

Minutes for the WBAI Local Station Board meeting in Public Session on July 13, 2022.

Meeting convened at 7:06 PM (ET) a quorum being present, the Chair being present.

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Attending: Rachel Barr, Scottye Battle, Doc Shya, John Brinkley, Priscilla Cancar, Jack DePalma, Jack Devine, James Dingeman, DeeDee Halleck, Maxine Harrison-Gallmon, William Heerwagen, Bounubti Kamethou, R. Paul Martin, Basir Mchawi, Shawn Rhodes, James Sagurton, Sharonne Salaam, Max Schmid, Marilyn Vogt-Downey, Michael D.D. White and Amy Wilson

Not in attendance: Errol Maitland, Katherine O' Sullivan, Hazel Pinder

Also Present at the meeting: John Hoffman (Secretary), Berthold Reimers (General Manager)

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## **Agenda**

### **WBAI Local Station Board (“LSB”)**

#### **7:00 PM, Wednesday, July 13 2022 Meeting**

#### **Remote Participation Meeting Via Zoom**

1. Convene meeting- (Ask for recording of the meeting to be started and confirm designated timekeeper. Note how chat is to be used.) Welcome to the LSB Bounubti Kamethou (replacing Nic Nicoludis)
2. Adopt Agenda. (20 minutes)
3. Roll Call. (5 minutes)
4. Excuse Absences. (5 minutes)
5. Approve outstanding minutes: June 8, 2022 (5 minutes)
- 5a. LSB Radio Committee Motion (7 minutes) -- Shawn Rhodes
6. Report from Pacifica National Board Directors. (7 minutes & 5 minutes discussion) — Shawn Rhodes, James Sagurton, Sharonne Salaam, James Dingeman.
- 6a. Scheduling Executive Session August (3 minutes) -- Shawn Rhodes
7. General Manager’s Report. (5 Minutes report 5 minutes discussion) — Berthold Reimers
8. Programming Updates. (5 minutes report, 5 minutes Q&A) — Linda Perry
9. Report from Community Advisory Board (2 Minutes) – Neale Vos
10. Treasurer’s Report. — (5 Minutes report 5 minutes discussion) — R. Paul Martin
11. Discussion and Reading of Letter Discussing Alleged Violation of Pacifica By-Laws (10 minutes) --Marilyn Vogt-Downey
12. Discussion: Fund Raising Responsibilities of the WBAI LSB – (8 minutes) Basir Mchawi

13. Discussion: Proposal for Fundraising via Steve Kirsch Financially Backed Covid Debate Challenges— (15 Minutes) – Michael D. D. White
  14. Discussion & Resolution: Creation of Programming Advisory Committee— (5 Minutes) – Michael D. D. White
  15. Motion to Create Programming Committee (5 minutes) — William Heerwagen
  16. Discussion: Competing Successfully with the Internet vs and/or Becoming Internet Successful - (20 minutes) — Michael D. D. White
  17. Motion Appreciating Staff (5 minutes) — William Heerwagen
  18. Discussion: Improving WBAI and Pacifica Reputation and Brand. (10 minutes) – Michael D. D. White
  19. Discussion: Adjournment Time of LSB meeting(s)—(5 minutes) Doc Shya
  20. Resolution Directing the General Manager to Provide a Report on WBAI’s Compliance With Pacifica Communications Policy (per PNB 12/’21 Resolution) by March, 1, 2022 — (8 minutes) — Rachel Barr
  21. Public Comment. (30 minutes, 2 minutes maximum per speaker before next in queue to speak. Must always begin no later than 9:15 PM.)
  22. New Business
  23. Adjourn no later than 9:45 PM. (ET)
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Call to Order: 7:06 PM ET

The agenda was read.

**Motion:** (R. Paul Martin) “To remove the 5 minute time limit from New Business” 7:12 PM ET (passed without objection)

**Motion:** (Shawn Rhodes) “To add item to the agenda, after number 5: LSB Radio Committee Motion (7 minutes)” 7:14 PM ET (passed without objection)

**Motion:** (Shawn Rhodes) “To add item to the agenda after PNB Director’s Report, “Scheduling Executive Session in August (3 minutes)” 7:15 PM ET (passed without objection)

The agenda was then adopted as amended 7:17 PM ET

**Roll Call:** 7:17 PM ET

**Motion:** (James Dingeman) “To excuse absences of those not present.” 7:20 PM ET (passed without objection)

**Motion:** (Michael DD White) “To approve minutes from June 8, 2022 Public Session 7:21 PM ET (passed without objection)

Report from the Radio Committee (Shawn Rhodes) 7:23 PM ET

**Motion:** (Shawn Rhodes) “WBAI LSB Radio Committee (entire text of motion is listed at the end of these minutes) 7:29 PM ET (passed without objection)

**Motion:** (Shawn Rhodes) “WBAI LSB Radio Committee with slight amendment (entire text of motion is listed at the end of these minutes) 7:30 PM ET (passed without objection)

