

Amended Draft Minutes WBAI LSB in public session 7-8-26

Members Present: Milton Alimadi, John Brinkley, Elliot Crown, Joan De Lorenzo, Jim Dingeman, Eleanor Elizabeth Forman, Sally Gellert (PNB Director), Gloria Guillo (Vice-Chair), Queen Mother Imakhu, Bounubti Kamenthou, Jeremy Kuzmarov, Katherine O'Sullivan (Chair), Cerene Roberts (PNB Director), James Sagurton (PNB Director), Sharone Salaam, Max Schmid, Alex Steinberg (PNB Director in exile), M. Kay Williams (Secretary)

Members Absent: Gail Bey, Carolyn Birden, Paul De Rienzo, Simon Fitzgerald, Jim Freund, Bob Hennelly (General Manager and Ex-officio LSB Member), Alejandrina Murphy,

Also Present: R. Paul Martin (Treasurer), Neale Vos (CAB Chair),

Also Absent: Keziah Glow, Interim Program Director

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 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: June 10, 2026 Meeting. (5 minutes) Sent 6-3-26.
6. Reports of interim General Manager and interim Program Director. (20 minutes reports & 15 minutes discussion- Questions limited to one minute) Bob Hennelly and Keziah Glow
7. Update on the elections (20 Minutes) – Sally Gellert
8. Report from Community Advisory Board (2 Minutes) – Neale Vos
9. Report from Pacifica National Board Directors. (20 minutes reports & 15 minutes discussion- Questions limited to one minute) — Sally Gellert, Cerene Roberts, James Sagurton, [Alex Steinberg]
10. Treasurer's Report. (5 Minutes report & 8 minutes discussion) — R. Paul Martin
11. 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. (2 minutes.)
12. One minute of silence. (One minute)
13. Report from Management Search and Review Committee, Discussion. (5 minutes) – Jim Dingeman
14. Report from the LOFT Committee Including Resolution About LSB On-Air Pitching. (5 minutes) - John Brinkley
15. Report from the Committee of Inclusion, Including Motion to Take Nominations for Replacement of LSB Member on this Committee (5 minutes) – John Brinkley, Joan De Lorenzo, Cerene Roberts.
16. Report From Town Hall Taskforce. (5 minutes) — Jim Dingeman

17. Old Business:

A. Motion to divide the Public Comment - Motion that all future open meetings of the WBAI LSB will include two 15-minute Public Comment sessions at 7:45 pm and 8:45 pm instead of the current single Public Comment 30-minute period as the last agenda item at 9:16pm – (12 minutes) – Cerene Roberts

B. Discussion and Possible Resolution: Dealing appropriately with attacks on Public and/or Listener Supported media. (7 minutes) – Jim Dingeman

C. Discussion: Launching additional streaming of (HD) WBAI channels (5 minutes) — Jim Dingeman

D. Using Current WBAI Studio Camera Capacity to Start YouTubing WBAI Content (5 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).

7:09 pm ET Chair convened the meeting, making her usual Chair's opening remarks. Jack de Palma requested to be Timekeeper, accepted and there were no objections.

7:11 pm ET Motion (Jim Dingeman) To adopt the Agenda. Seconded (Sally Gellert) Passed without objection.

7:12 pm ET Roll Call – Results as above.

7:15 pm ET Motion (John Brinkley) To excuse all absences. Seconded (Gloria Guillo). Passed with one objection from Eleanor Elizabeth Forman, named in these minutes.

7:16 pm ET Motion (James Sagurton) To approve minutes from 6-10-26 pm (sent on 7-4-26.) Seconded (Sally Gellert) Passed with one abstention from Cerene Roberts, named in these minutes.

7:17 pm ET The Secretary announced she had received a message from the General Manager stating he was busy and most likely unable to attend the meeting tonight.

