

## Minutes WBAI LSB Regular Monthly Meeting in Public Session 1-14-26

Present: Milton Allimadi, Carolyn Birden, John Brinkley, Randy Credico, Elliot Crown, Joan De Lorenzo, Paul De Rienzo, Jim Dingeman, , Eleanor Elizabeth Forman, Sally Gellert (PNB Director), Gloria Guillo (Vice-Chair), Bob Hennelly (Interim General Manager and Ex-officio LSB Member), Queen Mother Imakhu, Alejandrina Murphy, Katherine O'Sullivan (Chair), Cerene Roberts (PNB Director), James Sagurton (PNB Director), Max Schmid, Alex Steinberg (PNB Director on suspension), M. Kay Williams (Secretary)

Absent: Gail Bey, Simon Fitzgerald, Bounubti Khammentou, Sharonne Salaam,

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

### 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 as noted and discussed the last two months, the Pacifica National Board has taken action forbidding LSB/PNB member Alex Steinberg participation in this meeting and others. Announce the results of the LSB Officer elections:
  - i. Chair – Katherine O'Sullivan
  - ii. Vice-Chair – Gloria Guillo
  - iii. Treasurer – R. Paul Martin
  - iv. Secretary – M. Kay Williams
2. Adopt Agenda. (20 minutes)
3. Roll Call. (5 minutes)
4. Excuse Absences. (5 minutes)
5. Approve outstanding minutes: December 10, 2025. (5 minutes)
6. Chair convenes Delegates Assembly (This is a separate meeting. Still open to the public. Minutes are kept separately.) – 30 minutes  
Agenda:
  1. Convene Delegates Assembly to be chaired by the LSB Chair. Confirm a quorum of voting delegates still present.
  2. Chair states agenda previously adopted when the LSB agenda was adopted for this meeting.
  3. Approve previous minutes of Delegates Assembly: 1-8-25 (2 minutes) (Sent 1-7-26)
  4. Acceptance of Nominations of Directors for Election to Pacifica National Board (Voting to follow by Opavote after meeting). All nominations must be made prior to 12-31-24 by emails to the Secretary and the Delegates. If accepting, take up to three minutes to state your qualifications and why you seek election:
    - a. One Staff Director IRV (6 minutes)
    - b. Three listener Directors STV (12 minutes)
  5. Adjourn Delegates Assembly  
Acceptance of Nominations (ALL NOMINATIONS CLOSED ON 12-31-25)
    - a. One Staff Director (6 minutes) (May be voted on by all LSB members)  
Sally Gellert (nominated by Jim Dinbgeman, Eleanor Elizabeth Forman, and James Sagurton) -

accepted by email.

May elect by acclaim. Any objections or abstentions?

b. Three Listener Directors (12 minutes) (May be voted on by all LSB members)

Eleanor Elizabeth Forman – (nominated by Alejandrina Murphy) - accepted by email

Cerene Roberts - (nominated by Jim Dingeman, Alejandrina Murphy, James Sagurton, and M. Kay Williams) – needs to make known if she accepts

James Sagurton – (nominated by Jim Dingeman and M. Kay Williams) – accepted by email

Alex Steinberg – (nominated by Jim Dingeman, James Sagurton, and M. Kay Williams) – accepted by email

Set up STV Opavote.

Chair adjourns Delegates Assembly and Reconvenes LSB Meeting.