Report from Pacifica National Board of Directors (Shawn Rhodes, James Sagurton, James Dingeman) 7:30 PM ET

**Motion:** (James Dingeman) “To extend time for report from Pacifica National Board of Directors by five minutes” 7:38 PM ET (passed without objection)

**Motion:** (Jack DePalma) “To extend time for report by five minutes” 7:50 PM ET (passed without objection)

**Motion:** (Michael DD White) “To extend time for report by two minutes” 7:58 PM ET (objection was raised no vote was taken as the topic was closed out)

**Motion:** (Shawn Rhodes) “To schedule an Executive Session (to discuss confidential financial and personnel matters) on Tuesday August 2, 2022 from 7pm ET to 9 PM ET” 7:57 PM ET (passed without objection)

General Manager’s Report 8:03PM ET: Linda Perry presented the Programming Updates first.

**Motion:** (John Brinkley) “To extend time by two minutes” 8:15 PM ET (passed without objection)

**Motion:** (James Dingeman) “To extend time by two minutes” 8:19 PM ET (passed without objection)

General Manager’s Report 8:23 PM ET: Berthold Reimers presented the report.

**Motion:** (James Dingeman) “To extend time by five minutes” 8:32 PM ET (passed without objection)

**Motion:** (James Sagurton) “To extend time by five minutes” 8:38 PM ET (passed without objection)

Community Advisory Board Report 8:43 PM ET: Neale Vos presented an update.

Treasurer’s Report: 8:44 PM ET R. Paul Martin presented an update.

Discussion and Reading of Letter Discussing Alleged Violation of Pacifica By-Laws 8:57PM ET: Marilyn Vogt-Downey was to present the item.

The LSB discussed whether the item should be discussed in open session.

**Motion:** (James Sagurton) “To move that this discussion is out of order for this open session” 9:01 PM ET

The Chair ruled that the discussion was out of order 9:03PM ET

**Motion:** (Marilyn Vogt-Downey) “To appeal the ruling of the Chair” 9:05 PM ET

The LSB discussed the motion.

A vote on whether the ruling of the Chair should be upheld was taken: 9:19 PM ET (the ruling was overruled by the LSB, 6 in favor of the ruling, 13 against and one abstention)

Time expired for the item.

Public Comments began at 9:21 PM ET

**Motion:** (Michael DD White) “To adjourn” 9:50 PM ET (passed without objection)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM ET  
Submitted by John Hoffman, Secretary

## **LSB Radio Committee Motion - 2022**

### 1) Ad Hoc LSB Radio Committee Motion

Whereas, the purpose of the LSB program is to report on the work of the board, and on issues of concern for the station, be it resolved that:

Monthly on-air LSB reports will have LSB staff-members invited to serve as hosts, in alphabetical order. Hosting duties shall not affect a staff-member's eligibility to report, except that one should not serve as host and guest on the same program. In the event that none of the eligible Staff members are available to host, non-LSB Staff, who have been suggested by Committee members as potential back up hosts, will be invited in alphabetical order by the Implementers.

The Radio Committee shall meet before each scheduled broadcast date to plan the program and to designate two or more persons - on a rotating basis - who will be responsible for implementation. If, for whatever reason, the plan cannot be implemented, the committee should be promptly informed and consulted on how to deal with the problem. In the absence of a decision by the committee, the Implementers will consult with each other to seek a solution. The Implementers' primary responsibility is to act in good faith to fulfill the intent of the plan.

The first report of the year will include presentations of the local board officers and members of the Pacifica National Board. In the remaining months, one hour of each report will feature four LSB members, who have not already appeared, running alphabetically. If anyone is unavailable at the time of his or her alphabetical rotation, the next person can be called, and the first party can participate in the next regular report. LSB members who are active on committees shall report on their committees during their regular time on air.

The time allotted for reports will be two hours, which will include brief updates on the work of the LSB and its committees, the Pacifica network, the PNB, issues of significance, and announcements of board meetings and events. At least half of the allotted time will be devoted to listener calls.

In an effort to provide the greatest outreach to each listener, the committee will explore several formats and scheduling options. The LSB recommends that if its live on-air report is rotated throughout the program schedule, that it be done in such a way that it does not repeatedly affect the same programs.

The Radio Committee shall designate a member to be responsible for coordinating the promotion of the LSB Report through the use of a cart, websites, the LSB hotline, various listserves, and the WBAI newsletter, and a member to coordinate the scheduling of the show with the appropriate WBAI department head and/or the Program Director.

The reconstitution of this ad hoc committee will take place automatically in January of each year. This empowering motion will come before the WBAI Local Station Board for review and possible revision at the LSB meeting, *at least*, held each March.

2) Motion convening a meeting of the WBAI LSB Radio Committee

The WBAI Local Station Board authorizes a volunteer from this board to convene the first meeting of each year of this ad hoc committee.