7:18 pm ET The Chair called for Update on the Elections – Sally Gellert

Highlights:

- Nominations period was extended to 7-11-26 at 11:59 pm PT (2:59 pm ET). Multiple irregularities were cited:
- Backlog of "Volunteer Staff Members" who were not granted nominating/voting status as members, even though they should have been grandmothers in as members based on 3 or more hrs of volunteer work in 1 year.
- Late re-joining members didn't receive their nominating emails, as promised by July 5th.
- 5600 nominating emails bounced back due to wrong email addresses. 100 of these were fixed by the NES. The rest were returned to the Membership Officers at each station, and it is not known if any more were planned to be fixed.

- The membership portals on wbai.org crashed the last night new memberships were allowed.
- If you haven't received your nominating email, notify Chris LaPilusa, Membership Coordinator, Bob Hennelly, General Manager, and/or Auaja Lovest, National Election Manager.
- The form to fill out to obtain waivers for financial hardship or disability was posted on the elections.pacifica.org website. There were applicants at all stations, and all applicants were approved; however, there were less than allowed by the PNB this year (5 per station). The continuance of the program and where to find the form was not announced in the nationally approved election card or on any station's website. The form and instructions were only listed in English.
- Not all stations ran the election cards or put notification there was an election going on on their websites.

The Board discussed the topic.

Motion (Cerene Roberts) The WBAI LSB requests that the PNB request the NES to extend nominations for 2 weeks, and provide updated cards and email notices, and update nomination totals on elections.pacifica.org. Seconded (James Sagurton, John Brinkley, Jim Dingeman) Passed unanimously.

7:36 pm ET The Chair called for the Community Advisory Board Report by Neale Voss

Highlights:

- When producers thank the Unions on the air, they should also thank listeners.
- We urge the General Manager to schedule a Report To and From the Listeners.
- We recommend that the station fix the phone system at the station: Calls don't connect; hosts, co-hosts, and guests can barely hear each other.

The Board discussed the report.

7:39 pm ET The Chair called for the reports of PNB Directors: Sally Gellert, Cerene Roberts, and James Sagurton. Alex Steinberg is also our Director on the PNB, currently on suspension.

Highlights:

- Audits – from 2022-2023 are supposed to be completed by end of July and from 2024-2025 by end of November.
- Governance – Meetings are cancelled if enough people contact the Chair ahead of time, then often don't get rescheduled.
- Finance – Held in executive session, so no report available.
- Elections - Chaotic process.

7:45 pm ET The Chair called for the Treasurer's report by R. Paul Martin. (See attached)

Highlights:

- The last Finance Committee meeting was the 11th one the General Manager did not attend, although he did provide some information by email as the meeting was going on.

- Some continue to claim verbally that WBAI owes the Foundation \$9 million, but the most ever owed during the time of the former manager was \$1.4 million.
- The subcarrier system is out of date– income used to be \$600K annually, now \$3500 per month for \$42K annually. Foundation still taking that money. It's still a home for immigrant language populations. The decision to send the revenue to the Foundation was made in 1983.
- Need audits to get grants. Since the CPB is destroyed, multiple stations are shutting down. This could be an opportunity for Pacifica Network.

7:59 pm ET Motion (Sally Gellert) To extend the discussion to exhaust the stack. Seconded (M. Kay Williams). Passed without objection.

The Board continued to discuss the report.

8:04 pm ET The Chair called for the memorialization section of the meeting. Howard Jordan was mentioned. Also mentioned were all the people affected by wars and devastation. There was a minute of silence.

8:07 pm ET The Chair called for the Management Evaluation Committee Report by Jim Dingeman.

There is an executive session of the Management Evaluation Committee next Monday and Jim will provide the passcode to members of the committee.

8:08 pm ET The Chair called for the report of the LOFT by John Brinkley and Joan de Lorenzo

The Board discussed the report.

8:16 pm ET The Chair called for the “Report from the Committee of Inclusion, Including Motion to Take Nominations for Replacement of LSB Member on this Committee (5 minutes) – John Brinkley, Joan De Lorenzo, Cerene Roberts.”