7. Reports of Interim General Manager and Interim Program Director. (12 minutes report 10 minutes discussion- Questions one minute- Responses 90 seconds) Bob Hennelly and Keziah Glow
  8. Report from Pacifica National Board Directors. (20 minutes & 15 minutes discussion- Questions limited to one minute) — Sally Gellert, Cerene Roberts, James Sagurton, [Alex Steinberg]
  9. Treasurer’s Report. (5 Minutes report 8 minutes discussion) — R. Paul Martin
  10. Motion (Cerene Roberts) That all future open meetings of the WBAI LSB will include two 15-minute Public Comment sessions at 7:45pm and 8:45pm instead of the current single Public Comment 30-minute period as the last agenda item at 9:16pm. (10 minutes)
  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. (5 minutes)  
Ken Nash, long time WBAI labor programmer, among others being memorialized.
  12. One minute of silence. (One minute)
  13. Report From Radio Committee. (2 minutes) — M. Kay Williams
  14. Report from Community Advisory Board (2 Minutes) – Neale Vos
  15. Report From Town Hall Committee. (5 minutes) — Jim Dingeman
  16. Report from the Committee of Inclusion. (5 minutes) – Carolyn Birden, John Brinkley, Joan De Lorenzo, Cerene Roberts
  17. Report from the LOFT Committee Including Resolution About LSB On Air Pitching. (7 minutes) - John Brinkley and Joan de Lorenzo
  18. Management Search and Review Committee, Discussion. (5 minutes) – Jim Dingeman
  19. Discussion and Possible Resolution: Dealing appropriately with attacks on Public and/or Listener Supported media. (7 minutes) – Jim Dingeman
  20. Discussion: Launching additional streaming of (HD) WBAI channels (5 minutes) — Jim Dingeman
  21. Using Current WBAI Studio Camera Capacity to Start YouTubing WBAI Content (5 minutes) — Jim Dingeman
  22. New Business.
  23. Public Comment. (30 minutes, 2 minutes maximum per speaker before next in queue to speak. Must begin no later than 9:16 PM ET.)
  24. 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).
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7:04 pm ET Meeting convened and opening remarks made by Chair, a quorum being present. She also announced the results of last month's officer elections (listed in final agenda above.) The Chair called for Jack de Palma to be Time Keeper.

7:05 pm ET The Chair called for a motion to adopt agenda.

Motion (Gloria Guillo) So moved. Seconded (Elliot Crown) Passed without objection.

7:06 pm ET The Chair asked the secretary to call roll. Results as above (including late arrivals).

7:10 pm ET The Chair called for a motion to excuse all absences.

Motion (Jim Dingeman) So moved. Seconded (M. Kay Williams) Passed with one objection from Eleanor Elizabeth Forman which the Chair asked to be noted in the minutes.

Point of Information (Cerene Roberts) Sharonne Salaam transmitted her request for excused absence due to attending her son's re-inauguration into the City Council.

7:12 pm ET Motion (James Sagurton). To excuse the absence of Noel Jameson from the last meeting of the Finance Committee on Dec 17, 2025, due to technical problems with the committee's first zoom meeting. Seconded (Jim Dingeman) Passed without objection.

7:13 pm ET The Chair called for a motion to approve minutes for 12-10-25, sent on 1-7-26.

Motion (Jim Dingeman) So moved. Seconded (James Sagurton).

Eleanor Elizabeth Forman stated she sent in 2 corrections: one, that she had also abstained from the Treasurer vote. This was confirmed and was changed. And, two, that she wanted to add something she wanted to say, which did not appear on the final recording. This was not changed.

Cerene Roberts objected to two items also: one, the omission of her objection to the omission of her motion re changing the timing of Public Comment from the December agenda, when it had been on the November agenda; and, two, that a dialogue between a member and the Secretary, was included as a Point of Information, which should not have been included in the minutes, and that Points of Information should not be included in minutes. The secretary stated that the dialogue between two members did not need to be included in the minutes.

[Note: Points of Information, in general, by Robert's Rules, are allowed to be included in minutes, but they are supposed to be factual information that the group would generally agree upon but might not be aware of, or actual questions pertinent to the proceeding at hand. They differ from Points of Order which have to do with adhering to Robert's Rules of Order.]

The Board discussed the minutes.

7:19 pm ET Motion (James Sagurton) To extend the discussion 5 minutes. Seconded (Eleanor Elizabeth Forman).

Motion (Cerene Roberts) To table approval of these minutes until next meeting. Seconded (Jim Freund)  
There was an objection from Gloria Guillo.

The Board continued to discuss the minutes.

Point of Order (James Sagurton) People are speaking without being recognized and interrupting each other and chaos is resulting.

The Chair called for a roll call vote since there was an objection. Roll Call vote was taken and the motion failed by 8 no's, 6 yes'es, and 1 abstention.

The secretary stated erroneously that the vote was to "postpone" these minutes, but the original motion was to "table."

