

Minutes for the WBAI Local Station Board meeting in Public Session on September 14, 2022.

Meeting convened at 7:10 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, James Dingeman, DeeDee Halleck, Maxine Harrison-Gallmon, William Heerwagen, Bounubti Kamethou, R. Paul Martin, Basir Mchawi, Kathryn O’Sullivan, Hazel Pinder, Shawn Rhodes, James Sagurton, Sharonne Salaam, Marilyn Vogt-Downey and Michael D.D. White

Not in attendance: Jack Devine, Errol Maitland, Max Schmid and Amy Wilson

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

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### **Final Agenda**

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

**7:00 PM, Wednesday, September 14, 2022 Meeting**

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

1. Convene meeting- (Ask for recording of the meeting to be started and confirm designated time keeper. Note how chat is to be used.)
2. Adopt Agenda. (20 minutes)
3. Roll Call. (5 minutes)
4. Excuse Absences. (5 minutes)
5. Approve outstanding minutes: August 10, 2022 Meeting (5 minutes)
- 5a. Schedule exec session in October with legal counsel regarding search committee and evaluation committee regarding composition of that committees – Shawn Rhodes (3 minutes)
6. Report from Pacifica National Board Directors. (7 minutes & 5 minutes discussion) — Shawn Rhodes, James Sagurton, Sharonne Salaam, Jim Dingeman.
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: Status of LSB elections (7 minutes & 5 minutes discussion) — Shawn Rhodes, James Sagurton, Sharonne Salaam, Jim Dingeman.
12. Discussion: Fund Raising Responsibilities of the WBAI LSB – (8 minutes) Basir Mchawi
13. Discussion of Action of Executive Director Regarding Program Director Process (8 minutes & 5 minutes discussion) Marilyn Vogt-Downey
14. 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
15. Discussion Re Composition of WBAI’s Local Committees: If Home Is Where There Heart Is, Should WBAI’s Local Committees be Comprised of Non-WBAI Members or Pacifica Members Who Elect Other Pacifica Station LSBs? — (5 minutes) — James Sagurton
16. Discussion of Pacifica Underwriting Policy. (4 minutes & 8 minutes discussion) — Jim Dingeman
17. Report on Debating Debates Town Hall Discussion: — (3 minutes) – Michael D. D. White.
18. Discussion & Resolution: Creation of Programming Advisory Committee— (5 minutes) – Michael D. D. White.
19. Motion to Create Programming Committee (5 minutes) — William Heerwagen
20. Competing Successfully With the Internet vs And/or Becoming Internet Successful - (5 minutes) — Michael D. D. White
21. Motion Appreciating Staff (5 minutes) — William Heerwagen
22. Discussion: Improving WBAI and Pacifica Reputation and Brand.— (10 minutes) – Michael D. D. White

23. Discussion: Adjournment Time of LSB meeting(s)—(5 minutes) Doc Shya
  24. Public Comment. (30 minutes, 2 minutes maximum per speaker before next in queue to speak. Must always begin no later than 9:15 PM.)
  25. New Business
  26. Adjourn no later than 9:45 PM. (ET)
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Call to Order: 7:10 PM ET

The agenda was read.

**Motion:** (Michael DD White) “To adopt the agenda” 7:14 PM ET

The LSB discussed the motion.

**Amendment Proposed:** (Basir Mchawi) “To change “Resolution” to “Discussion” for item 16” (passed without objection) 7:16 PM ET.

**Amendment Proposed:** (Rachel Barr) “To move item 23 to item 14” 7:19 PM ET.

The LSB discussed this amendment. This amendment passed (9 Yes, 6 No, 1 abstention)

**Amendment Proposed:** (Shawn Rhodes) “To add item 5a for 3 minutes to schedule exec session in October with legal counsel regarding Search Committee and Evaluation Committee regarding composition of committee”

The LSB discussed this amendment.