Highlights:

- Carolyn Birden, one of the original 4 LSB members elected by Opavote to the COI last year, resigned from the committee.
- Bylaws require the LSB elect a replacement.
- The next COI meeting is Tues, July 21, 2026, at 7 pm ET.

The Board discussed the report.

The Chair stated that nominations would be taken and an Opavote set up.

Candidates nominated were:

Eleanor Elizabeth Forman – self-nominated

Queen Mother Imakhu – nominated by Cerene Roberts

M. Kay Williams – nominated by James Sagurton

Motion (Cerene Roberts) that we ask the officers of WPFW if one of them could set up the Opavote since the secretary is a candidate. WPFW is a friendly sister station to WBAI. Not seconded.

The Board discussed the proposal.

The secretary stated it was OK with her to ask WPFW and that she would contact the secretary of the other station. Cerene Roberts stated that, as a candidate, the secretary should stay out of it, and volunteered to contact the officers of WPFW.

The Chair decided that “the method of the voting will be determined by our sister station.” The Chair asked Cerene Roberts to copy her on any email she sends to the other station, and Cerene agreed. No one challenged the decision of the Chair.

8:33 pm ET The Chair called for the report of the Townhall Taskforce by Jim Dingeman

Highlights:

- The only stations that still have a Townhall, where people can freely discuss things, are WPFW and WBAI.
- The Chair of the PNB has complained that this is not a standard Pacifica meeting, because meetings are not recorded, and should not use Pacifica resources, and therefore she has directed Otis MacLay to remove all WBAI Townhall Taskforce listings.
- The Townhall Taskforce shall call a meeting within the next 2 weeks, using non-Pacifica resources.
- The purpose of the Townhall is to “draw in young people.”

The Board discussed the report.

8:39 pm ET The Chair called for the first item of Old Business: “Motion to divide the Public Comment - Motion that all future open meetings of the WBAI LSB will include two 15-minute Public Comment sessions at 7:45 pm and 8:45 pm instead of the current single Public Comment 30-minute period as the last agenda item at 9:16pm – (12 minutes) – Cerene Roberts.” Seconded (John Brinkley, Eleanor Elizabeth Forman). There was an objection.

Highlights:

Alternative proposals were discussed:

1. Keep the time at 30 minutes and move it to a time certain on the agenda, right after the GM Report. (Kay Williams)
2. Split it into “bookends:” 15 minutes “first thing on the Agenda” and 15 minutes at the end of the meeting, like it is now. (Sally Gellert)
3. Split it into 15-minute segments at time certain of 8 pm and 9 pm. (John Brinkley)

The Board discussed these proposals.

8:52 pm ET Motion (Jim Dingeman) To extend the discussion for 5 minutes. Seconded (M. Kay Williams and James Sagurton) Passed without objection.

The Board continued to discuss the proposals.

The Chair decided that, on a one-month trial basis, the Board will have public comment when we convene the meeting at 7 pm, and again at the end of the meeting 9:31 pm to 9:46 pm ET. There were no objections.

[Point of Order] (Cerene Roberts) The new times for Public Comment should be added to the on-air meeting announcement. The Chair agreed.

8:58 pm ET The Chair called for the second item of Old Business: “Discussion and Possible Resolution: Dealing appropriately with attacks on Public and/or Listener Supported media. (7 minutes) – Jim Dingeman.”

Highlights:

- Nothing has been done that is effective in supporting the mainstream media, like CPB, CBS, ABC, let alone public supported media, PBS and NPR, let alone Pacifica.
- The Ida B. Wells Media Defense Network has been collecting signatures on a petition to support journalists threatened with deportation for their reporting, especially on events in Gaza, and supports a resolution encouraging presence at the Broadcast Center, defending CBS.
- Next Ida B. Wells meeting Friday, July 10, 6 pm ET

The Board discussed the item.