[Note: In Robert's Rules, "postponing" an item means it can be brought up automatically on the next agenda, but "tabling" means it can only be brought up by a motion which is seconded at the next meeting.]

The Chair asked R. Paul to clarify whether we now have to vote on the motion to approve the minutes, and he stated that, yes, we do have to vote on the original motion.

Point of Information (Cerene Roberts) Are we voting on the original minutes or the amended minutes after the secretary admitted she made a mistake?

The Chair clarified this was a roll call vote on the motion to accept the amended minutes. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 9 yes'es, 2 no's, 6 abstentions.

7:36 pm ET The Chair convened the Delegates Assembly.

(See minutes for Delegates Assembly, which can only be approved in another Delegates Assembly.)

8:08 pm ET The Chair reconvened the regular LSB meeting and called for the reports of the Interim General Manager.

The Board heard and discussed these reports. (See attached highlights.)

8:30 pm ET Motion (James Sagurton) To extend the discussion 15 minutes. Seconded (M. Kay Williams)

The Board continued to discuss these reports.

8:43 pm ET Point of Order (M. Kay Williams) Discussing any facts or allegations pertaining to an employee's performance belongs in executive not open session.

The Chair agreed and ruled out of order a topic that a member wanted to bring up.

The Board continued to discuss the management reports.

8:48 pm ET The Chair called for the reports of the PNB Directors.

The Board heard and discussed the Directors' reports. (See attached highlights)

9:06 pm ET The chair called for the Treasurer's Report presented by R. Paul Martin.

The Board heard and discussed the Treasurer's Report.

9:17 pm ET The Chair called for Public Comment and made the Chair's remarks regarding same.

The Board heard Public Comment, including report and acceptance speech from Alex Steinberg, WBAI's PNB Director-in-exile.

9:48 pm ET The Chair adjourned the meeting.

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Submitted by M. Kay Williams, Secretary

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Highlights Interim General Manager's Report

- Requested that information he sends to Staff Announce go out to the Board and the public list. [Note: Staff Announce is a channel on [lsb@wbai.org](mailto:lsb@wbai.org). The secretary can access it (usually doesn't), and forward it to the Board, but Bob will have to specify which of his Staff Announce emails he wants to do that with. He could do this by specifically copying the secretary on any emails he wants to forward. Keziah Glow could do the same. The secretary otherwise wants to carve out some privacy for staff announcements. He also has permission to post on both the Private and Public google groups, but that would require he post the information twice.]
- Fund Drive 31 days earning <\$200K with more coming in.
- Including generous donations from Steven Bernhout (spelling?) to several programs and the coverage of the Mumia March.
- Increased BAI Buddy revenue.
- Union recurring donations are \$500-600K, with new sustaining donation from AFT of \$30K. To those who think these contributions mean that we are now "in bed with Unions," WBAI has been the only place where rank and file Union members have been able to voice their concerns about decisions of Union management, for example, the attempt to force retirees to accept Medicare Advantage. Another example

is that the UFT (United Federation of Teachers, separate from the AFT) has pledged \$14,000 per year, which they send \$3,500 per quarter, yet their Union President, Mr. Mulgrove, was able to talk with his opposition on BAI's air.

