

Minutes

WPFW- LSB Regular Meeting Minutes May 10, 2023

It was a hybrid meeting at:

Martin Luther King Memorial Library

901 G. Street N.W.

Washington, D.C.

And

Teleconference via zoom

Dennis Williams – Chair, Minerva Sanders – Vice Chair

Kamau Harris –Treasurer and Ellen Williams Carter - Secretary

I. Call to Order started at 6:38 p.m.

2. Logins/Greetings/Roll Call

Members that were present on zoom and in-person:

21 – Donna Grimes, Ellen Williams Carter Non-Voting, Bill Curtis, Sue Goodwin, Kamau Harris, Minerva Sanders, Violetta Diamond, Dennis Williams, Ron Pinchback, Thomas M Blanton, Vanessa Dixon-Briggs, Julie Hewitt, Irene Anita Adams, Adele Stan, Patrick Morrison, Eric Ramey, Ron Pinchback, Karin Briggs, Verna Avery Brown, Luci Murphy, and Wanda Gnahoui, Vicki Gass

- Unexcused absence: Yaw Agyei, Wayne Bruce
- Excused absence: Arthur Hyland

Parliamentarian: John Tatum

Attendance Motion:

Eric Ramey's Motion:

1. I move that any membership on the board, with a 3rd consecutive unexcused absence, is automatically terminated. Vote: 15 Yes 4 No 1 Abstention
2. I move that up to (3) requests for excused absences, to be automatically granted without discussion or debate. Vote: Unanimous

3. Resignations: None

4. The agenda was approved.

5. April 12, 2023 minutes were approved.

6. LSB delegate induction:

Vicki Gass - Vote- Unanimous

7. Management Reports:

Jerry Paris, General Manager, reported:

Programming

Management is aware of the comments made on the air and will deal with the negative comments made. The Pledge Drive began on May 7th. The goal for this drive is \$300,000. On Tuesday, May 9, 2023, WPFW programs were preempted. Pacifica Archives presented programming on that day and raised funds for the archives. WPFW resumed programming and the pledge drive on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. On Sunday, May 14, 2023, programmers won't pitch for the pledge drive because the station will celebrate Mother's Day. The pledge drive will continue on Monday, May 15, 2023.

Esther Iverem, Co-Development Director, Interim Public Affairs Director and Interim Program Director

Programming

The following special programming was aired:

- Martin Luther King 55th Anniversary
- National poetry month
- Harry Belafonte

In June Margaret Prescott will do a program one day a week on Tuesdays

There was a staff meeting on April 29.

Relocation

She took station individuals on tours of the 1640 Columbia Road N. W. Washington D.C. proposed station site.

8. Relocation Committee

Motion submitted by Kamau Harris:

I move that the LSB choose the broker Pete Maheridis, Esquire or CBRE broker firm as our new broker.

Vote 10 for Pete Maheridis 2 for CBRE broker firm 8 abstentions

9. Community Comment

Martha Peterson wants to receive an email of the 10 properties that the relocation committee identified.

Tony Leon made the following comments: He wants the LSB to schedule the in – person LSB meetings at libraries that he considers community libraries: e.g., Petworth, Shaw, or Cleveland Park libraries. Tony stated that the LSB needs to implement a low-cost marketing plan; e.g., distribute post cards like they did before; however, new post cards are needed.

Saboo visited 1640 Columbia Road N. W. Washington D.C. and he was impressed with the building. Saboo also stated that Ms. Cooper wants a news program on WPFW that addresses the killing of young black men by police. He addressed the comments made on the Sunday shows.

Eileen asked if the Community Advisory Board has been contacted. She is getting members for the Communication and Enforcement Committee.

Amary Mosa was concerned about 300 people who went to Cuba for the May Day events and they were stopped by customs and held. She wants the station (WPFW) to allocate more attention to this event that took place.

Joni Eisenberg suggested that Amary Mosa send an email to the public affairs programmers regarding this issue.

Marsha Edwards addressed the comments made on the Sunday shows. She also stated that Ms. Cooper wants a news program on WPFW that addresses the police brutality situation.

The Chair, Dennis Williams, stated that he will send Ms. Coopers request to Minerva Sanders, Chair of the Program Committee.

10. PNB Report

No report

11. Program/LSB Show Committee Report

No report

12. Development Committee

No report

13. Community Outreach

No report

14. Evaluation Committee

No report

15. Unfinished Business

No discussion

16. New Business

No discussion

17. Action Items/Agreements Summary

No response.

18. Dennis Williams, Chair, Adjourned the meeting at 8:27 pm

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Ellen Williams Carter