

WBAI LOCAL STATION BOARD
DRAFT MINUTES
April 13, 2016, 7:00 PM

ARC Senior Center, 120 West 140th Street, New York, NY 10030
APPROVED: May 19, 2016

1. The meeting was set for 7 PM and was called to order by Cerene Roberts at approximately 7:50 pm

2. Roll Call:

* Thomas Barton – absent
John Brinkley – en route – arrived 7:59
Ebon Charles – absent
* 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 – absent
Ralph Poynter – en route – arrived 8:05
* Shawn Rhodes – absent
John Riley – present
Cerene Roberts – present
Sharonne Salaam – present
* Alex Steinberg – absent
Lynne Stewart – en route – arrived 8:05
* Jeremy Taylor – absent
* Bob Young – absent
** Berthold Reimers, General Manager – absent

* Also absent 1/27/16, 2/10/16, and 3/9/16

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Quorum was not achieved, and the chair's original draft agenda below was used excluding Items 5 and (ultimately) 7-10.

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

4. Selection of Time Keeper (1 min.)
5. Excused absences (2 min.)
6. Announcements (5 min.)
7. Special Order for 7:15pm:
Prgmmg. Report: Int. Prog. Dir. Jeannie Hopper (25 min.)
8. Special Order for 7:45pm (Cmte of the whole)
Development Report: Int. Dev. Dir. Andrea Katz (25 min.)
9. Special Order for 8:15pm (Cmte of the whole)
Facilities & Technical Report: Int. Operations Dir. Tony Ryan (25 min.)
10. Special Order for 8:45pm (Cmte of the whole)
GM Report: Berthold Reimers (30 min.)
12. Public Comment (if any time remains due)
13. GM Evaluation Committee Report (15 min.)
14. Program Director Search Committee Report (5 min.)
15. Other local committees and task forces (10 min.)

3. Election of chair pro tem: Lederer nominated Downing. Nominations closed. No objections. King Downing is Chair pro tem *by acclamation*.

Election of secretary pro tem: Roberts nominated Kilgour. Nominations closed. No objections. Vajra Kilgour is Secretary pro tem *by acclamation*.

4. William Heerwagen volunteered to be timekeeper.

4A. Kilgour moved to include approval of minutes in agenda as item 6A. Amended agenda. *Approved without objection*.

6. Announcements:

- a. Roberts reported that there will be a noticed meeting of the Committee of Inclusion at 6 PM prior to the next LSB meeting.
- b. Roberts announced that there will be a walk to Albany May 8-16 to demand compensation for the wrongfully incarcerated; organization meets Saturdays 10am-noon at Keith Wright's office in the Adam Clayton Powell Jr. State Office Building. For more information, justice4thewrongfullyincarcerated.org.
- c. Roberts informed that the bylaws are in the process of being revised and that details are on pacific.org.
- d. Lederer explained the lack of a quorum and announced that a petition asking absent members of the LSB to attend is at justiceunity.org.

6A. Roberts moved approval of minutes for 1/13/16 meeting. *Passed without objection*.

Roberts moved approval of minutes for 1/27/16 meeting. *Passed without objection*.

Roberts moved approval of minutes for 2/10/16 meeting. *Passed without objection*.

Roberts moved approval of minutes for 3/9/16 meeting. *Passed without objection*.

(Skipped agenda items 7-10 pending arrival of staff and moved to Committee of the Whole.)

11. Discussion of failure of half of board members to attend LSB meetings.
12. Public Comment

12A. At 8:45, Downing said that he had to leave the meeting. Roberts nominated Brinkley to act as Chair pro tem for the rest of the meeting. Nominations closed. Brinkley elected as Chair pro tem for the rest of the meeting *by acclamation*.

12B. Motion by Roberts: To draft a letter to serve as a follow-up to our earlier letter to the Pacifica National Board updating them and including actions taken tonight and requesting them to resolve by the date of our next meeting the issue of the chronic refusal of twelve board members to attend Local Station Board meetings, and attempts to intimidate and discourage staff members scheduled to attend the April 13 Local Station Board meeting. *Passed without objection*.

12C. Roberts pointed out that the next scheduled date for an LSB meeting conflicts with the May 8-16 Walk for Justice for the Wrongfully Incarcerated to Albany and moved that there be a poll for an alternate date. Riley moved: that the next LSB meeting be held on the fourth Thursday of May (May 26) if the poll is inconclusive. *Passed without objection*.

13. Riley reported on the ongoing work of the General Manager Evaluation Committee, which is nearing the time when it can present its findings. The GM Evaluation Committee has had two motions pending for some months; Lederer proposed that the LSB act on the first two motions under the authority granted by Robert's Rules of Orders for non-quorumed meetings to act in the case of urgent need. Robert's Rules of Order, 10th Ed., p. 337 (in the section on meetings without quorum): "*Where an important opportunity would be lost unless acted upon immediately, the members present can, at their own risk, act in the emergency with the hope that their action will be ratified by a later meeting at which a quorum is present.*" The Chair Pro Tem accepted the point and proceeded to the votes on the first two motions based on this authority.

**a. MOTION TO AMEND A PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED MOTION
RE: INTERVIEWS WITH PACIFICA PERSONNEL**

Whereas the LSB General Manager Evaluation Committee has been working since June 2015 to evaluate the General Manager as per motion of the LSB,

Whereas no progress has been made toward interviews with various Pacifica personnel outside of WBAI,

Whereas it is very important that the evaluation process be completed as soon as possible,

The LSB General Manager Evaluation Committee recommends that the LSB amend its Sept. 10, 2014 motion to strike the following paragraph:

“The people to be interviewed shall include people within the Pacifica with whom the General Manager has worked including other GMs, the ED, CFO and business managers and other members of the national office.”

Passed without objection.

**b. MOTION TO AMEND A PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED MOTION
RE: INTERVIEW WITH GENERAL MANAGER**

The LSB General Manager Evaluation Committee recommends that the LSB delete "Part 6: Interview with the General Manager" from the 9/10/2014 motion establishing the Committee.

Passed 7-2.

13A. Riley moved “that the LSB notice an executive session for one hour at the end of its next meeting to review and consider action on the confidential report of the GM evaluation Committee.” Roberts proposed amending to replace “one hour at the end of” with “8:30 at.” Motion as amended: “that the LSB notice an executive session for 8:30 at its next meeting to review and consider action on the confidential report of the GM evaluation Committee.” *Passed without objection.*

14. Report of the PD Search Committee. Committee members Lederer and Roberts reported that the Committee is reviewing applications and planning to do interviews.

Adjourned 9:36 PM.

Prepared by Vajra Kilgour,
Secretary pro tem