- \$66 K in the bank.
- Paid payroll, tower payment, and health insurance (came out less than expected \$13-14K, not \$20K)
- Keziah Glow shifted to part-time to help fund Rebecca Myles position as news director, and continues to go above and beyond with ensuring that a manager is monitoring the station at all times: Bob Hennelly – early mornings and weekends, Keziah Glow- weekends and after-hours, Rebecca Myles – evenings.
- Keziah Glow's full-time job as General Manager of WHCR is a strategic alliance. It's the place from which WBAI broadcasted after Hurricane Sandy. It also is building out alliances across non-profit stations serving underserved communities.
- Our footprint at 388 has expanded some, to include Berthold's old office, and outfitting Studio B for future program production, and which can double as back-up to Master Control.
- There were some problems when the building owners decided to upgrade the Security System, but these seem to have been resolved now.
- Provided 11 hours live coverage across Pacifica of Mamdani inauguration, followed by coverage of Trump's attack on Venezuela and abduction of Maduro, including "Voices from Venezuela," with coordination from Democracy Now and Egberto Willies, who was in Panama. We have some interns now. Bob Hennelly and Ursula Rutenberg, of the Affiliate Network, have been tasked with working toward integration of breaking news and live coverage. In Oct, 2025, got "No Kings" live coverage across 6 time zones, over 50 stations, 9 hours, and 24 reporters, who all had legal training with Norman Siegel and tactical training with Lisa Loving.
- Plan to create a Public Affairs Department, out of about 30 public affairs programmers at WBAI, which will include a content depot, where people who collect "tape" on the ground can pool their contributions, like Paul de Rienzo and Mimi Rosenberg, after the assassination of Rebecca Good.
- There is a group working to update "We Decide" to the 2026 election cycle, which includes members from all 5 stations, plus affiliates.
- He stated that if we did move Public Comment to after the PNB Directors reports, he'd be amenable to staying for it. As it is, his day starts at 4 am, and it's hard on him to stay.

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Pledge Drive Update From: Bob Hennelly, Interim General Manager

To: Staff Announce

Wed., Jan 14, 2026, 5:34 pm ET

Good Evening,

I write to update you all on the results of our 2025 Winter Pledge Drive and our ongoing progress in improving our facilities and programming.

**PLEDGE DRIVE**

While we ended the drive as promised at the end of the year, we have continued to receive tens of thousands of dollars above our goal which we are adding to the total because the revenue was solicited during the drive.

Just today, we were notified that the American Federation of Teachers has pledged \$30,000 as a sustaining donation. That brings the total of the drive to over \$207,000.

On Monday, we got close to \$10,000 in the mail which included checks written at the end of 2025 including \$6,000 from one donor who sent \$1,500 for Mimi Rosenberg's Building Bridges, \$1,500 for Randy Credico, \$1,500 for Linda Sarsour Wednesday WGO and \$1,500 for the Independent Hour with John Tarleton.

Here's a more detailed financial update from Chris LiPulsa.

#### Bank Balances

Bank of America: **\$66,893.71**

PayPal: **\$11,158.21**

Our balance eclipsed over \$100,000 in early January. We were able to make a tower payment based on our fund drive success, our higher new health insurance payment for six union employees (up from four) and our payroll.

#### Fund Drive

Our end of year fund drive raised **\$207,652** and counting up from last year's total \$142,269 on a \$125,000 goal.

The fund drive totals break down as follows:

*Listeners and Foundations:* **\$127,903 (33% increase from last year)**

*Unions:* **\$79,749**

#### BAI Buddies

After the fund drive, we now have a total of **1,323** Buddies, bringing in **\$25,428** per month. This represents a **4%** increase in total buddies, and a **3%** increase in monthly revenue. Projected over a year, BAI Buddies should bring in **\$305,136** in revenue.

There are several solicitations outstanding and the union donations are recurring on a six month cycle. This category of revenue **DID NOT EXIST** before I assumed this position and continues to grow.

The program IS the premium and we are NOT incurring the costs nor liabilities associated with past drives that were entirely dependent on premium merchandise.

#### EDITORIAL

We have continued to offer LIVE news reporting nationally like the Mayor Mamdani Inauguration as well as several hours of LIVE breaking news coverage of the Trump administration bombing of Venezuela and the abduction of President Maduro as well as this week's State of the State address by Gov. Hochul.

We have extended Frontline Voices to five days a week at noon.

Interim Program Director Keziah Glow, who shifted to part time to help fund Rebecca Myles News Director position, continues to go above and beyond. Keziah's full time position as the general manager of WHCR, Harlem's community radio station out of City College. continues to produce synergies for WBAI.

We Decide: America at the Crossroads with Jenna Flanagan, our national program we produce with the Pacifica affiliates, continues to gain traction and deepen our relationships with our sister stations and the affiliates.

Over the next few weeks we will be building out our News Department and intern program.

## **PHYSICAL PLANT**

Our field engineer Jake Glanz and Graceon Challenger have made substantial progress on building out Studio B, which will provide a backup master control and recording studio.

