

Final Minutes for the WBAI Local Station Board meeting in Public Session on November 9, 2022.

Meeting convened at 7:16 PM (ET) a quorum being present, the Chair being present. Please note that during this meeting, the Vice Chair performed the duties of the Chair.

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

Not in attendance: Scottye Battle, Priscilla Cancar, Jack Devine, William Heerwagen, Bounnubti Kamethou and Amy Wilson

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

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**Final Agenda**  
**WBAI Local Station Board (“LSB”)**  
**7:00 PM, Wednesday, November 9, 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: September 14, 2022 Meeting (5 minutes)
6. Resolution Regarding 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
7. Motion Appreciating Staff (5 minutes) — William Heerwagen
8. Resolution for the WBAI LSB to Begin Fulfilling Specific Powers and Duties (5 minutes resolution 8 minutes discussion) — Marilyn Vogt-Downey
9. Report from Pacifica National Board Directors. (7 minutes report 5 minutes discussion) — Shawn Rhodes, James Sagurton, Sharonne Salaam, Jim Dingeman
10. General Manager’s Report. (20 minutes report 15 minutes discussion) — Berthold Reimers
11. Programming Updates. (5 minutes report, 5 minutes Q&A) — Linda Perry
12. Report from Community Advisory Board (2 minutes) – Neale Vos
13. Treasurer’s Report. — (10 minutes report 5 minutes discussion) — R. Paul Martin
14. Discussion: WBAI 2023 Budget — (20 minutes report 10 minutes discussion) — R. Paul Martin
15. Resolution Regarding Action of Executive Director Regarding Program Director Process (5 minutes resolution 8 minutes discussion) — Marilyn Vogt-Downey
16. Resolution on Pacifica Underwriting Policy. (4 minutes report 8 minutes discussion) — Jim Dingeman
17. Report on Debating Debates Town Hall Discussions: — (3 minutes) – Michael D. D. White.
18. Discussion & Resolution: Creation of Programming Advisory Committee— (5 minutes) – Michael D. D. White.
19. Motion to Create Programming Committee (5 minutes)— William Heerwagen
20. Competing Successfully with the Internet vs and/or Becoming Internet Successful - (5 minutes) — Michael D. D. White

21. Discussion: Improving WBAI and Pacifica Reputation and Brand— (10 minutes) – Michael D. D. White
  22. Discussion: Adjournment Time of LSB meeting(s) —(5 minutes) Dr. Shya
  23. Public Comment. (30 minutes, 2 minutes maximum per speaker before next in queue to speak. Must always begin no later than 9:15 PM.)
  24. New Business. (5 minutes)
  25. Adjourn no later than 9:45 PM. (ET)
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Call to Order: 7:16 PM ET

The agenda was read.

**Motion:** (Marilyn Vogt-Downey) “To adopt the agenda” 7:22 PM ET (passed without objection).

**Roll Call:** 7:23 PM ET

Those not present were: Scottye Battle, Priscilla Cancar, Jack Devine, William Heerwagen, Bounnubti Kamethou and Amy Wilson.

**Motion:** (James Dingeman) “To excuse absences of those not present.” 7:26 PM ET (passed without objection)

**Motion:** (Michael DD White) “To approve minutes from September 14, 2022 Public Session” 7:26 PM ET (passed without objection)

Discussion: Resolution Regarding 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 (Rachel Barr) 7:27 PM ET

The resolutions was read.

**Motion:** (Basir Mchawi): “To extend time for discussion by 2 minutes.” 7:37 PM ET (passed without objection).

**Resolution** (Rachel Barr): “That the management of WBAI set up a phone extension and email address for listeners so that the board may communicate with listeners.” (passed without objection) 7:40 PM ET

The Discussion of Motion Appreciating Staff was postponed.

**Resolution:** (Marilyn Vogt-Downey and John Brinkley) - Resolution for the WBAI LSB to begin to fulfill its Specific Powers and Duties as defined in Article Seven, Section 3 of the Pacifica Bylaws. 7:50 PM ET

The LSB discussed the Resolution.

**Motion:** (Rachel Barr) – “To extend time to exhaust the stack.”, 8:09 PM ET (passed without objection)

**Motion:** (Rachel Barr) – “To extend time by one minute.”, 8:12 PM ET (passed without objection)

**Motion:** (James Sagurton) – “motion to postpone, pending acquisition of the actual language of PNB motion that restricts committee members who are not LSB members from being on those committees”, 8:18 PM ET (passed nine in favor, 8 against).

Report from PNB Directors: (Shawn Rhodes, James Sagurton, Sharonne Salaam, Jim Dingeman) 8:19 PM ET

**Motion:** (James Dingeman) – “To extend time by five minutes.”, 8:26 PM ET (passed without objection)

**Motion:** (Shawn Rhodes) – “Motion to schedule an Executive Session for Wednesday, December 7, 2022 to take place from 7:00PM-9:30PM with the LSB Secretary invited to inform the LSB about the confidential items that the PNB has approved for Directors to share with their respective LSBs. I will create the agenda and reserve the Zoom session.” 8:30 PM ET (passed without objection).

