

Minutes - WBAI Local Station Board – Finance Committee Meeting – July 20, 2022

Voting Members Attending: Jack DePalma, Jim Dingeman, William Heerwagen, John Hoffman, Noel Jameson, R. Paul Martin, Mario Mastrandrea, Matt Mazza, Carolyn McIntyre, Darryl McPherson, Berthold Reimers, Cerene Roberts, James Sagurton, Geoffrey Stern, Neale Vos, Michael D.D. White, M. Kay Williams

Absent: Pat Logan

Also Attending: Ali McMurphy, Adriana Casenave, from Houston, Bruce Greif, Denise Joyce

Agenda: Approved without objections at

1. Call to order 7:00 PM ET
2. Approval of agenda (20 minutes)
3. Identify time keeper (2 minutes)
4. Excused absences (5 minutes)
5. Minutes approval (10 minutes)
6. Treasurer’s Report (15 minutes)
7. General Manager’s Report on WBAI’s finances (30 minutes)
8. Set next meeting date (5 minutes)
9. New Business
10. Adjourn no later than 9:30 PM ET

Meeting convened at 7:03 pm, a quorum being present, and Chair R. Paul Martin being present. The following reminder was read by R. Paul Martin:

“According to the Motion passed by the LSB on March 12, 2014:

Whereas people attending any Pacifica/WBAI governance meetings are not required to identify themselves, and whereas there has recently been a question concerning the criteria for establishing attendance at a local Finance Committee meeting for the purpose of becoming a member of that committee, therefore:

Resolved: That it shall be the policy of the LSB that in the local Finance Committee that the sole criterion for establishing attendance at meetings to become a member shall be the signing in on the official sign-in sheet for that meeting. The committee may not determine its own membership through any other means.”

During the pandemic, when we are meeting virtually and there is no sign in sheet, it is sufficient to let the chair know of your presence by name at some point during the meeting. If you attend 3 consecutive meetings, you have voting member status. If you

have more than 2 unexcused absences, you lose voting status until you again attend 3 consecutive meetings. You may request an excused absence by email in advance of the meeting at which you will be absent. Attending 3 or more hours of meetings per month also qualifies as volunteer time and BAI Member status.

The following agenda items were then discussed:

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Adopt the Agenda (20 min)**
- 3. Identify Time Keeper (2 min)**
- 4. Excuse absences (5 min)**
- 5. Minutes Approval (10 min)**

Motion: (R. Paul Martin) To accept the agenda. The Finance Committee passed the motion without objection at 7:09 pm.

Motion: (R. Paul Martin) To accept Geoffrey Stern as Time Keeper.

The Finance Committee passed the motion without objection at 7:10 pm.

Motion: (R. Paul Martin) To excuse the absences of James Sagurton.

The Finance Committee passed the motion without objection at 7:11 pm.
Then James later attended at 7:35 pm.

Motion: (M. Kay Williams) That the committee defer consideration of approval of the minutes from 6-15-22 until next month to give people time to consider them since they weren't sent out until today.

The Finance Committee discussed and passed the motion without objection at 7:14 pm.

The following agenda items were then discussed.

- 6. Treasurer's Report (15 min) – R. Paul Martin**
- 7. General Manager's Report on WBAI's Finances (30 min) – Berthold Reimers**

Motion: (Cerene Roberts) To extend time for discussion of the Treasurer's Report 5 min.

The Committee passed the motion without objection at 7:30 pm.

The Committee continued to discuss the Treasurer's Report.

The General Manager's Report began at 7:36 pm

Motion: (Cerene Roberts) To extend time for discussion of the General Manager's Report 5 min.

The Committee passed the motion without objection at 8:12 pm.

The Committee continued to discuss the General Manager's Report.

Motion: (R. Paul) To extend time for discussion of the General Manager's Report 2 minutes.

The Committee passed the motion without objection at 8:24 pm.

The Committee continued to discuss the General Manager's Report.

The following agenda item was then discussed.

8. Motion to Set Next Meeting Date (5 min)

Motion: (R. Paul Martin) To set next meeting date for Wed, August 17, 2022 at 7 pm ET

Amendment to the Motion: (Cerene) To move up the next meeting date to Wed, August 3, 2022 at 7 pm ET.

The Committee discussed the Amendment to the Motion, then the question was called and the amendment was defeated on a roll call vote: Yes 4, No 7, and 3 abstentions at 8:38 pm.

R. Paul's Motion for the August 17 meeting date was again proposed and passed without objection at 8:39 pm

The following agenda item was then discussed.

9. New Business (20 min)

The Committee discussed New Business.

Motion: (Michael D.D. White) To adjourn at 8:50 pm.
Since there was an objection, a roll call vote was called and the motion passed 8 yes, 3 no, and 1 abstention.

Adjourned at 8:57 pm (ET)
Submitted by M. Kay Williams, Secretary