Thanks for all of your support during the pledge drive. We expect to ramp up again for a pledge drive mid-year.

Best,  
Bob Hennelly  
Interim General Manager

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## Highlights PNB Director's Reports

- Technical problems with zoom for audit committee.
- ED is still looking for an auditor.
- We are 3 years behind in audits, and our 501C3 status is in suspension on California Attorney General's list of approved charities, although we got verbal permission to continue fundraising as a non-profit. This doesn't affect listeners claiming a tax deduction for their donations to us, The previous auditor was charging us \$75K per year for 2022-2023. This doesn't affect our federal non-profit status, but we do have to get the 990's in to the IRS and not fall a fourth year behind with audits. but more importantly is asking donors to trust how the money is being spent.
- Government committee considering a raft of anti-democratic proposals, e.g. only 6 Directors can propose amendments to bylaws, or 5% of listener-members (harder to get). Used to also include 3 out of

5 LSB's, but now LSB's no longer will have this authority. Kpftx is our C-Span so it's important to attend whatever public meetings that you can.

- There were also technical problems with the LSB meeting at KPFT.
- At the National Finance Committee meeting on 1-20-26, WBAI's budget will be discussed. Although we did well at this fundraiser, we will need another one to meet the budget demand.
- Concern was raised that those responsible for the governance are falling down on organizational tasks like correctly listing meetings or getting the paperwork done for the budget presentations, as reported by our Interim Station Manager.
- The ED is paying the FJC loan monthly, instead of quarterly. It is unknown how the interest is being compounded.

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ED REPORT for PNB Meeting January 8, 2026 – CAN BE SHARED -Submitted by Stephanie Wells

KNOWN AGED PAYABLES as of 01/08/26 –

\$498,098 FJC LOAN

- Outstanding principal is \$1,977,338.65
- We are currently making payments on a monthly schedule rather than quarterly, and all payments have been made on time. The next payment of \$17,301.71 is due on January 31, 2026.
- The ED is meeting with FJC this week to discuss loan terms and reduction of interest rate.

FUND DRIVE UPDATES

KPFA Winter Fund Drive

Dates: December 9-19

- o Goal: \$300,000
- o Raised: \$250,510
- o End of Year Giving (between December 20-31) brought in an additional \$98,745

KPFC Winter Fund Drive

Dates: December 2-19

- o Goal: \$120,000
- o Raised: \$123,232

KPFT

They did not conduct an official on-air end-of-year fund drive; instead, they are focused on PSAs related to end-of-year retirement fund distributions and end of year giving.

- o End of Year Giving brought in \$92,994

WBAI Fund Drive

Dates: December 2-31

- o Goal: \$150,000
- o Raised: \$171,652

o Campaign was kicked off on Giving Tuesday campaign – advertised via PSAs and email blasts

#### WPFW Fund Drive

Dates: December 14-20

o Goal: \$95,000

o Raised: \$104,000

o End of Year Giving (between December 21-31) brought in an additional \$75,000

#### AUDIT and TAXES UPDATE

· We continue to actively search for a new audit firm. The Executive Director has been following up with contacts recommended by members of the PNB and the Audit Committee, as well as reaching out to firms that have previously worked with Pacifica. To save both time and money, our preference is for the new audit firm to conduct a combined audit for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023. All necessary documentation for the audits has been prepared by the Pacifica National Office and is ready to be provided to the new auditors once engaged.

· We have engaged an accounting firm who are completing our taxes for fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025.

#### GM SEARCHES

· The deadline to receive resumes for the General Manager positions at KPFK, WBAI, and WBAI was on December 31, 2025. Interviews are being scheduled with all candidates for the week of January 19th. The number of resumes received is listed below:

o KPFK: 9

o WBAI: 9

o WPFW: 17

o Did not specify station: 3

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#### WBAI Treasurer's Report January 14, 2026

The WBAI local Finance Committee met on December 17, 2025. This meeting was held by teleconference. The National Finance Committee (NFC) has not met since before the last WBAI LSB meeting. The WBAI local Finance Committee which met on December 17, 2025, was the committee's first Zoom meeting. It started quite late because people had problems logging in. I'm hoping to work out the login problems with Otis Maclay so that we don't have a problem at [next month's] local Finance Committee meeting. The committee's Secretary announced that she would not be able to run for re-election because of some health issues. The committee discussed the audits that are pending. The interim General Manager said that he and the interim Program Director were working around the clock on the on-air fund raiser and that neither of them would be able to attend the meeting, so we did not get any updated financial information.

