

WBAI LOCAL STATION BOARD Finance Committee Meeting Minutes September 7, 2022

Voting Members Attending: Adriana Casenave, Jack DePalma, Jim Dingeman, Bruce Greif, 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

Also Attending: Ali Murphy, Otis Maclay, Catherine O’Sullivan, Nancy Saibara-Noritomi,

Agenda: Approved as amended at 7:35 pm

- 1. Call to order 7:00 PM ET**
- 2. Approval of agenda (20 minutes)**
- 3. Identify time keeper (2 minutes)**
- 4. Excuse absences (2 minutes)**
- 5. Minutes approval (10 minutes)**
- 6. Treasurer’s Report (30 minutes)**
- 7. Anyone, who is not a member of WBAI or who votes in other than BAI LSB elections, will be asked to explain why they want to become a member of WBAI LSB Finance Committee. (15 min)**
- 8. General Manager’s Report on WBAI’s finances (30 minutes)**
- 9. Discussion of draft FY23 Budget (75 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 7:04 pm ET, 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 your legal 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 (2 min)**
5. **Minutes Approval (10 min)**

Motion: (R. Paul Martin) To accept the agenda at 7:04pm.

Motion: (Michael D.D. White) To add to the agenda after the Treasurer's Report an item for 15 minutes which will be to ask anyone who is not a member of WBAI or who votes in other than BAI LSB elections to explain why they want to become a member of WBAI LSB Finance Committee.

Objection: (Cerene Roberts)

The committee discussed the motion and the objection, and then a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed as follows: 9 for, 3 against, 5 abstentions, and the agenda was accepted as amended at 7:35 pm

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

The Finance Committee passed the motion without objection at 7:37 pm.

Excused Absences: The chair noted there were no requests for excused absences.

Motion: (M. Kay Williams) That the committee accept the amended minutes from 6/15/22 and 7/20/22, and the minutes for 8/17/22, which were sent on 9/2/22.

Point of Information: (R. Paul Martin) Since we accepted the minutes as amended from 6-15-22 and 7-20-22 at the last meeting, we don't need to accept them again.

The committee accepted the minutes from 8-17-22 without objection at 7:40 pm.

The following agenda items were then discussed.

6. **Treasurer's Report (15 min) – R. Paul Martin**
7. **Anyone, who is not a member of WBAI or who votes in other than BAI LSB elections, will be asked to explain why they want to become a member of WBAI LSB Finance Committee. (15 min)**
8. **General Manager's Report on WBAI's Finances (30 min) – Berthold Reimers**
9. **Discussion of Draft WBAI FY23 Budget (75 min) – Berthold Reimers**

The Treasurer's Report by R. Paul Martin began at 7:45 pm

It included a report of the National Finance Committee meeting on 8-23-22 and the information that the FY21 financial report and the FY21 IRS 990 forms were filed and should be available on KPFTx soon. It also included information that the NETA will end their run as accountants for the Pacifica Network on 9-30-22.

The committee discussed the Treasurer's Report.

Points of Information: At 7:57 pm, Michael D. D. White stated he had had trouble staying on the call. Otis Maclay noted that there seemed to be a large number of silent attendees. He stated the capacity of the teleconference was 25 speaking attendees and we were up to 24. He recommended that the meeting was being streamed on KPFTx and anyone on the call who didn't want to speak could follow the meeting there instead of calling in.

The committee continued discussing the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: (Cerene Roberts) To extend the time of the discussion 3 minutes. Passed without objection.

The committee continued discussing the Treasurer's Report.

The agenda item 7 began at 8:06 pm. By general acclaim, the non-BAI members or those who vote in other than WBAI LSB elections were asked to self-identify and explain why they wanted to be voting members of the WBAI LSB Finance Committee.

Two people self-identified and the committee listened to their explanations.

Point of Information: (Adriana Casenave) Two members of KPFT were asked by James Sagurton what are the rules for membership in the KPFT Finance Committee. Adriana Casenave explained the rule at KPFT is that only KPFT LSB members can be voting members of the KPFT Finance Committee.

Motion: (Michael D.D. White) To extend the time for this item 3 minutes.

Objection: (Berthold Reimers)

The committee passed the motion by a roll call vote of 11 for, 2 against, and 4 abstentions.

The committee continued to discuss this item.

The General Manager's Report began at 8:30 pm.

The committee discussed the General Manager's report.

Discussion of the draft WBAI FY 23 Budget began at 8:58 pm.

Point of Information: (Berthold Reimers) The draft FY23 Budget and the list of assumptions on which it was based was sent to the list serve yesterday.

The committee discussed the draft WBAI FY23 Budget.

Motion: (R. Paul Martin) To extend the time for this discussion to 9:45 pm
Passed without objection at 9:33 pm.

The committee continued to discuss the draft WBAI FY23 Budget.

Motion: (R. Paul Martin) to extend the time for this discussion to 10 pm. Passed without objection at 9:51 pm.

The committee continued to discuss the draft WBAI FY 23 Budget.

Motion: (R. Paul Martin) To set the next meeting date for 9/28/22 at 7 pm ET, with the single agenda item of continuing the discussion of the WBAI draft FY23 Budget.

Amendment: (Cerene Roberts) To set the next meeting date for 9/21/22 at 7 pm, ET with the intention of continuing discussion of the WBAI draft FY23 Budget.

The committee discussed and voted on the amendment and the motion. The amendment failed with 3 for, 8 against, and 4 abstentions. R. Paul's motion then passed without objection at 10:03 pm

The committee then continued to discuss the WBAI FY23 draft budget.

Motion: (Cerene Roberts) To extend the time for this discussion 6 minutes.

Amendment: (R. Paul Martin) To extend the time for this discussion until 10:12 pm.

The committee discussed the motion and the amendment and the amendment passed without objection at 10:05 pm.

The committee continued to discuss the draft WBAI FY23 Budget

Point of Information: Daryl McPherson wants anyone who wants to discuss alternative funding means, like Good Search and Good Shop, to call him at 347-382-0854.

Motion: (R. Paul) To table New Business and adjourn. Passed without objection and the committee adjourned at 10:20 pm.

Adjourned at 10:20 pm (ET)

Submitted by M. Kay Williams, Secretary