

Minutes WBAI LSB Regular Monthly Meeting in Public Session 6-11-25

Present: Milton Allimadi, Carolyn Birden, John Brinkley, Elliot Crown, Joan De Lorenzo, Paul De Rienzo, Jim Dingeman, Eleanor Elizabeth Forman, Sally Gellert (PNB Director), Gloria Guillo (Vice-Chair), Queen Mother Imakhu, Bounubti Khamentou, Alejandrina Murphy, Katherine O'Sullivan (Chair), Cerene Roberts (PNB Director), James Sagurton (PNB Director), Sharonne Salaam, Max Schmid, Alex Steinberg (PNB Director), M. Kay Williams (Secretary)

Absent: Gail Bey, Randy Credico, Simon Fitzgerald, Jim Freund

Also Present: Bob Hennelly (Interim General Manager), Keziah Glow (Interim Program Director), R. Paul Martin (Treasurer), Neale Vos (CAB Chair)

Final Agenda

1. Convene meeting- Ask for recording of the meeting to be started. Note how chat is to be used, plus other preliminary remarks by Chair.
2. Adopt Agenda. (20 minutes)
3. Roll Call. (5 minutes)
4. Excuse Absences. (5 minutes)
5. Approve outstanding minutes: May 14, 2025 (5 minutes)
6. Reports of interim General Manager and interim Program Director. (12 Minutes report 10 minutes discussion- Questions limited to One minute- Responses limited to 90 seconds)
7. Proposal For Joint Meeting of the WBAI and WPFW Local Station Boards — (15 minutes) Jim Dingeman
8. Resolution that the WBAI Local Station will reach out to our fellow LSB's, staff, listeners and the general public to hold joint virtual public town halls with them to discuss current issues. – Jim Dingeman
9. Treasurer's Report. — (5 Minutes report 8 minutes discussion) — R. Paul Martin
10. Report from Pacifica National Board Directors. (20 minutes & 15 minutes discussion- Questions limited to One minute) — Sally Gellert, Cerene Roberts, James Sagurton, Alex Steinberg
11. Report from Community Advisory Board (2 Minutes) – Neale Vos
12. Discussion: Appropriate thoughts for observing minutes of silence during LSB meetings and chance to express opinions about what people might choose to keep in mind. (5 minutes.)
13. One minute of silence. (One minute)
14. Discussion: Dealing appropriately with attacks on Public and/or Listener Supported media. (7 minutes) – Jim Dingeman
15. Report from the Committee of Inclusion (5 minutes) – Carolyn Birden, John Brinkley, Joan De Lorenzo, Cerene Roberts
16. Discussion: Launching additional streaming (of HD) WBAI channels (15 minutes) — Jim Dingeman
17. Using Current WBAI Studio Camera Capacity to Start YouTubing WBAI Content (15 minutes) — Jim Dingeman
18. New Business.
19. Public Comment. (30 minutes, 2 minutes maximum per speaker before next in queue to speak. Must

begin no later than 9:16 PM ET.)

20. Adjourn no later than 9:46 PM ET (Note this, and start time for public comments is one minute later to reflect the meeting's one minute of silence).

7:02 pm ET - The Chair convened the meeting, a quorum, herself and the secretary being present, and gave her opening remarks.

Jack de Palma recognized as timekeeper by the Chair.

7:05 pm ET - Motion (James Sagurton) To adopt agenda as sent and screenshared. Seconded (Gloria Guillo) Passed without objection.

7:06 pm ET – Roll Call, results as above.

7:10 pm ET – Motion (Jim Dingeman) To excuse all absences. Seconded (M. Kay Williams). Passed by the chair, noting the objection of Eleanor Elizabeth Forman.

7:11 pm ET - Motion (Jim Dingeman) To approve minutes from 5-14-25. Seconded (Sally Gellert). Passed without objection.

7:15 pm ET – Report of the Interim General Manager, Bob Hennelly, and Interim Program Director, Keziah Glow.

The Board heard and discussed the reports.

7:37 pm ET – Motion (James Sagurton) To extend the discussion 10 minutes. Seconded (M. Kay Williams). Passed without objection.

The Board continued to discuss the reports.

7:48 pm ET – Motion (James Sagurton) To extend the discussion 5 minutes. Seconded (Jim Dingeman). Passed without objection.

The Board continued to discuss the reports.

7:51 pm ET – The Chair called for Items 7 and 8 on the agenda. Proposal For Joint Meeting of the WBAI and WPFW Local Station Boards and Resolution that the WBAI Local Station will reach out to our fellow LSB's, staff, listeners and the general public to hold joint virtual public town halls with them to discuss current issues (Jim Dingeman). Seconded (Sally Gellert).

The Board discussed the proposal and the resolution.

8:03 pm ET Amendment (James Sagurton) This resolution shall be implemented through the Townhalls Taskforce of the LSB and include participation by listeners who join zoom meetings by phone. Seconded (Carolyn Birden).

The Board discussed the resolution and the amendment.

James Sagurton – Called the question.

The Chair asked if there were any objections, and the amendment passed without objection.

Then the Chair asked if there were objections to the original Resolution.

8:05 pm ET Second Amendment (Cerene Roberts) To discuss the bylaws and any other topic of interest about the current national operation. Accepted as an amendment by James Dingeman.

The Chair asked if there were any objections to the original resolution, as amended, and it passed without objection.

8:10 pm ET - Treasurer's Report – R. Paul Martin

The Board heard and discussed the Treasurer's Report.

Motion (Carolyn Birden) That our Directors make a motion to request a recording of the NFC meeting on June 10, 2025, which was listed on kpftx as cancelled, but took place anyway, a quorum being present, and that the NFC plan to reschedule that meeting with the same agenda, as soon as possible. Not seconded.

The Board continued to discuss the report and the proposed motion.

8:22 pm ET – Motion (James Sagurton) To extend the discussion 5 minutes. Seconded (Alex Steinberg). Passed without objection.

The Board continued to discuss the report.

8: 27 pm ET – The Chair called for the PNB Directors Reports (Sally Gellert, Cerene Roberts, James Sagurton, Alex Steinberg)

The Board heard and discussed the reports.

8:58 pm ET – The Chair called for the CAB Report – Neale Vos

The Board heard the CAB Report.

9:01 pm ET – The Chair called for Item 12: Discussion: Appropriate thoughts for observing minutes of silence during LSB meetings and chance to express opinions about what people might choose to keep in mind.

The Board discussed the topic and support for the immigrants being kidnapped by the Trump administration and the victims in Gaza. The passing of WBAI staffer, Tom Robbins, was memorialized by a moment of silence.

9:04 pm ET – The Chair called for item 14: Dealing appropriately with attacks on Public and/or Listener Supported media. (7 minutes) – Jim Dingeman

The Board heard the report on this topic.

9:11 pm ET – The Chair called for the Committee of Inclusion Report.

The Board heard and discussed the COI Report. Anyone needing help with the application to join the committee can call 646-218-1233.

9:16 pm ET – The Chair called for Public Comment to begin.

The Board heard Public Comment.

9:45 pm ET – The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn, with one minute left to go.

Rachel Barr gave her contact information for anyone who wished to be part of a trip to Cuba in July.

Eleanor Elizabeth Forman asked to make an announcement of dramatic performance she was going to be a part of, and permission was granted to put the information in the chat.

9:46 pm ET Motion (Eleanor Elizabeth Forman) To adjourn. Seconded (Sally Gellert). The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by M. Kay Williams, WBAI LSB Secretary