Minutes WBAI LSB Regular Monthly Meeting in Public Session 1-8-25

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

Absent: Gail Bey, Randy Credico, Queen Mother Imakhu, Alex Steinberg (PNB Director on suspension)

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

Final Agenda

1. Convene meeting- Ask for recording of the meeting to be started. Identify Time Keeper. Note how chat is to be used, plus other preliminary remarks by Chair including to note that as discussed last month, and may be discussed further tonight, the Pacifica National Board has taken action forbidding LSB/PNB member Alex Steinberg participation in this meeting and others.
2. Adopt Agenda. (20 minutes)
3. Roll Call. (5 minutes)
4. Excuse Absences. (5 minutes)
5. Approve outstanding minutes: September 10, 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) Bob Hennelly and Keziah Glow
7. Report From Radio Committee. (12 minutes) — Shawn Rhodes
8. Report from Pacifica National Board Directors. (25 minutes report & 20 minutes discussion- Questions limited to one minute) — Sally Gellert, Cerene Roberts, James Sagurton, Alex Steinberg
9. 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.)
10. One minute of silence. (One minute)
11. Treasurer's Report. (5 Minutes report 8 minutes discussion) — R. Paul Martin
12. Report from Community Advisory Board (2 Minutes) – Neale Vos
13. Report from the LOFT Committee. (3 minutes) - John Brinkley
14. Report from the Committee of Inclusion. (5 minutes) – Carolyn Birden, John Brinkley, Joan De Lorenzo, Cerene Roberts
15. Management Search and Review Committee, Discussion. (5 minutes) – Jim Dingeman
16. Discussion and Possible Resolution: Dealing appropriately with attacks on Public and/or Listener Supported media. (7 minutes) – Jim Dingeman
17. Discussion: Launching additional streaming of (HD) WBAI channels (5 minutes) — Jim Dingeman
18. Using Current WBAI Studio Camera Capacity to Start YouTubing WBAI Content (5 minutes) — Jim

Dingeman
19. New Business.
20. Public Comment. (30 minutes, 2 minutes maximum per speaker before next in queue to speak. Must begin no later than 9:16 PM ET.)
21. 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).

7:06 pm ET – The chair called the meeting together, and made her opening remarks.

Jack de Palma was recognized as timekeeper.

7:07 pm ET Motion (Sally Gellert) To move Item 7 after item 6. Seconded (Eleanor Elizabeth Forman) Passed without objection.

Motion (Sally Gellert) To adopt agenda as amended. Seconded (Eleanor Elizabeth Forman) Passed without objection.

The Chair called for roll call. Results as above.

7:12 pm ET Motion (Gloria Guillo) To excuse all absences. Seconded (Sharonne Salaam)

Eleanor Elizabeth Forman was the sole objector and the Chair ruled her objection would be noted in the minutes, but all absences would be excused.

7:14 pm ET Motion (Sally Gellert) To approve minutes from 9-10-25 sent on 10-6-25. Seconded (Gloria Guillo)

Cerene Roberts chose to abstain due to not present at that meeting. The Chair asked if anyone else wanted to object or abstain, and there was no one, so she ruled that the abstention would be noted in the minutes, and that the previous minutes are accepted.

7:15 pm ET The Chair called for the reports of the Interim General Manager and Interim Program Director, which were presented by Bob Hennelly and Keziah Glow.

The Board heard and discussed these reports.

7:35 pm ET Motion (Cerene Roberts) To extend discussion 15 minutes. Seconded (James Sagurton) Passed without objection.

The Board continued to discuss the reports, including cancellations of the WBAI LSB Radio Show and on-air announcements of the LSB meeting, and need for transparency as to expectations before such cancellations.

7:52 pm ET Motion (Jim Dingeman) To extend the discussion 10 minutes. Seconded (Sharonne Salaam) Passed without objection.

The Board continued to discuss the reports.

8:03 pm ET Motion (Alejandrina Murphy) To extend the discussion 20 minutes. Seconded (Carolyn Birden) Passed without objection.

The Board continued to discuss the reports.

8:26 pm ET Motion (John Brinkley) To extend discussion to finish the stack. Seconded (Jim Dingeman) Passed without objection.

The Board continued to discuss the reports.

8:40 pm ET The Chair called on Shawn Rhodes to present the Radio Committee Report. He reported that the WBAI LSB broadcasts were cancelled and called on Sally Gellert, who is a member of that committee, to give the WBAI LSB response. She read a letter to the station management drafted by the committee (which was also screen-shared and is attached to these minutes.)

8:41 pm ET Point of Information (Gloria Guillo) Have Bob Hennelly and Keziah Glow left the meeting?

Bob Hennelly had.

The Board discussed the Radio Committee letter.

8:47 pm ET Motion (Sally Gellert) That the Board sign the radio committee letter and the secretary send it to the Interim Station Manager and the Interim Program Director within 24 hours. Seconded (John Brinkley) Passed without objection.

Request (Cerene Roberts) Can the secretary post it to the public list? The secretary agreed.

8:49 pm ET The Chair called for the Reports of the PNB Directors: Sally Gellert, Cerene Roberts, and James Sagurton.

The Board heard and discussed these reports, including suspension of Pacifica's non-profit status due to delayed audits, the resignation of our last auditor for confidential reasons, an appeal pending to overturn the new Bylaws, the hiring of the Interim General Manager of the Texas station as the permanent General Manager of that station, and the Oct 15th closing date for other still open positions within Pacifica. .

9:12 pm ET The Chair called for contributions as to whom to memorialize this session.

The 6th year anniversary of the WBAI shut down on Oct 7, 2019 was mentioned. Oct 7th is also the anniversary of the start of the most recent atrocity against Israelis, which was followed by Israeli genocide of Palestinians in Gaza.

9:13 pm ET The Chair called for the minute of silence.

9:14 pm ET The Chair called for the Treasurer's Report by R. Paul Martin

The Board heard a summary of the Treasurer's report which was also screen shared and sent before the meeting with the agenda and which is also appended to these minutes.

9:17 pm ET The Chair called for public comment.

The Board heard public comment, including an update from our "Director in Exile" read by a member of the public.

9:47 pm ET Motion (Cerene Roberts) To extend public comment by 10 minutes. Seconded (Sally Gellert)

Amendment (Eleanor Elizabeth Forman) And to allow dialogue between Board members and members of the public. Not seconded.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order because this was the agenda we had adopted and the time for public comment was up. Then she adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by M. Kay Williams, Secretary

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