objection was withdrawn. There was no second.

However, the Chair asked if there were any objections to moving the item after the Station Report and there were none.

7:13 pm ET The Chair then called for Roll Call, which was completed. Results as above.

6:16 pm ET Motion (Gloria Guillo) To excuse all absences. Seconded (Sharonne Salaam) Passed without objection.

6:17 pm ET The Chair called for a motion to accept the minutes for 6-11-25, as sent by Kay on 7-7-25.

Motion (Max Schmid) To accept the minutes for 6-11-25. Seconded (James Sagurton).

Cerene Roberts wished to abstain, and the Chair stated her abstention would be noted in the minutes; and, since there were no objections, the minutes were approved.

7:18 pm ET The Chair then called for the Station Report, which was given by the Interim Program Director, Keziah Glow, as Bob Hennelly had given notice, he would be absent because it was his wife's birthday.

The Board heard and discussed the Station Report from Keziah Glow.

7:41 pm ET The timekeeper called time on this item, and the Chair asked for and received an extra 5 minutes.

The Board continued to discuss the Interim Program Director's report.

- It was noted that the Memorial for Tom Robbins will be rebroadcast.
- Keziah Glow also shared her email pd@wbai.org in the chat.

7:48 pm ET The Chair called for Item 7: John Brinkley's Motion.

Motion (John Brinkley) re listing LSB email address (lsb@wbai.org) at any LSB activity (meetings, reports, or other events) and request the General Manager provide an exclusive station voicemail to the LSB Secretary and add the phone number to board announcements. Seconded (Cerene Roberts).

The full resolution was posted in the chat and screen shared and the full amended resolution will be appended to these minutes.

Motion (M. Kay Williams) To separate the two parts of the motion, listing the Board email address, and setting up a station voicemail. (It's a motion that requires no second or vote.)

The Chair asked R. Paul Martin to weigh in on whether Kay's motion needed a second and he confirmed she did not.

The Board discussed the two parts of the motion.

8:03 pm ET Motion (M. Kay Williams) To extend the discussion 5 minutes. Seconded (Sally Gellert) Passed without objection.

The Board continued to discuss the two parts of the motion.

Amendment 1 to Part 2: (Cerene Roberts) If it proves not to be possible for the Interim General Manager to provide a voicemail that will take messages and make transcriptions, that John Brinkley will arrange for a voicemail number that records or transcribes messages.

The Chair asked John Brinkley if he accepted the amendment and the assignment, and he did.

The Board continued to discuss the two parts of the motion and the amendment.

8:10 pm ET Motion (Cerene Roberts) To extend the discussion 4 minutes. Seconded (Eleanor Elizabeth Forman) Passed without objection.

The Board continued to discuss the two parts of the motion and the amendment.

An objection was raised by Cerene Roberts that there should be no connection between the station's legal FCC requirement to provide a station phone number, and the voicemail for messages to the LSB that we are trying to set up.

8:14 pm ET The Chair announced that she wanted to finally call a vote on the first part of the motion and asked if there were any objections to it. There were none and it passed.

The Board continued to discuss the second part of the motion.

Amendment 2 to Part 2 (James Sagurton) Regarding the second part of the motion: Instead of forwarding the voicemail transcription only to the Secretary, it should be forwarded to the Private List, hence to the entire Board. Seconded (M. Kay Williams).

John Brinkley accepted this as a friendly amendment.

8:19 pm ET The Chair then asked if there were any objections to the second part of the motion, as amended, and there were none, so it too passed.

8:22 pm ET The Chair then called for the Treasurer's Report by R. Paul Martin. Already posted to the Board Members.

The Board then heard and discussed the Treasurer's Report, which was also screen shared.

8:37 pm Et Motion (James Sagurton) To extend the discussion 5 minutes. Seconded (Gloria Guillo) Passed without objection.

The Board continued to discuss the Treasurer's Report.

- There was consensus about the divisive effect of hour-to-hour tracking of contributions coming in per program being proposed by the NFC.

8:42 pm ET The Chair called for the PNB Director's Reports: Cerene Roberts, James Sagurton, and Sally Gellert.

The Board heard and discussed the PNB Director's Reports.

- It was announced that that there is a public meeting of the Ida B. Wells Media Defense Network on July 11th, registration required at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?meetingRef=0TILM-wgQ9OmeK87WLGNYQ#/registration>. The film Gaza Journalists Under Fire, by Brave New Films, will be shown. There is also a public pledge being developed in support of the First Amendment.
- There is also a forum on Democracy in Pacifica on 7-19-25, registration required at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?meetingRef=HPBDmvLHTVeQokEjpT9SDQ>.
- It was also noted that the PNB meets on the first Thursdays, at 8:30 pm ET, link on kpftx. However, due to the July 4th holiday, the first meeting in July will be on July 10th.

9:12 pm ET The Chair called for the CAB report.

The Board heard the CAB report, presented by Neale Vos.

9:14 pm ET The Chair called for comments regarding the Moment of Silence.

[Tom Robbins and] all the starving children in the world were memorialized.

9:15 pm ET The Chair called for the Moment of Silence.

The Board observed the Moment of Silence.

9:16 pm ET The Chair called for Public Comment to begin, noting the 2-minute time limit per speaker.

The Board heard public comments.

- It was noted that *9 is the code for raising your hand if you are joining the meeting by phone.

9:44 pm ET The Chair called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, since there were no more comments to be heard.

Motion (Gloria Guillo) To adjourn the meeting. Seconded (Sally Gellert)

9:45 pm ET The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by M. Kay Williams, WBAI LSB Secretary

Resolution (John Brinkley) as amended:

Whereas the Local Station Board is elected by and is accountable to the station's members and must therefore be accessible to that membership,

Resolve that each announcement of an LSB activity (meetings, reports or other events) shall include the board's email address, lsb@wbai.org;

And, further, that the General Manager is requested to provide an exclusive station voicemail, and transcriptions shall be forwarded to the Private List (wbai-lsb-private@googlegroups.com), hence to the entire LSB, and the phone number shall be added to board announcements;

And, if it proves not possible for the Interim General Manager to provide a voicemail that will take messages and make transcriptions, that John Brinkley will arrange for a voicemail number that records and transcribes messages.