

Minutes — approved with no modifications

WBAI Local Station Board April Meeting

Call to Order

Remote meeting of the WBAI Local Station Board due to Governor's shelter in place order. Held via Zoom on Wednesday April 8, 2019.

Meeting is called to order at 7:15 and presided over by Carolyn McIntyre with Charlotte Albrecht as secretary. Timekeeper is Jack Devine.

[Link to the roll call vote record.](#)

[Link to Zoom video and audio recordings.](#)

Approval of Agenda

Michael White moves the [agenda](#) (see below). Agenda is adopted by acclamation. Heerwagen would like to rescind and replace the Program Director Search Subcommittee motion which passed in March. Chair clarifies that this will be addressed we get to item #7.

1. Convene meeting.
2. Adopt Agenda. (20 minutes)
3. Roll Call, including verifications respecting telephone attendees. (2 minutes)
4. Excuse absences. (5 minutes)
5. Approve outstanding minutes: February 12, 2020 minutes and March 11, 2020 minute
6. Ratification of Actions Of March 11, 2020 Meeting (5 minutes)
7. Elections for LSB Program Director Search Subcommittee, voting by those present to follow afterward. (40 minutes)
 - a. Identification of LSB Member Staff Candidates for Three Positions
 - b. Identification of LSB Member Listener Candidates for Three Positions
 - c. Identification of Non-LSB Member Staff Candidates for One Position
 - d. Identification of Non-LSB Member Listener Candidates for One Position
8. Radio Committee Resolution (10 minutes) Shawn Rhodes
9. General Manager's Budget Report (8 minutes report and 8 minutes for questions)
10. Report from Interim Program Director delivered by General Manager. (3 minutes 3 minutes for questions).
11. Fundraising (20 minutes)
12. Public Comment. (Beginning no later than (9:15 PM, 30 minutes- 2 minutes maximum per speaker before next in queue to speak)

Attendance and Adopting Minutes

Voting members in attendance: Safia Albaiti (Co-Chair), Charlotte Albrecht, Mitchel Cohen, Jack DePalma, Jack Devine, King Downing, Ana Garcia, DeeDee Halleck, William Heerwagen, Errol Maitland, R Paul Martin (Treasurer), Basir Mchawi, Carolyn McIntyre, Hazel Pinder, Ralph

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Poynter, Shawn Rhodes, James Sagurton, Max Schmid, Sharonne Salaam, Alex Steinberg, Marilyn Vogt-Downey, Michael White, Amy Wilson. Ex-Officio (non-voting): Berthold Reimers, General Manager.

Some members who participated by phone call-in were not heard at the beginning of the meeting, due to a Zoom setting which the Secretary has now corrected. Sharonne Salaam joined at 9 pm. Randy Credico is absent with advance notice.

R. Paul motions to excuse all absences at today's meeting. Michael motions to include March absences. Mitch objects. Roll call vote on amendment to include March absences. Amendment passes 16 for, 2 against, 1 abstention. Vote to excuse absences as amended passes 16 for, 2 against, 1 abstention.

[Feb. 12, 2020](#) minutes are adopted with two corrections. 16 for, 1 against, 3 abstain. March 11, 2020 minutes were not taken in full and will be voted on in May.

Ratification of actions of March 11, 2020 LSB Meeting

Chair notes the last minute nature of our move to Zoom because of the COVID-19 pandemic. There was discussion at the March meeting about whether or not it was valid due to improper notice. Aside from standard reports and public comments, members voted to adopt the agenda, established a Program Director Search Subcommittee, and passed a resolution urging Pacifica to take corrective action concerning donations to WBAI and bank account access. Michael motions to ratify these actions. It passes with no objections.

Program Director Search Subcommittee Elections

William Heerwagen makes a motion to rescind the resolution that established the committee in order to make a change to its composition. He suggests that three staff members who are not on the LSB should be elected instead of one, because they know the most about radio. His new motion would replace any mention of "one" non-LSB staff candidate with "three" in the resolution. Chair notes that only one person has applied for this position and the application period is closed. She rules William's motion to rescind out of order. William motions to appeal this ruling. Hazel seconds. Vote to uphold ruling of the chair passes 11 for, 5 against, 3 abstentions.

Nominations for PD Search Subcommittee. Electronic voting by those present will take place afterwards. Secretary provides link to non-LSB candidate applications. Nominations take place and candidates are identified as follows.

- LSB Member Staff candidates for three positions: Shawn Rhodes, Jack Devine, Max Schmid

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- LSB Member Listener candidates for three positions: King Downing, Michael White, Errol Maitland, Safia Albaiti, Marilyn Vogt-Downey
- Non-LSB Member Staff candidates for one position: Reggie Johnson
- Non-LSB Member Listener candidates for one position: Bruce Greif, Jim Dingeman, Janece Lyons, Judith Ackerman, Rachel Barr, M. Saidia McLaughlin, Stahimili Mapp, Pete Dolack, Wayne Walcott, Steven Finkelsein, Hannah Louisa Alp, Rosalie Hoffman

Terry Goodman will serve as an impartial teller and set up an Opavote electronic election for us, adhering to Pacifica's election rules. Ballots will be sent out by the end of the week and will be open for at least 48 hours.

Main Motions & Reports

[Radio Committee Resolution](#). Submitted by Shawn Rhodes. Passes 18 for, 2 against.

[General Manager's Budget Report](#). Given by Berthold Reimer, followed by Q&A. Time was extended to allow for more questions. I recommend listening to the audio/video recording [here](#) for more detailed information.

Fundraising. Did not formally reach #11 on agenda, but fundraising was discussed during GM's report and Q&A.

Public Comment. Held at 9:15 PM with 2 minutes maximum per speaker.

Meeting adjourned at 10 pm.

The following were not discussed because of time, but written versions were provided ahead of time (thank you to those who wrote a written report, it's so helpful!): A [report from WBAI's Pacifica National Board Directors](#) with a high level summary of activities since the last LSB meeting; the monthly [Treasurer's Report](#) submitted by R. Paul; a [resolution to a Form Governance Committee](#) re-submitted by William. The Interim PD's Report and the Report of the Community Advisory Board were also not delivered.

Results of the election, added to these minutes after the fact. The committee will be: Rosalie Hoffman, Shawn Rhodes, Jack Devine, Max Schmid, Safia Albaiti, Michael White, Reggie Johnson and Errol Maitland.

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who ran! You can find the detailed Opavote results [here](#). Initially the results incorrectly showed only two of those three positions being elected. But since there were only three candidates, there was no substantive change to the results! You can see that recount [here](#).

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