

WBAI LOCAL STATION BOARD Finance Committee Meeting Minutes August 17, 2022

Voting Members Attending: Adriana Casenave, Jack DePalma, Jim Dingeman, William Heerwagen, John Hoffman, Noel Jameson, R. Paul Martin, Matt Mazza, Carolyn McIntyre, Darryl McPherson, Berthold Reimers, Cerene Roberts, James Sagurton, Geoffrey Stern, Neale Vos, Michael D.D. White, M. Kay Williams

Absent: Pat Logan, Mario Mastrandrea

Also Attending: Bruce Greif, Donna Stein, Nancy Saibara-Noritomi

Agenda: Approved as amended at 7:19 pm

1. Call to order 7:00 PM ET
2. Approval of agenda (20 minutes)
3. Identify time keeper (2 minutes)
4. Excused absences (5 minutes)
5. Minutes approval (10 minutes)
6. Treasurer's Report (15 minutes)
7. General Manager's Report on WBAI's finances (30 minutes)
8. Discussion of Underwriting (20 minutes)
9. Start Discussion about the draft FY23 Budget (if available) (45 minutes).
- 10.. Set next meeting date (5 minutes)
- 11.. New Business
12. Adjourn no later than 9:30 PM ET

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm, a quorum being present, and Chair R. Paul Martin being present. The following reminder was read by R. Paul Martin:

“According to the Motion passed by the LSB on March 12, 2014:

Whereas people attending any Pacifica/WBAI governance meetings are not required to identify themselves, and whereas there has recently been a question concerning the criteria for establishing attendance at a local Finance Committee meeting for the purpose of becoming a member of that committee, therefore:

Resolved: That it shall be the policy of the LSB that in the local Finance Committee that the sole criterion for establishing attendance at meetings to become a member shall be the signing in on the official sign-in sheet for that meeting. The committee may not determine its own membership through any other means.”

During the pandemic, when we are meeting virtually and there is no sign in sheet, it is sufficient to let the chair know of your presence by name at some point during the meeting. If you attend 3 consecutive meetings, you have voting member status. If you have more than 2 unexcused absences, you lose voting status until you again attend 3 consecutive meetings. You may request an excused absence by email in advance of the meeting at which you will be absent. Attending 3 or more hours of meetings per month also qualifies as volunteer time and BAI Member status.

The following agenda items were then discussed:

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Adopt the Agenda (20 min)**
- 3. Identify Time Keeper (2 min)**
- 4. Excuse absences (5 min)**
- 5. Minutes Approval (10 min)**

Motion: (R. Paul Martin) To accept the agenda at 7:11pm.

Amendment: (Cerene Roberts) To add Discussion of Underwriting as an item on the agenda after the General Manager's report for 3 minutes.

Amendment: (Cerene Roberts) Clarified she wanted the item Discussion of Underwriting to be added for 20 minutes.

The committee discussed the motion and the amendments and passed the agenda as amended at 7:19 pm.

Motion: (R. Paul Martin) To accept Geoffrey Stern as Time Keeper.

The Finance Committee passed the motion without objection at 7:21 pm.

Excused Absences: The chair noted there were no requests for excused absences at 7:22 pm. He also noted Adriana Casenave is now a voting member of the committee.

Motion: (M. Kay Williams) That the committee accept the minutes from 6/15/22 and 7/20/22, which were sent twice on 8/1/22.

Objection: (R. Paul Martin) A name used in the voting members list on both 6/15/22 and 7/20/22 was not a full legal name. He quoted Otis McClay as stating that governance committees of the LSB or PNB, of which this Finance Committee is one, must use real names.

The committee discussed the motion and the objection.

Motion: (R. Paul Martin) Proposed at 7:31 pm to table acceptance of the minutes until we could consult with Arthur Schwartz, the legal counsel for the PNB and the LSB. Jim Dingeman volunteered to contact this person during the meeting.

Objection: (Jack de Palma)

Motion: (Jack de Palma) To extend time of the discussion of this item 2 minutes. Passed at 6:35 pm without objection.

Amendment: (R. Paul Martin) To amend his previous motion to table the minutes and instead to strike the pseudonym used and replace it with the person's real name, and then to accept the minutes as amended.