**Motion:** (James Dingeman) – “To extend time by two minutes.”, 8:38 PM ET (passed without objection)

General Manager’s Report: (Berthold Reimers) – 8:45 PM ET  
--discussion of 2023 budget

Program Director’s Report was read aloud. Text appears at end of minutes. 9:05 PM ET.

Public Comments began at 9:15 PM ET  
--proposal for new show with external moderator and experts on a topic.  
--expedite programming process.

Tribute to Pat Logan and Joe King who recently passed away. 9:46 PM ET

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 PM ET  
Submitted by John Hoffman, Secretary

Program Director's Report:

BAI Staff and BAI LSB:

Our programmers are tasked with raising funds on air. Last month R. Paul answered questions about the LSB at our Staff Meeting. I would like to see a regular monthly report to Staff from LSB members.

Attached are some areas which can be addressed.

BAI Website:

The WBAI website is outdated and is in dire need of an update. It is not intuitive. It's time consuming, breaks often. What's really needed is a total reboot, a new interactive website with a grant to make this happen. I understand some LSB members are or could be working on this. What is the status? We are also in need of a grant and funding for a social media person to help build the audience.

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4 Times Square: The broadcast tower which houses our transmitter was shut down in October for quite a few days, interrupting our broadcast day and listenership. The shutdowns were erratic.. they were on, they were off, they ended early, they went late. This all caused disruptions. We are trying to get a rent rebate from them. Meanwhile Berthold is restarting the Tower Fund Campaign to help pay back rent. It was somewhat successful in June 2022. A backup antenna in another location which other public radio stations have is needed. How can WBAI secure funding for this?

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PSA's

NYC Dept. of Transportation: Berthold and I secured a reboot of the Vision Zero Things Happen Fast campaign through mid-September. I produced the spots for them.

NYC Dept of Health: We secured a contract to broadcast a PSA for their Bullseye Campaign this month.

Our understanding is that there could be more going forward.

The two campaigns bring in \$10,000 a month. Had we not raised listenership, this wouldn't have been possible.

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Programming:

**Midterms:** We are producing a five hour special on the midterms on November 8th from 5pm to 10pm hosted by The Independent. Many of our hosts are participating in the Special. WPFW is taking our coverage as is one of our affiliates in Tampa. WBAI continues Midterm Election coverage with Democracy Now from 10pm to Midnight.

On Thursday November 10th. we will broadcast a Town Hall from Howard University convened by Dr. Ron Daniels on the impact of the Midterms on Black America and the Pan African World. See splash on our website.

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Comings/Goings:

**What's Going On:** Mon-Fri 7am continues to grow our audience. To build the 6a slot I'm putting edited versions of WGO Tues through Friday from the day before. We'll see what this does for ratings and evaluate in a few months.

2pm Strip: Trauma Code launched on Mondays. Tuesday is Quantum Medicine. Wednesday: Mindfield and Interpersonal Update USA; Thursday: Take Charge of Your Health and Friday: Green Street and Eco-Logic

3pm Strip: The Katie Halper Show relaunched last month in the 3p weekday strip. Monday: Vantage Point. Tuesday: Black Star News. Wednesday: Katie Halper. Thursday: Resistance Radio and Friday: Live on the Fly.

5p strip: And Arthur Schwartz with Advocating for Justice moved to Wednesdays at 5p. Ben Max with Max Politics switched from Wednesday to Fridays, filling the slot which used to be held by Rachel Silang Hu who is now cohosting the Covert Action Bulletin at 9a, a relatively new program on Wednesdays. It is followed by Project Censored at 10am.

WBAI's NYC/NYS Politics Strip is as follows: 5p Monday is Deadline NYC. Tuesday, The Independent News Hour. Wednesday: Advocating for Justice. Thursday: Driving Forces and Friday: Max Politics.

The DSA program RPM is moving to 7pm on Tuesdays.

7pm Strip: Monday: Building Bridges. Tuesday: RPM, Wednesday: Off the Hook. Thursday: Black Agenda Radio and Friday Radio GBE, The Global Black Experience.

9pm Arts Strip: Monday is Hour of the Wolf. Tuesday is Cat Radio. Wednesday we will try Arts Express. Thursday is BackStage Stories and Friday is Open House by Poets House, replacing Untitled with Malika who is on sabbatical.

On Sundays: Morning Irsay will be back on live mid month, when James returns from vacation. Check out Radio Free Eireann on Sundays at 11am for news on long time broadcaster Malachy McCourt.

Radio GBE Sundays is now back on the air live after some time off. Give it a listen from 1-3pm and also of course on Fridays from 7-9pm.

All Mixed UP: Peter Bochan is celebrating 50 years of Shortcuts and will be doing a 4 hours special with a great premium on Saturday November 19th.

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LSB Radio Show: This relaunched on November 1st. I'd like a written report on how you think the program went. The next edition is scheduled for December 6th.

Note: To contact me for Station business or requests please only use the PD@WBAI.org email address in the future.

Thank you,  
Linda