In December I sent the following E-mail to the NFC mailing list. Subject: KPFTX.ORG listings for the next two NFC meetings are inaccurate. The meetings are listed for the wrong dates. It would be good if this

were corrected soon so we don't have more meetings cancelled because of the inaccurate listings. As previously reported, some meetings of the NFC have been cancelled under odd circumstances. I was hoping to avert another last minute cancellation of a meeting because of a problem with the public listings.

The responses I got from some people on the NFC were strange. The listings that were posted were for January 6 and January 20. Back in March the NFC had voted to meet on the second and fourth Tuesday nights of every month. So, by that motion, which passed unopposed, the meetings should have been posted for January 13 and 27. After my E-mail about the meeting dates, the NFC Chair E-mailed the committee that the January 6th meeting had been cancelled by orders of those who are higher up. But the January 20 meeting was still erroneously scheduled. The NFC Chair said that the WBAI draft FY26 budget would be taken up at the January 20, meeting. When I pointed out that the committee had voted for other dates the Chair became hostile while another NFC member began to post false claims about what the committee had voted for and when. The NFC Chair invited everyone to his birthday party on January 27, one of the dates that the NFC had been scheduled to meet. There was more back and forth on this and I wrote in an E-mail that, "If no one insists on the rules that the committee has adopted being followed then that's a problem. And why is the Secretary determining the meeting dates for the NFC in defiance of the committee's own motion regarding those dates?" And the Chair posted more antagonistic E-mails. The issue is about more than the dates of meetings. It's about the procedures and details that have been agreed on by the committee being followed. Not following the rules the committee, or any body, has adopted will lead to chaos and chaos will result in a lack of accountability and in people's rights being ignored. We're already seeing a serious evasion of responsibility for this mess with the meetings. Why these things are being done I do not know. Maybe it's part of some plan that the majority on both the NFC and PNB have in mind. Or maybe it's just the result of people not paying attention to details. As things progress we may have a better idea of whether or not the issue of the meetings presages something going wrong in Pacifica.

The WBAI Winter on-air fund raiser made its \$150,000 goal and has kept on going. The current tally as I write this is posted as being \$177,652. On the NFC, at least, the latest financial information we have is the Income Statement covering Pacifica's finances through the end of March 2025. I'm hoping that we'll get updates soon. I remain pessimistic about the future for WBAI and Pacifica. Money is still thin. The behavior of certain people does not make me feel more hopeful.

The next NFC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 20, 2026, at 8:30 PM (ET). The next local Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2025, at 7:00 PM (ET). These meetings will be held by teleconference.

R. Paul Martin WBAI LSB Treasurer

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The WBAI Community Advisory Board recommends the following to station Management.

1. Get WBAI more tech savvy
2. Have a new tech program.

3. Make Health Shows more prominent.
  4. Have more Talk Back Shows.
  5. Have a Buddy-Building fundraising party.
  6. Air the Gary Null Podcast.
  7. Tell Tech Producers to remind their listeners that N.Y. Public Libraries do tech support.
  8. CAB Members should have a face to face meeting with Station Management.
  9. Producers should ask their listeners to advertise the station. A leaflet for this purpose is on the WBAI web site.
  10. The CAB encourages Station Management to hold a Managers Report To and From the Listener.
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#### Acceptance of Nomination to the PNB by Alex Steinberg

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To Kay Williams, Secretary of the WBAI Local Station Board and to the other officers and members of the WBAI Local Station Board and the WBAI listening public and WBAI staff:

I am hereby announcing my acceptance of my nomination to the Pacifica National Board. Since I am prevented by edict from the Pacifica National Board from addressing this body in person due to my unlawful suspension by a kangaroo court they instigated I am taking this opportunity to also give the standard short speech that the WBAI LSB customarily provides nominees to explain why members should vote for them. I hope someone will read this on my behalf.

