

WPFW- LSB Regular Meeting Minutes September 16, 2026

Teleconference via Zoom Washington, DC

Kamau Harris – Chair

Robert Gordon – Vice Chair

Thomas Chase - Treasurer

Ellen Williams Carter - Secretary

1. Call to Order started at 6:36 pm with Chair, Kamau Harris

2. Logins/Greetings/Roll Call

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| 1. Verna Avery Brown | 10. Kamau Harris |
| 2. Jawara Hunter | 11. Michael Hersh |
| 3. David Kiasi | 12. Latrice Vincent |
| 4. Michele Tingling-Clemmons | 13. Arthur Hyland |
| 5. Bill Curtis | 14. Michelle Thomas |
| 6. Mariah McClain | 15. Julie Hewitt |
| 7. Wanda Gnahoui | 16. Violetta Diamond |
| 8. Sue Goodwin | 17. Thomas Chase |
| 9. Ron Pinchback | 18. Ellen Carter |

Unexcused absence: Robert A. Gordon, Minerva F Sanders, Ambrose Lane Jr. and Michael Byfield

Excused absence: Junette Pinkney and Anita Irene Adams

3. Approval of the Agenda and August 19, 2026 minutes approved.

4. Program Director Report (Attachment A written Management report submitted by PD)

Katea Stitt, Program Director reported:

She is on vacation. The GM reported for her from the written report.

5. Membership Coordinator Report (see Attachment A written Management report submitted by General Manager for the Staff)

Sataria Joyner, Membership Coordinator reported: (Attachment A written Management report submitted by General Manager)

She was unable to attend the meeting. The GM reported for her from the written report.

6. General Manager Report: (see Attachment A written Management report submitted by General Manager for the Staff)

Shayna Lonoaea, General Manager reported:

Pledge Drive

The Summer pledge drive total amounts raised was \$211,000. The Fall pledge drive begins October 11.

Pacifica National Elections

The voting deadline is September 30.

Nielsen Media Ratings

We received updated results from the Nielsen ratings. They were slightly lower as a result of the pledge drive.

WPFW Events

- 8th Annual WPFW 5K Run/Walk September 12
- 4th 50th Year Benefit Concert — Sunday, September 13 at Palisades Hub
- Jazz and Justice Festival — Sunday, September 27
- U Street Jam — Saturday, November 14 at the Historic Masonic Ballroom
- 50th Anniversary

Special Programming

- John Coltrane fundraiser on September 23 featuring LPs and T-shirts as gifts
- Jazz and Justice Festival broadcast
- Respect My Vote targeted for October

7. News Report, News Director: (see Attachment A written Management report submitted by General Manager for the Staff)

Sue Goodwin, News Director reported:

Midterm Elections

Democracy Now will feature a segment about Respect My Vote. Collaboration with the Hip Hop Caucus is in progress. Preparations for reporting the election is underway.

8. Chief Engineer report: (see Attachment A written Management report submitted by General Manager for the Staff)

Chief Engineer, Moe Thomas reported:

The Chief Engineer was unable to attend the meeting. The GM read the report.

9. Volunteer Coordinator Report (see Attachment A written Management report submitted by General Manager for the Staff)

Vinnie Jack, Volunteer Coordinator reported:

The GM reported for him from the written report.

10. Finance Committee Report (see Attachment B written report submitted by Thomas Chase)

Thomas Chase, Chair, reported:

Budget

Continuing to work on the budget. Paying for unplanned central service expenses, which include the audit for 2024 and 2025, as well as election fees. The fiscal year is nearing its conclusion. Next month, the budget will be available.

11. Community Outreach Committee Report (see Attachment C written report submitted by Violetta Diamond)

Violetta Diamond, chair, reported:

On September 1, we met, the focus was on the 5K event. Martha expressed satisfaction/gratitude with the interns' assistance at the 5Krun/Walk community event. The U Street Jam is confirmed to proceed, although Ms. Turner was not present at the meeting. Shayna and Art will contribute to the newsletter.

12. Community Comment

Sheila Hamanaka is a member of WBAI. She expressed appreciation for WPFW's in-person meeting. Hamanaka inquired about strategies to encourage voter participation in the Pacifica National Elections.

476 -LA – She stated the programming review will address the programmers' advocacy for candidates. She discussed the decline in membership, which she said should have been resolved prior to the election.

Sabooh Hikim expressed gratitude to all who participated in the 5K Run/Walk, stating that it was a positive experience.

13. PNB Director's Reports

Julie Hewitt reported:

Pacifica National statistics showed a decrease in membership, and some individuals responded via text or email indicating they were opting out, stating they were not interested in voting. The decline was observed across all the stations.

Ron Pinchback reported:

The decline in membership involved reconciling data, which revealed a lower actual number than previously used. More errors were discovered than initially anticipated. The opt-out action is applicable only for this year.

14. Program Committee Report (see Attachment D written report submitted by

Mike Hersh)

Mike Hersh, Chair reported:

Program Feedback form

They discussed the feedback form. Instructions for the feedback form was sent to the LSB and they will send it again. Questions concerning the feedback form can be sent to David Kiasi.

Yard/Rummage Sale

Michelle Thomas will coordinate the Yard/Rummage Sale.

15. Unfinished Business

Yard/Rummage Sale

Michelle stated that she will host the event on September 26th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Volunteers are needed at 9:00 AM for setup and at 3:00 PM for breakdown.

16. New Business

Program Feedback form

David Kiasi will share the List of individuals needed to review the shows.

17. Action Items/Summary

- Need Feedback from managers
- Tabling event September 19th 12-9:00pm. Volunteers are needed contact Vinnie Jack.
- Michelle Thomas Yard Sale September 26th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- Sunday, September 27. Jazz and Justice festival
- Town Hall Meeting November 14, 2026
- Holiday Party date undetermined

18. Adjourn: Kamau Harris, Chair, Adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:41pm

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Ellen Williams Carter

Click on the icon to view the reports.

Attachment A Staff Reports



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Attachment B Treasurer's Report



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Attachment C Outreach Report



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Attachment D Program Report



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