The committee discussed the motions and the amendment. By roll call vote, the amendment passed 7 for, 3 against, and 5 abstentions. The minutes were approved as amended at 7:39 pm.

The following agenda items were then discussed.

6. Treasurer's Report (15 min) – R. Paul Martin

7. General Manager's Report on WBAI's Finances (30 min) – Berthold Reimers

The Treasurer's Report by R. Paul Martin began at 7:40 pm

Point of Information: (R. Paul Martin) The Executive Director, Stephanie Wells, will be considering grant proposals. He recommended that anyone with suggestions for grant applications on the east coast contact her at ed@pacific.org.

The committee discussed the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: (Cerene Roberts) To extend the time of the discussion 8 minutes.

Objection: (Michael D.D. White)

The committee discussed the motion. The roll call vote went as follows: 7 for, 5 against, 5 abstentions. Since this was not a two-thirds majority required to amend the agenda, the motion failed at 8:02 pm

Motion: (Adrian Casenave) To extend the time of the discussion 5 minutes.

Objection: (James Sagurton)

The committee discussed the motion. The roll call vote went as follows: 6 for, 5 against, 4 abstentions. The motion failed at 8:05 pm.

Motion: (Cerene Roberts) To extend the time of the discussion 2 minutes to allow Adriana Casenave to speak since she was the only one on the stack who had not spoken yet.

Objection: (James Sagurton)

The roll call vote went as follows: 8 for, 5 against, and 4 abstentions. The motion failed at 8:09 pm

The General Manager's Report began at 8:11 pm.

The committee discussed the General Manager's report.

Point of Information: (R. Paul Martin) The GM's budget for FY 23 is usually prepared by Aug 31 of the prior fiscal year (2022). It will have to be presented to and discussed by the whole committee. The GM said he could have it done in a week.

The committee continued to discuss the General Manager's report.

Motion: (Cerene Roberts) To extend the time for discussion of the General Manager's report 15 minutes. Passed without objection at 8:46 pm

The committee continued to discuss the General Manager's report.

Motion: (Jim Dingeman) To extend the time for discussion of the General Manager's report 15 minutes. Passed without objection at 9:04 pm

The committee continued to discuss the General Manager's report.

Motion: (Jim Dingeman) To extend the time for discussion of the General Manager's report 5 min. Passed without objection at 9:21 pm.

The committee continued to discuss the General Manager's report.

Point of Information: (Michael D.D. White) 9:30 pm is the time for adjournment.

Motion: (Jack de Palma) To extend the time of this discussion 25 minutes.

Objection: (Michael D.D. White)

Before the committee could vote on this motion, Jack de Palma withdrew it.

Motion: (Michael D.D. White) To extend the time of the meeting 5 minutes to set the next meeting date and then adjourn.

Amendment: (R. Paul Martin) To extend the time of the meeting 10 minutes to set the next meeting date and then adjourn.

The committee discussed the motions and amendments. The roll call went as follows: 9 for, 5 against, 2 abstentions. The amendment passed.

The committee then discussed the following agenda item:

10. Motion to Set Next Meeting Date (5 min)

Motion: (R. Paul Martin) To set next meeting date Sept 7, 2022 at 7 pm ET with the intention to hear the proposed budget for FY23.

Amendment to the Motion: (Cerene) To move up the next meeting date to Wed, August 31, 2022 at 7 pm ET.

Objection: (Michael D.D. White)

The committee discussed the motion and the amendment.

Motion: (R. Paul Martin) to extend the time of the discussion of the next meeting date 2 minutes. Passed without objection at 9:40 pm.

The roll call vote on the amendment went as follows: 3 for, 12 against, and 4 abstentions. The amendment failed at and R. Paul's original motion passed at 9:41 pm.

Point of Information: (Jim Dingeman) He had received a call back from the PNB and LSB lawyer, Arthur Schwartz, who stated that people who want to be voting members of a governance committee of the LSB must allow the committee to list their real legal names in the minutes.

Motion: (Michael D.D. White) To adjourn. Passed without objection at 9:46 pm.

Adjourned at 9:46 pm (ET)

Submitted by M. Kay Williams, Secretary