**Call for Orders of the Day:** (R.Paul Martin) 7:35 PM ET

**Motion:** (John Brinkley) “To extend time by five minutes” 7:38 PM ET  
This motion failed (10 Yes, 8 No, 0 abstentions two thirds needed)

The LSB then passed the Amendment proposed by Shawn Rhodes without objection. 7:40 PM ET

The agenda was then adopted without objection 7:40 PM ET

**Roll Call:** 7:41 PM ET

Those not present were: Jack Devine, Errol Maitland, Max Schmid and Amy Wilson

**Motion:** (James Dingeman) “To excuse absences of those not present.” 7:43 PM ET (passed without objection)

**Motion:** (Michael DD White) “To approve minutes from August 10, 2022 Public Session” (with typo correction) 7:44 PM ET (passed without objection)

Discussion: Schedule Executive Session in October with legal counsel regarding Search Committee and Evaluation Committee regarding composition of committees.

--schedule Executive Session with Pacifica Legal Counsel either October 3 or October 17 from 7:00PM to 9:30 PM ET

**Motion:** (Shawn Rhodes) “To schedule Executive Session with legal counsel present on October 3rd or October 17th from 7pm to 930 pm, whichever is more convenient for legal counsel.” 7:57 PM ET (passed without objection)

Report from Pacifica National Board Directors (Shawn Rhodes, James Sagurton, Sharonne Salaam, Jim Dingeman) 8:00 PM ET

- review of financial situation for Foundation and stations
- reduction staff hours KPFK
- reduction of number of staff at KPFT
- for PNB members, what are top ideas to improve financial situation
- powers of Executive Director
- need for premiums
- rethink programming

General Manager’s Report (Berthold Reimers) 8:18 PM ET

- report of fundraising ideas and communications with listeners
- palm card and fundraising venues

Programming Report: Linda was not present, the Chair read highlights of a report that the Program Director sent her. 8:29 PM ET

- transmitter shutdown for maintenance
- lack of premiums
- web site issues
- success of morning shows

Discussion of both Reports 8:29 PM ET

- Status of Evaluation Form
- use of archive items as premiums

--are the current premiums working, need to new premiums  
--top premiums are medical based

**Motion:** (Michael DD White) “To extend time by five minutes” 8:45 PM ET (motion failed 10 Yes, 7 No, 1 abstention, need to thirds to pass)

Community Advisory Board Report 8:47 PM ET: Neale Vos presented an update.

--recommendations: bring back news programming  
-- metaphysical show  
--music at beginning and end of each show  
--25% of time to taking listener phone calls

Treasurer’s Report: 8:50 PM ET R. Paul Martin presented an update.

--written Treasurer’s Report at [https://glib.com/treasurers\\_report\\_2022-09-14.pdf](https://glib.com/treasurers_report_2022-09-14.pdf)  
--discussion of financial state of Pacific  
--discussion of FY23 budgets

Discussion: Status of LSB elections (7 minutes & 5 minutes discussion) — Shawn Rhodes, James Sagurton, Sharonne Salaam, Jim Dingeman 9:02 PM ET

--PNB surrounding Elections Committee Report with new time line for holding elections will be discussed by PNB in October.  
--Bylaws will allow this, and the motion will be to have the next elections in 2023(to be discussed by PNB at meeting in October)  
--vacancy discussions have taken place, but no decision has been made

Discussion: Fund Raising Responsibilities of the WBAI LSB (Basir Mchawi) 9:10 PM ET

--Bylaws indicate that LSB members have fundraising responsibilities  
--Crowdfunding: Go Fund Me  
--need fundraising vision  
--Station Promotion  
--Good Search

Public Comments began at 9:15 PM ET

- News Programming End
- Law in Oklahoma banning teaching of systemic racism
- LSB Elections and replacements
- Listeners should have stronger voice in Programming; Listeners comments raise issues that are more relevant
- Good Search and Good Shop
- Listeners from other stations joining WBAI committees
- Volunteers should be brought back into the station to help organize especially for fundraising
- National Finance Committee and working group focusing on the possibility of bankruptcy. The ED needs to have more exposure to programming at all the stations
- Comments on Programming and premiums
- Need for a Network Development Plan and Management Shakeup. NETA replacement efforts not timely
- Concern about Board seats and KPFT iGM. Cannot both be on Board and be iGM. Listeners need to have opportunity to discuss underwriting motion

**Motion:** (Michael DD White) “To adjourn” 9:45 PM ET

**Motion: (Marilyn Vogt Downey)** “To extend time of meeting by 15 minutes” 9:48 PM ET  
Motion failed (8 Yes, 8 No, 1 abstention) needs two thirds to pass

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 PM ET  
Submitted by John Hoffman, Secretary