9:12 pm ET The Chair called for the third item of Old Business: “Discussion: Launching additional streaming of (HD) WBAI channels — Jim Dingeman”

Highlights:

- The difference between a podcast and a broadcast, is that with the former, you reach people who already know about you, but with the latter, you have the ability to reach people who don’t know about you yet.
- High definition expands your reach and is not subject to censorship.
- Jim Dingeman can set up a zoom call about the technical issues, and there was some interest in attending.

9:15 pm ET The Chair called for Public Comment and made her usual Chair’s remarks prior to Public Comment.

The Board heard Public Comment.

9:47 pm ET The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by M. Kay Williams, Secretary

ED REPORT for PNB Meeting July 8, 2026 – SHAREABLE - Submitted by Stephanie Wells
KNOWN AGED PAYABLES as of 07/08/26 – \$623,355

AUDIT and TAXES UPDATE

The audit and taxes process continues to make steady progress. Beginning in the second week of June, the Executive Director and National Business Manager have been meeting weekly with the auditors to review progress, resolve outstanding issues, and ensure the timely completion of all remaining audit requirements. Due to delays in receiving critical financial information from one of the Foundation's units, the completion of the Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 audits has been extended by approximately six weeks, with completion now anticipated in mid-August 2026. Once those audits are finalized, the auditors will immediately proceed with the Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 audits, which remain on track for completion by November 2026. Completing these overdue audits remains one of the Foundation's highest organizational priorities. Bringing Pacifica's financial reporting current is essential to strengthening fiscal accountability, meeting regulatory and grant compliance requirements, improving transparency, and positioning the Foundation for long-term financial stability.

UNION CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Negotiations have commenced for the renewal of the collective bargaining agreements covering Pacifica's four unionized stations. The Executive Director's objective is to achieve greater consistency and alignment between the collective bargaining agreements and the Employee Handbook while respecting the unique provisions negotiated with each bargaining unit. This approach is intended to promote fairness, operational consistency, and equitable employment practices across the Foundation for both union and non-union employees. The Executive Director and General Managers are actively engaged in the bargaining process through both virtual and in-person negotiation sessions with each union. Comprehensive comparative analyses of the existing collective bargaining agreements and the Employee Handbook have been completed to identify areas of consistency, operational improvements, and issues requiring negotiation. All collective bargaining agreements are expected to be completed, and the revised Employee Handbook finalized, by early October 2026. Upon completion of negotiations, the handbook will be updated as appropriate to reflect negotiated changes, strengthen consistency where applicable, and ensure continued compliance with federal, state, and local employment laws while supporting equitable employment practices across the organization.

MAKING CONTACT JOINS THE PACIFICA FOUNDATION

The Pacifica Foundation has entered into an agreement to assume production and stewardship of the award-winning public affairs program Making Contact, the nationally recognized weekly program previously produced by Frequencies of Change Media, an independent nonprofit organization that successfully managed the program for more than 30 years. This transition represents a significant milestone for Pacifica and reinforces our commitment to preserving independent, community-centered journalism. Long recognized for amplifying voices and perspectives often overlooked by mainstream media, Making Contact has built a national reputation for producing thoughtful, solutions-oriented reporting focused on social justice, civic engagement, and grassroots movements. Pacifica was selected

as the organization best positioned to preserve and expand the program's mission while ensuring its continued national distribution. As Norman Solomon, Making Contact co-founder and National Director of Roots Action, noted: "The relaunch of Making Contact under the wing of Pacifica is an exciting boost to progressive audio power."

