

Minutes for the WBAI Local Station Board meeting in Public Session on April 13, 2022.

Meeting convened at 7:10 PM (ET) a quorum being present, the Chair being present.

Attending: Rachel Barr, Scottye Battle, Doc Shya, John Brinkley, Priscilla Cancar, Jack DePalma, James Dingeman, Maxine Harrison-Gallmon, DeeDee Halleck, William Heerwagen, R. Paul Martin, Basir Mchawi, Katherine O’Sullivan, Hazel Pindar, Shawn Rhodes, James Sagurton, Marilyn Vogt-Downey and Michael D.D. White

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

Agenda

WBAI Local Station Board (“LSB”) 7:00 PM, Wednesday, April 13, 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. Welcome new LSB member- Expression of thanks to Charlotte Albrecht as LSB member and Secretary. (1 minute)
6. Approve outstanding minutes: November 10, 2021 and December 8, 2021, March 9, 2022 Meeting (5 minutes)
7. Report from Pacifica National Board Directors. (7 minutes & 5 minutes discussion) — Shawn Rhodes, James Sagurton, Sharonne Salaam, Jim Dingeman.
8. Motion to Approve Date For Executive Session on HR Recommendation: Monday April 25, (or, as a first possible alternative, Tuesday May 3rd)- (6 minutes) — Jim Dingeman
9. Elect delegates to PNB committees, two each, STV voting (by OpaVote) unless only two non-director LSB candidates: - (6 minutes)
 - a. Elections
 - b. Programming
10. Population of PNB Task Forces- (Voluntary and no limit-- LSB and non LSB. - (6 minutes)
 - a. Technology Task Force
 - b. Affiliates Task Force
 - c. Development Task Force
11. General Manager’s Report, including any further updates on PD Search Status. (5 Minutes report 5 minutes discussion) — Berthold Reimers
12. Programming Updates. (5 minutes report, 5 minutes Q&A) — Linda Perry

13. Report from Community Advisory Board (2 Minutes) – Neale Vos
 14. Treasurer’s Report. — (5 Minutes report 5 minutes discussion) — R. Paul Martin
 15. Discussion: Promotion of WBAI: Key to a Successful Future (2 Minute presentation 6 minutes discussion) — Basir Mchawi
 16. Resolution Respecting Contact Email for LSB– (10 minutes) — Rachel Barr
 17. Discussion: Pacifica Communication Policy- (8 minutes) — Rachel Barr
 18. Discussion: Public Comment– (8 minutes) — Dr. Shaya Bey
 19. Discussion: Listener Phone Calls - (4 minutes) — Rachel Barr
 20. Discussion & Resolution: Creation of Programming Advisory Committee— (5 Minutes) – Michael D. D. White
 21. Motion to Create Programming Committee (5 minutes) — William Heerwagon
 22. Motion Appreciating Staff (5 minutes) — William Heerwagon
 23. Discussion: Improving WBAI and Pacifica Reputation and Brand (10 minutes) — Michael D. D. White
 24. Discussion: Adjournment Time of LSB meeting(s)—(5 minutes) Dr. Shaya Bey
 25. 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
 26. Public Comment. (30 minutes, 2 minutes maximum per speaker before next in queue to speak. Must always begin no later than 9:15 PM.)
 27. New Business. (5 minutes)
 28. Adjourn no later than 9:45 PM. (ET)
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Motion: (Michael DD White) “To adopt the agenda” 7:14 PM ET

The LSB discussed the motion.

Michael DD White (Vice Chair) assumes the role of Chair 7:18 PM ET

A motion was attempted to be made by Basir Mchawi “that the in subsequent agendas, an agenda item called ‘Unfinished Business’ be created where items that have not been gotten to (during previous meetings), are moved up in the agenda in the Unfinished Business category”.

The Vice Chair ruled the motion out of order as there was already a motion on the floor 7:22 ET.

The motion passed without objection at 7:23 PM ET .

Roll Call

Motion: (James Dingeman) “To excuse absences of those named as absent” 7:24 PM ET (passed without objection)

The Board expressed gratitude to Charlotte Albrecht who recently resigned from the Board for all of her efforts on the Board and as Secretary. The Board welcomed new member Priscilla Cancar.

Motion: (Jack DePalma) “to approve the minutes for November 10, 2021, December 8, 2021 and March 9, 2022” 7:28 PM ET (passed without objection)

Report from PNB Directors 7:29PM ET(James Sagurton, James Dingeman, Shawn Rhodes): Discussion of difficult financial station for Pacifica. Discussion of loan coming due in October, and the urgent need to conduct significant fundraising at this time.

Motion: (James Sagurton)“to extend time for two minutes” during report presentation 7:39 PM ET (passed without objection)

Discussion of PNB report 7:40PM ET

Discussion of setting Date for next Executive Session.

Motion: (James Dingeman)“ to approve scheduling Executive Session for discussion of HR recommendation for Program Director search on April 25, 2022 from 7:30pm to 9:00pm 7:42 PM ET –original motion was 7:00PM to 9:00PM, but motion was changed to 7:30PM during discussion of the motion.

The LSB Discussed the motion.

Motion: (James Dingeman)“to extend time for two minutes” 7:56 PM ET (passed without objection)

Motion: (James Dingeman)“to extend time for two minutes” 7:58 PM ET (passed without objection)

Motion: (James Dingeman)“to call the question” 8:02 PM ET

A vote on the motion then took place and passed 8:03 PM ET (14 yes, 1 no, 3 abstention)

The Chair began to Cahir the meeting at this time. 8:04 PM ET

Nominations for two Delegates PNB Committee on Elections 8:04 PM ET:

- Jack DePalma nominated himself
- James Sagurton nominated DeeDee Halleck--accepts
- William Heerwagen nominates himself

Motion: (Michael DD White)“to close nominations” 8:06 PM ET (passed without objection)

SVR Voting to be held by Opavote (voting opened on April 13 and expiring on April 23)

Nominations for two Delegates PNB Programming Committee 8:07 PM ET:

- James Sagurton nominates Scottye Battle—accepts
- Rachel Barr nominates herself
- Michael DD White nominates Katherine O’Sullivan--accepts

Motion: (James Sagurton)“to close nominations” 8:09 PM ET (passed without objection)

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Technology Task Force Volunteers (LSB Member and General Public) 8:13PM ET:

- Michael DD White volunteers
- Linda Perry volunteers
- Maya volunteers
- Laure Andrews volunteers

Motion: (Michael DD White)“to extend time three minutes” 8:17PM ET (passed without objection)

Affiliates Task Force Volunteers (LSB Member and General Public) 8:20PM ET:

- Michael DD White volunteers
- Scottye Battle volunteers

Development Task Force Volunteers (LSB Member and General Public) 8:22PM ET:

--John Brinkley volunteers
--M. Kay Williams volunteers

Motion: (James Dingeman)“to extend time two minutes” 8:23PM ET (passed without objection)

General Manager’s Report (Berthold Reimers) 8:24 PM ET

Programming Report (Linda Perry) 8:31 PM ET

Combines Questions for General Manager and Interim Program Director 8:38 PM ET

CAB Report (Neale Vos) 8:55 PM ET

Treasurer’s Report (R.Paul Martin) 8:56 PM ET

Presentation: Promotion of WBAI: Key to a Successful Future (Basir Mchawi) 9:10 PM ET

Discussion: Promotion of WBAI: Key to a Successful Future (Basir Mchawi) 9:14 PM ET

Listener Comments 9:15 PM ET

Motion: (Michael DD White) “To adjourn” 9:45 PM ET (passed without objection)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 PM ET
Submitted by John Hoffman, Secretary