

## *DRAFT Minutes*

# **WBAI Local Station Board December Meeting**

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## **Call to Order**

Regular meeting of the WBAI Local Station Board. Held on Wednesday December 11, 2019 at YWCA 30 3rd Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11221.

Meeting called to order at 7:15 and presided over by Carolyn McIntyre with Jack DePalma as secretary. [Note: original minutes were taken by DePalma, but edited and supplemented by incoming secretary Albrecht.]

## **Approval of Agenda**

Rhodes moves agenda. Cohen moves to amend, add reaffirmation in support of imprisoned journalists. Seconded. With 17 for, amendment passes.

Steinberg moves amend agenda remove #13, #14 and add 45 minutes at #10b. Seconded.

Albrecht moves to amend this motion and instead add 5 minutes to #13, 1#4. Second. With 14 for and 2 against, amendment passes.

Steinberg moves to amend agenda, adding discussion of an assistant to the Treasurer for 2 minutes at 7e. Seconded. With 5 for, 10 against, amendment fails.

Albaiti moves to amend agenda add 5 minutes to #11, LSB and PNB Committees & Task Forces. With 9 for, 1 against, amendment passes.

With 15 for, agenda as amended passes.

## **Attendance**

Call-in attendance is acceptable for voting for officers, once phone issues are resolved.

Timekeeper is Max Schmid.

Voting Members in attendance: Safia Albaiti, Charlotte Albrecht, Mitchel Cohen, Randy Credico, Jack DePalma, Jack Devine, Marilyn Vogt-Downey, King Downey, Ana Garcia, William Heerwagon, Carolyn McIntyre, R. Paul Martin, Errol Maitland, Basir Mchawi, Hazel Pinder, Ralph Poynter, Shawn Rhodes, James Sagurton, Max Schmid, Alex Steinberg, Amy Wilson, Michael DD White, Berthold Reimers (ex-officio).

On telephone with notice: Dee Dee Halleck, Sharonne Salaam.

Absent with excuse: King Downey is out of the country.

Motion to excuse all absences. Removal criteria in bylaws is clarified: members are removed for 3 unexcused absences in a row. Motion passes with 13 for, 4 against.

2020 WBAI LSB members introduce themselves.

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### **IRV voting for officers**

Chair of LSB: Carolyn McIntyre and Sharonne Salaam (on phone), with C. Davis and F. Luck as tellers. 16 for Mac Intyre and 6 for Salaam. Carolyn McIntyre is Chair.

Vice Chair of LSB: Safia Albaiti and Sharonne Salaam. 17 for Albaiti and 6 for Salaam. Albaiti is Vice Chair.

Secretary of LSB: Charlotte Albrecht and Jack DePalma. 17 for Albrecht and 4 for DePalma. Charlotte Albrecht is Secretary.

Treasurer of LSB: R. Paul Martin unopposed. 18 for and 1 no. R. Paul Martin is treasurer.

Public comments begins at 9 pm and continued intermittently during voting and counting for 30 minutes. Program Director Linda Perry reports during public comments.

### **Officer's Reports**

General Manager Report presented by Reimers. Treasurer Report presented by Martin. WBAI Profit & Loss Statement by Month October 2018 to September 2019 distributed. Budget Assumptions Presentation is distributed. Dire need to increase our fundraising performance. Profit and Loss Statement suggests NFC reports are not in agreement on many items. Why does the NFC chair hold working documents in the finance committee secret? WBAI seems to be \$25,000 deficit monthly. WBAI needs about 20% more funding to stay solvent in NYC. WBAI has a tight budget. We must do more to survive.

### **Main Motions & Other Reports**

Outstanding November 12, 2019 LSB Meeting minutes are approved.

**Management Evaluation Committee update and Resolution to Complete the Management Evaluation Process** presented by Mchawi:Requests that remaining members of LSB to submit their evaluations. Results ready to compile soon. Evaluation should emphasize corrective actions and solutions. Estimates completion by February. Clarified that surveys are anonymous.

**Report from Pacifica National Board Directors** given by Steinberg. Steinberg states that false information is being used politically against WBAI. Pacifica audits are delayed. Interim Director John Vernile fired for cause. Hired new legal counsel Arthur Schwartz. New Pro-tem Officers elected. Affiliate directors election on 12/19.

**LSB and PNB Committees and Task Forces: Information and Continuations.** Martin moves to amend, striking items c and d. Intent of resolution remains the same, citing Pacifica Bylaws. Amendment taken as friendly and passes without objection.

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**Resolution in Support of Imprisoned Journalists Assange, Abu Jamal, and Chelsea Manning** presented by Cohen. Text: “The Local Board of WBAI radio reaffirms the station’s strong support for imprisoned fellow journalists and whistle-blowers Julian Assange, Chelsea Manning, and Mumia Abu-Jamal, and calls for the governments involved to free them immediately.” Passed without objection.

McIntyre advises Downing and Rhodes resolve contradictions in their two Programming Committee resolutions. Will be first on January’s meeting agenda.

Reimers suggests Board members review and discuss budget thoroughly to prepare discussion questions for January’s next meeting. It is clarified that Finance Committee has approved the budget and it will be passed on to the LSB for approval. Martin says its “the best we’re gonna get.”