Production of Making Contact will be based at KPFK in Los Angeles with support from a cross functional production and management team consisting of:

- Ace Estwick – Director and Interim General Manager, KPFK
- Dan Pavlish – Producer
- Maggie LePique – Producer
- Klen Torres – Editor
- Irene Kim – Editor

Pacifica's inaugural episode of Making Contact is scheduled to air on August 5, 2026, on KPFK, with continued national distribution through radio affiliates and podcast platforms. Making Contact co-founder Peggy Law reflected on the transition by stating: "Making Contact was created and launched by dozens of activists and journalists associated with and inspired by Pacifica's KPFA. So, in a very real sense Making Contact is not finding a new home—it is returning to its roots." Under the agreement, Pacifica will assume responsibility for the program's intellectual property, archives, branding, websites and domains, podcast feeds, social media accounts, production assets, distribution infrastructure, and related program records. This comprehensive transfer ensures continuity for listeners while preserving one of independent public media's most respected archives and distribution networks. All financial assets transferred in connection with Making Contact will remain restricted exclusively for the support of the program. Pacifica will maintain separate accounting and financial stewardship to ensure donor intent is honored and that funds are used solely for legitimate program-related expenses, including production, personnel, distribution, and administrative support allocated in accordance with standard nonprofit accounting practices. The agreement also preserves the editorial independence and mission of Making Contact. Pacifica is committed to continuing the program's longstanding tradition of grassroots journalism, community storytelling, and public affairs reporting while integrating the program into the Foundation's expanding national programming strategy. The acquisition of Making Contact represents an important strategic investment in Pacifica's future. It expands our national programming portfolio, strengthens relationships with mission-aligned audiences and partner organizations, enhances our ability to serve affiliate stations nationwide, and preserves a highly respected independent media institution whose mission and values closely align with those of the Pacifica Foundation.

PACIFICA FOUNDATION TEAM DIRECTORY IMPLEMENTATION

Pacifica successfully launched its new Team Directory, a centralized communications and organizational management platform that strengthens coordination, improves operational efficiency, and enhances connectivity across the Foundation. Special recognition is due to Otis Maclay for designing and developing this important internal application. The Team Directory provides a single platform for staff and volunteers to receive organizational communications, access resources, and improve collaboration across Pacifica's five stations and National Office. It also supports critical operational functions,

including volunteer hour tracking for in kind reporting, election eligibility verification, compliance reporting, and organizational recordkeeping. Adoption has been strong. To date, 88 staff members and 974 volunteers have registered in the system. Between January and the end of June, volunteers recorded 44,760 service hours, demonstrating the extraordinary contribution of Pacifica's volunteer workforce. The Team Directory is already improving communication, volunteer management, compliance, and organizational coordination and will continue to serve as a key operational resource as adoption expands across the network.

HR COMPLIANCE ENHANCEMENT and INITIATIVES

As part of Pacifica Foundation's continued commitment to strengthening organizational effectiveness, improving compliance, and supporting employees, the National Office is implementing two significant Human Resources initiatives. These initiatives are designed to modernize HR practices, improve communication across the network, and ensure that employees have the tools, resources, and clarity necessary to perform their jobs successfully.

Foundation-Wide Employee Evaluation Program

The National Office will implement Pacifica's first standardized employee performance evaluation process, with full implementation scheduled for January 2027. Rather than introducing evaluations based on outdated or incomplete job descriptions, the Foundation has elected to implement the program through a deliberate, collaborative process that actively involves employees in defining their current responsibilities and establishing clear performance expectations. Over the years, many positions have evolved as operational needs have changed. Employees have often assumed additional responsibilities beyond their original job descriptions, while other duties may no longer be applicable. Evaluating employees against outdated position descriptions would not provide an accurate or equitable assessment of performance.

Commitment to Continuous Improvement

The Pacifica Foundation recognizes that organizations evolve over time. Job responsibilities, technologies, programming needs, and operational priorities will continue to change. Accordingly, job descriptions, work plans, and performance expectations will be reviewed periodically to ensure they remain accurate and aligned with the Foundation's mission. Performance management is intended to be an ongoing process of communication, development, and continuous improvement—not a once-a year event. To ensure fairness and consistency, the implementation process will occur in several phases.

