11/30/05 WPFW LSB Meeting – Minutes

WPFW Local Station Board Meeting

November 30, 2005, 7:00 p.m.

The Flemming Center, Washington, DC

Call to Order: 7:25 p.m.

1. Board members in attendance:

Billy Ray Edwards Jim Brown Carol Wolfe Kalonji Olusegun Acie Byrd **Rob Robinson Norberto Martinez** Joe Chiara Cade Campbell Dan Logan Mark Roberts Hakam Takash Luzette King Thomas Ruffin Jane Gatewood Ayo Handi Kendi Sarah Bittle Gloria Turner Joni Eisenberg

Ron Pinchback, General Manager, was not in attendance to promote open discussion of the first two items.

Excused absences requested by : Ambrose Lane, Zarinah Shakir, Donnie McKethan.

Unexecused: Mark Berman

Jane moves to excuse these 4 people. Cade seconds. Motion carries. 4 are excused.

2. Concerns about the MASC committee

Jane moves that Roberts Rules be suspended for 20 minutes until 8:00 pm to allow informal discussion. Seconded by Joni.

8 in favor, 5 opposed. Motion is defeated (2/3 in favor needed)

Acie moves that the LSB authorize the chair and executive committee of this board to select 5 to 7 members of an interim MASC to evaluate the general manager and conduct the nomination process for program director. Seconded by Joni.

Norberto proposes a substitute motion: The LSB elects new members of the MASC committee to replace those that do not want to continue on the committee. Thomas seconds.

Jane moves that discussion end on substitute motion. Joni seconds. 11 in favor. 3 opposed. 3 abstentions. Discussion ends.

A vote is taken on the substitute motions. 5 in favor. 9 opposed. 4 abstentions. The substitute motion is defeated.

Mark moves to extend time by 10 minutes. Motion is seconded. 15 in favor of extending time by 10 minutes.

Billy Ray moves that Acie's motion is out of order because it includes reference to an executive committee that doesn't exist.

Acie moves to amend the motion by striking chair and executive committee and substituting officers of the LSB to say that the officers of the LSB will select these new members of the MASC.

Jane moves to extend discussion by 12 minutes to 8:30 pm

Acie moves that the LSB authorize the officers of the LSB to select 5 to 7 members of an interim MASC to evaluate the general manager and conduct the nomination process for program director subject to LSB approval.

Thomas moves to table the discussion. Billy Ray seconds. 4 in favor. 8 opposed. Abstentions: 4 Motion remains on the floor.

Mark calls the question. 12 in favor. Opposed: 2 1 abstention. Discussion closes.

A vote is taken on Acie's motions. 9 in favor. Opposed 8. abstentions 1. Motion carries.

3. Key items for the new MASC committee to address.

Involve the person being evaluated and staff as well. Chair asks that everyone send suggestions to Jim for what the key areas are that should be addressed in the GM's evaluation (e.g., fiscal management, outreach, etc.). Chair asks that they be sent to him by Friday.

4. Programming proposal presented for feedback. Jan 27 PNB meeting.

Joni moves that the programming resolution document be placed on the agenda for the December meeting. In the meantime, we collate our ideas and prepare one draft of comments to return to the PNB. Luzette seconded the motion.

Hearing no objection, the item will be on the December agenda.

Cade announced the December 3 Town Hall Meeting and asked all LSB members to participate.

Mark moves to adjourn. Seconded. Meeting is adjourned at 10:05 p.m.