

WBAI Local Station Board September Meeting

Call to Order

Regular meeting of the WBAI Local Station Board, convened remotely due to Governor's shelter in place order. Held via Zoom on September 9th, 2020. Link to Zoom video and audio recordings.

Meeting is called to order at _____ and presided over by Carolyn McIntyre with Charlotte Albrecht as Secretary. Timekeepers are Amy Wilson and Jack DePalma.

Link to the [roll call vote record](#).

Approval of Agenda

Discussion of agenda amendment. Basir motions to add “a closed session to discuss and adopt the Management Committee Evaluation Report” as item #6. He points out that several LSB members have requested this addition via email. The report is a revised version that is the result of collaboration between the MEC and Alex Steinberg, as directed by the July 12th (*I think?*) executive session of the LSB. The Chair says that a small group cannot dictate the agenda and recommends against going into closed session during a regular meeting, and that there is time on the agenda to schedule a separate session at a later date. Several people point out that Basir is requesting to amend the agenda now via a vote of the body, not dictate.

Point of order from R. Paul: it's illegal to go into a closed session at this meeting, so Basir's amendment is out of order. He cites [Article 7, 6.C: “Members and Public Participation”](#) of the Pacifica bylaws: *In the event that all or a portion of a meeting is closed, the LSB shall indicate in its notice of said meeting that the meeting or a part of it shall be closed*, and there was no mention of a closed session in the notice for this meeting.

Secretary points out that the MEC Chair (with four out of five committee members in agreement) requested this agenda item on Aug 29, enough time for it to be included in the meeting announcement with proper seven days notice. Point of order from Michael: within 24 hours of that email, he requested materials that the report said would be available upon request and never got them. Lots of crosstalk and disagreement.

The Chair rules that Basir's amendment to the agenda is out of order.

Alex says that this ignores the opinion he provided from Pacifica's parliamentarian, that if a matter comes up in open session that requires confidentiality, the body is allowed to go into closed session to discuss it. Mitch says that it was decided at the last full executive session of

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the LSB that we discuss it now. He motions to appeal the ruling of the chair, with a second. Jack Devine seconds, saying he was the one who made that motion that the MECR. Paul wants to make it clear again an organization's bylaws always supersede Robert's Rules.

Vote on whether or not to uphold the ruling of the chair. 7 for upholding, 14 against, 0 abstentions. The Chair's ruling is not upheld.

Basir's amendment to add an executive to discuss the Management Committee Evaluation Report as item number 6 passes with 15 for, 5 against, 0 abstentions. With no objections, agenda passes as amended.

1. Convene meeting.
2. Adopt Agenda. (20 minutes)
3. Roll Call, including verification respecting telephone attendees. (5 minutes)
4. Excuse absences. (5 minutes)
5. Approve outstanding minutes: [August 12th](#) (incomplete). (5 minutes)
6. *Added via amendment:* Executive Session for Discussion of MEC Report (30 mins)
7. Report from Pacifica National Board Directors. (15 minutes) — Alex Steinberg, Ralph Poynter, Shawn Rhodes, James Sagurton
8. General Managers Report (10 minutes for report & 10 minutes for discussion) — Berthold Reimers
9. Programming Updates (5 minutes report, 5 minutes Q&A) — Linda Perry
10. [Treasurer's Report](#) — (5 minutes report, 5 minutes discussion) — R. Paul Martin
 - Supplement: "[General Manager's comparison of fund raising for FY19 and FY20](#)"
11. Vote on Local Finance Committee Motions (10 minutes) — R. Paul Martin
 - [Motions #1, #2, #3, #4](#) originally proposed at 08.12 meeting
 - [Motion #5](#)
 - Supplement: "[Voting records for part of the WBAI local Finance Committee meeting of August 26, 2020](#)"
12. Report from Fundraising Committee (10 minutes) — Safia Albaiti

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13. Update from Radio Committee (3 minutes) — Shawn Rhodes
14. Set date for executive session to discuss Management Evaluation Committee Report (2 minutes)
15. Report on Town Halls. (2 minutes) — Jack DePalma
16. Report of LSB Committee of Inclusion. (3 minutes) — William Heerwagen
17. Report From Program Director Search Committee (2 minutes) — Shawn Rhodes
18. Report of Community Advisory Board. (2 minutes) — ?
19. Public Comment. (30 minutes, 2 minutes maximum per speaker before next in queue to speak. Must always begin no later than 9:15 PM.)
20. Unfinished Business. (5 minutes)
21. New Business (5 minutes)
22. Adjourn no later than 9:45 PM (ET)

Attendance and Adopting Minutes

Voting Members in attendance: Safia Albaiti, Charlotte Albrecht, John Brinkley, Mitchel Cohen, Jack DePalma, Jack Devine, DeeDee Halleck (after resolving tech difficulties, William Heerwagen, Errol Maitland, R. Paul Martin, Basir Mchawi, Hazel Pinder, Ralph Poynter, Shawn Rhodes, Sharonne Salaam, James Sagurton, Max Schmid (via text chat), Alex Steinberg, Marilyn Vogt-Downey, Michael White, Amy Wilson, Carolyn McIntyre.

Absent: Ana Garcia, King Downing.

Michael motions to excuse all absences. No objections.

August minutes are incomplete, Secretary withdraws them. Adoption postponed until next meeting with no objection.

Recess to Executive Session

There is some discussion of how to do an executive session via Zoom. We decide to send listeners to the “Waiting Room” and admit them when it’s over. (Great solution, thanks Safia!)

William motions to move public comment up to now. The motion fails 6 for, 10 against, 4 abstention. Public comment will be at 9:15. The body enters an executive session at 8:17 pm.

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Report out from executive session, adopted by a majority vote: “The WBAI LSB met in executive session to discuss personnel issues of a confidential nature and to adopt the recommendations of the ad hoc Management Evaluation Committee . The committee has now been discharged.”

We return and public comment is held at 9:20 pm.