Phase One – Employee Time Audit

Employees will complete a one-week time audit documenting how they currently spend their work time. This information provides supervisors with a comprehensive understanding of each position's current responsibilities and helps ensure that job descriptions accurately reflect the work being performed. Implementation of this phase has already begun in several divisions, with additional departments participating over the coming months. Rolling out the process in stages allows the Foundation to gather feedback, make refinements where appropriate, and ensure a consistent and effective implementation across the organization before the formal employee evaluation program begins in January 2027.

Phase Two – Position Review and Job Description Development

As part of the Foundation's workforce alignment initiative, employees will participate in the development and review of their job descriptions to ensure they accurately reflect the work they currently perform, rather than relying solely on historical position descriptions. The Pacifica Foundation has already developed new job descriptions for numerous positions, and additional job descriptions are currently being drafted and updated as part of this ongoing effort. Employees will review these documents with their supervisors and provide input to ensure their responsibilities are accurately represented. Where a position has not yet been updated, the employee will prepare a draft job description describing the work they currently perform, which will serve as the foundation for the review process. During this phase, supervisors and employees will work collaboratively to identify responsibilities that have evolved over time, remove duties that are no longer part of the position, clarify reporting relationships, and ensure each position aligns with the Foundation's operational needs. It is important to note that all staff members are employees of the Pacifica Foundation, not individual stations or divisions. Accordingly, all job descriptions are Foundation-wide position descriptions that establish consistent responsibilities, expectations, and classification standards across the organization. While an employee may be assigned to work at a particular station, office, or department, their position is with the Pacifica Foundation, ensuring consistency, equity, and organizational alignment throughout the network.

Phase Three – Supervisor Review

Phase Four – Position Alignment

Managers and employees will meet individually to review both the time audit and the draft job description. Together they will identify:

- Current responsibilities
 - Duties that have expanded over time
 - Responsibilities that no longer belong within the position
 - Opportunities to improve efficiency and clarify expectations
- Following these discussions, supervisors will revise job descriptions to accurately reflect organizational needs while ensuring workloads are appropriate and responsibilities are clearly defined.

Phase Five – Work Plans and Performance Goals

Once updated job descriptions have been finalized, supervisors and employees will jointly develop annual work plans that establish measurable goals, priorities, performance expectations, and professional development objectives. These work plans will become the basis for future employee evaluations, ensuring that performance is measured against clearly established and mutually understood expectations.

Why Pacifica Is Taking This Approach

The Foundation believes that effective performance management begins with clear expectations rather than evaluation alone. By first understanding the work employees actually perform, we can create job descriptions that accurately reflect current operations, eliminate outdated responsibilities, and establish

objective performance standards. This collaborative process also provides employees with meaningful input into defining their positions while allowing management to ensure organizational priorities are appropriately aligned. The anticipated benefits include:

- Greater clarity regarding employee responsibilities
- Improved communication between supervisors and employees
- More equitable distribution of workloads
- Consistent job descriptions across the Foundation
- Clearly defined performance expectations • Increased employee engagement and professional development
- Stronger documentation to support recognition, coaching, promotions, and personnel decisions
- Improved organizational accountability and operational efficiency

Labor Law Poster Repository

The National Office will be adding a new HR & Compliance section to the Pacifica Team Directory. This enhancement will provide employees, volunteers, managers, and supervisors with centralized access to required employment notices, workplace policies, and other important human resources. The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in significant changes to workplace posting requirements. Many federal and state agencies now permit electronic access to required labor law posters for employees who work exclusively remotely and who customarily receive employer communications electronically. While electronic posting generally does not replace the requirement to maintain physical workplace postings for employees who regularly report to a station or office, it serves as an important supplemental compliance tool and improves accessibility for remote workers.

The new HR & Compliance section will include:

- Federal labor law posters
- State-specific labor law posters for California, Texas, Washington, D.C., New York, and Iowa
- Workers' compensation notices
- The Pacifica Employee Handbook
- Additional required HR notices and compliance resources as applicable Pacifica will continue to maintain all legally required physical workplace postings at each station and office location.