I have a long history with WBAI, having been elected to the very first LSB under our new democratic bylaws in 2003. I have served in various capacities on the LSB and PNB in the years since including my tenure as Chair of the Pacifica National Board in the period 2020-2022 right after we took back the station from the coupsters who shut us down in October of 2019. Not wishing to brag but I did play an important role in helping to sway public opinion against the coupsters in 2019. A huge debt is owed to Attorney Arthur Schwartz, Pacifica's former Legal Counsel, for the role he played in the legal end of the fight to restore WBAI. Credit should also be extended to Mim Rosenberg from WBAI staff and to our former General Manager, Berthold Reimers and our former Program Director, Linda Perri and to many others, individuals as well as the groups, that emerged at that time, at WBAI as well as at some of our sister stations, particularly our friends at WPFW in Washington, for making the return of WBAI to the airwaves possible.

If I am elected to return to the PNB my main concern will be to remove the undemocratic bylaws that were illegally imposed on us by the current PNB majority and restore the legitimate democratic bylaws. ***I think that all other problems facing Pacifica, be they financial problems, programming issues, and how we deal with political persecution, cannot be resolved without restoring democratic governance to Pacifica.*** I have no confidence in the ability of the current PNB or Pacifica management to resolve any of these problems. The status of the current bylaws are being challenged in court and all statements to the contrary are false. I am one of 6 intervenors in a legal case currently in the Appeals Court of the state of California. The last word on the bylaws has not been spoken.

I wish to congratulate the WBAI LSB and every member for adhering to the legitimate bylaws of Pacifica and holding a yearly election by the Delegates to determine who will serve on the Pacifica National Board for the coming year. ***I promise that if I am re-elected to the PNB I will do my best to carry out my fiduciary responsibilities as a member of the PNB. I will do whatever I can, despite the immense***

***handicap that my suspension imposes on me, to restore some measure of accountability and transparency to this organization and to keep the LSB and our listeners informed. Thank you.***

***Alex Steinberg, Jan 14, 2025***

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Report from Director in exile Alex Steinberg January 14, 2026

The Appeals process to revoke the illegitimate hijacking of our bylaws by the New Day aligned PNB majority is still moving forward. All statements claiming that the legal challenge to the validity of the bylaws that were illegitimately imposed on Pacifica by the PNB majority have been settled are false. The PNB majority continues to shut down all areas of communication between the PNB and Pacifica's members and listeners. Most recently it was announced that meetings of some PNB committees, including the National Finance Committee, will no longer be streamed in real time.

It should also be noted that recently several Directors and LSB members from KPFA are showing increasing and irrational hostility towards WBAI. WBAI is being singled out and being scapegoated for Pacifica's financial problems by the Chair of the PNB's National Finance Committee. Could this be a prelude to another attempt to shut down WBAI as was done in 2019?

As for as the financial position of Pacifica we have reached yet another month without a proper Profit and Loss statement so it is not possible to provide an educated assessment of Pacifica's situation. The most recent P & L we do have takes us to the end of March of 2025. We are now three-quarters of a year behind in getting a P&L that is up to date. We have defaulted on two loans and were forced to principal on one of them, over \$2 million dollars, seriously depleting whatever cash we received from the sale of the KPFA building in Los Angeles. The Winter Fund Drive at WBAI has met and exceeded its goal but lots of questions remain about the viability of the new WBAI business model. It is certainly premature to proclaim, as some on the PNB are doing, the Pacifica has turned some kind of corner regarding its financial problems.

Pacifica's status as a non-profit as a charitable organization continues to be suspended on the California Attorney General's list of Charitable organizations.

The auditing firm we expected to perform the audits for 2022 and 2023 has quit and we have yet to find a replacement for them.

Pacifica's non-profit status is now also listed as "automatically revoked" by the IRS.

The full significance of this is not clear but it is obviously not good news.

In the meantime, the New Day-aligned PNB majority seems to think everything is fine and takes no responsibility for the financial problems plaguing Pacifica.

Alex Steinberg,

Director in Exile from WBAI