

WBAI LOCAL STATION BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES
March 9, 2016, 7:00 PM

APPROVED: April 13, 2016

ARC Senior Center, 120 West 140th Street, New York, NY 10030

1. The meeting was set for 7 PM and was called to order at approximately 7:35 pm

2. Roll Call:

* Thomas Barton – absent
John Brinkley – present
Ebon Charles – en route – arrived 7:47
* Jim Dingeman – absent
King Downing – present
William Heerwagen – present
* Reggie Johnson – absent
Vajra Kilgour – present
* Ken Laufer – absent
Bob Lederer – present
* Frank LeFever – absent
* Pat Logan – absent
* R. Paul Martin – absent
* Eve Moser – absent
Pauline Park – present
Ralph Poynter – present
* Shawn Rhodes – absent
John Riley – present
Cerene Roberts – present
Sharonne Salaam – present
* Alex Steinberg – absent
Lynne Stewart – present
* Jeremy Taylor – absent
* Bob Young – absent
* Berthold Reimers, General Manager – en route – arrived 8:02

* Also absent 1/27/16 and 2/10/16

Quorum was not achieved, and the chair's original draft agenda below was used excluding Items 6 and 8.

1. Call to Order by 2015 Chair
2. Attendance (Roster on reverse)
3. Election of Pro Tem Chair and Secretary (5 min.)

4. Approval of Agenda (20 min.)
5. Selection of Time Keeper (1 min.)
6. Excused absences (2 min.)
7. Announcements (5 min.)
8. Election of 2016 Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer with Public Comment interspersed as ballots are counted (45 min.)
9. Finance Committee Report (7 min.)
10. GM Report with Q&A (30 min.)
11. GM Evaluation Committee Report (15 min.)
12. Program Director Search Committee Report (5 min.)
13. Local committees and taskforces (20 min.)

3. Election of chair pro tem: Brinkley nominated Park. Second: Roberts. Nominations closed. No objections. Pauline Park is Chair pro tem by acclamation.
Election of secretary pro tem: Roberts nominated Kilgour. Second: Heerwagen.
Nominations closed. No objections. Vajra Kilgour is Secretary pro tem by acclamation.

Park moved that Local Station Board members convene for a photograph at the end of the meeting. Second: Downing. Passed by voice vote.

4. Agenda approved without objection.

5. Selection of timekeeper: Roberts nominated Heerwagen. Second: Kilgour. Heerwagen accepted.

7. Roberts announced that Pacifica National Board had passed a motion in June that General Managers should get certain information from Program Directors and from Community Advisory Board but that nothing has been received.

9. Roberts reported budgets had not yet been approved.

(Skipped item 10 pending arrival of Reimers.)

11. Per Chair Riley and member Salaam of the General Manager Evaluation Committee, it has 2 resolutions having to do with the scope of interviews, which it would like to bring to the board.

10. GM Berthold Reimers reported that there is \$28,000 in the bank, and that \$19,000 would be needed for payroll on March 31. The most recent fund drive fell short of goals (\$14,000 per day with an overall goal of \$450,000): average was \$8-9,000 per day over 37 days. Extensive discussion of fundraising, including public participation.

Reimers announced that all bans have been lifted as of “right now”: all persons formerly banned from the premises of the station are no longer banned, except for Ed Manfredonia, whose permanent ban remains in effect.

Brinkley moved to extend for 15 minutes. Second: Heerwagen. Passed without objection.

General Manager report continued, with public participation.

Roberts moved to extend 10 minutes. Second: Kilgour. Passed without objection.

Reimers reported on loss of Dani Williams Lamar, a dedicated WBAI volunteer and former staff member.

Downing moved for moment of silence and a recommended on-air announcement, and suggested that something be named for him. Kilgour moved for moment of applause for his work. Roberts reported that there had been an announcement on the website. A moment of silence was observed followed by a moment of applause.

Park moved to adjourn. Roberts moved to extend for 5 minutes. Passed without objection.

Roberts requested that GM have interim Program Director and interim Development Director attend next month's meeting on second Wednesday, April 13, 2016.

12. Roberts and Lederer gave a report from the Program Director Search Committee.

Adjourned 9:23 PM.

Prepared by Vajra Kilgour,
Secretary pro tem