The Team Directory will serve as a complementary electronic resource for employees who work remotely, travel between locations, or require convenient access to employment information. Volunteers will also have access to relevant policies and resources, further supporting transparency and consistent communication throughout the Foundation. This enhancement strengthens Pacifica's overall compliance program while expanding the Team Directory into a centralized resource for employees, volunteers, managers, and station leadership.

Looking Ahead

By the start of 2027, Pacifica will have both initiatives fully operational:

- A comprehensive electronic HR & Compliance resource available through the Team Directory, complementing required workplace postings and improving access to employment information across the network.
 - A standardized, Foundation-wide employee evaluation program built upon accurate job descriptions, collaborative planning, measurable performance goals, and consistent evaluation practices. Together, these initiatives represent another important step in strengthening Pacifica's human resources infrastructure, promoting legal compliance, enhancing transparency, and supporting employees in carrying out the Foundation's mission.
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WBAI Treasurer's Report July 8, 2026

The WBAI local Finance Committee met on June 17, 2026. This meeting was held by teleconference. The WBAI General Manager did not attend the June 17, 2026, local Finance Committee meeting. This was the 11th local Finance Committee meeting in a row that he had not attended. He sent me an E-mail that had a time stamp showing it had been sent 23 minutes after the official start time of the meeting. I was chairing the meeting when it was sent so I didn't see it until after the meeting had adjourned. I forwarded it to the local Finance Committee mailing list right after I saw it.

In his E-mail the General Manager said that he had hoped to attend the meeting but that he was at City Hall working on the upcoming New York primaries. He said, that the station had \$31,000 in the bank and about \$6,800 in PayPal. He said that we'd just made an \$18,000 plus Tower Rent payment. He said that the station continued to be in fund drive and that he was in conversation with Pacifica leadership about the policy of the foundation taking the Subsidiary Communications Authorization (SCA) revenue. He said that the station had about \$70,000 in outstanding accounts receivable due over the next 60 days.

Committee members discussed the National Office not crediting WBAI for bequests in the past and not crediting WBAI for paying for some national programming. It was also brought up that the WBAI General Manager had gotten the Radio Maria subscriber to WBAI's SCA to resume paying again and that WBAI should get Central Services credit for that. I noted that some people in power in Pacifica have said that Pacifica is one big entity and that all of the revenue that goes to Pacifica. I said that if that's the case then all of the bills were for all of Pacifica and the National Office shouldn't be trying to tally Central Services fees. I said that I had brought up at the National Finance Committee (NFC) that the WBAI General Manager was doing a lot of things for Pacifica while being paid as WBAI's General Manager and the station has not gotten Central Services credit for them.

I also reminded the committee that the NFC meetings were now only held once a month and there is a push to have the meetings be as short as possible; as a result not a lot gets done at those meetings. There was a discussion of what Central Services fees pay for. A question was also raised about Profit & Loss statements. I noted that the last two Income Statements have not been authorized to be released to the public and so I couldn't discuss what's in them. There was also a discussion about the need for transparency in Pacifica. The committee discussed the \$7,200 monthly charge for the audits and

elections, which all stations are being charged. I noted that we are not getting enough financial information from the National Office and that even the Chair of the NFC has raised that issue.

There is not much to report this month. That doesn't mean that things aren't happening that I don't know about. At the next NFC meeting we are to take up the "Monthly Income Statement For the Six Months Ending Tuesday, March 31, 2026." It hasn't been approved for release yet so I can't give out the exact figures, but it will come as no surprise that the numbers through the end of the second quarter of FY26 show WBAI with a serious deficit. On-air fund raising in the Summer can be difficult and can result in the amount of time spent pitching being longer than usual. I haven't gotten any word yet about when the next on-air fund raiser will be, but it may need to be long. I remain pessimistic about the future for WBAI and Pacifica.

The next NFC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 14, 2026, at 8:30 PM (ET). The next WBAI local Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 7:00 PM (ET). These meetings will be held by teleconference.

R. Paul Martin WBAI LSB Treasurer
