



MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026, WBGO / CAB MEETING MINUTES

Antoinette Montague, CAB Chair Call Meeting to Order 5:10 pm

Carrie Jackson, CAB Secretary Roll Call

Antoinette Montague, Carrie Jackson, Whitney Marchelle Jackson, Peter Kyriacopoulos, Reginald Blanding, Ronald Glover

Opening Remarks: Steve Williams, President/CEO

Thanks & Welcomes Rashida, for Supporting WBGO

acknowledges WBGO Staff in Chat Room, Phyllis Slaten,

Leslie Harrison, Rosalyn Turner, Sheila Plotnick, Sylvia Brewer,

In Chat Room: Alicia Crowe, Mary Alford, Francie, Angela Manso, Barbara Hines,

Note: CAB Minutes from **March 2, 2026**, Not Approved Quorum vote not available, to proceed next schedule meeting September 7, 2026, problem inaudible audio transmission during meeting.

Antoinette Montague: Congratulations to Steve Williams, WBGO SEO/ President, received Lifetime Achievement Award from Jazz Initiative Group, also attending Christian Mc Bride, many congratulations to Steve will give his insights on jazz, blues and the world.

Steve Williams / CEO: Appreciates recognition from Jazz Initiative, also recognized Christian Mc Bride and other special people mentioned. A month ago, for the first time took a trip to Germany to participate in the largest jazz trade conference in the world, JAZZ AHEAD, invited to speak on the panel convention hall attended by over 3000 people from 25-26 countries across the

world. I met people who were very much aware of WBGO in deep appreciation of what we do here in Newark, and throughout the New York, and New Jersey region areas. Also in attendance were Gail Boyd and Michelle Taylor, which was a perfect opportunity to be there.

We are in the midst of our fund raiser month of June our summer fund raising started this past weekend. We will be back on the air this coming Friday for another 3 days, I encourage all of you if you haven't contributed to the fund drive to do so. Please go to your phones and computers, to our website no amount is too small.

We welcome you to become a member of our Presidents Circle or Patrons circle we also welcome that, please support WBGO Radio, I also welcome members of the CAB to volunteer during a fund drive I encourage you to do that as well, it is a terrific and eye-opening experience to get to know us better. Please reach out to Roslyn Turner, or Sylvia Brewer, Director, and she coordinates all of our volunteer activity, and can use a helping hand to answer phones. Steve acknowledges WBGO staff, Tracey, our bookkeeper, Sheila Plotnick, Michelle Ralph Rawls, Sheila Anderson.

Steve opens to questions: Marchelle, do you have entertainers that are not employed by that you would consider for the entertainment for any of WBGO functions and how do we go about that.

Steve responds: Are you referring to Leslie Harrioson or Bobbie Sanain many cases they are contacted by the producer, we are not directly involved in the selection of those individuals we simply facilitate it, Antoinette Montague is another individual who has participated, again because the host has been contacted prior to WBGO to take part in advance. It's good to know that you are interested in performing and we will keep that in mind. We also have our Kids Jazz Series throughout the year; there are a series of steps that take place in advance of selecting the performing artists and will take place outside of the influence of WBGO.

Antoinette, on the 26th of this month I will be performing at WBGO, doors open at 5:30pm, show starts at 6pm note I applied for a grant through Newark North to Shore (N2S) Festival which has about 40 acts and in looking for a space my desire was to loop and to perform at WBGO Station, it was a serviceable at no cost to the station, it's a win, win space for attendees for free. Note; Jersey City has a Jazz Festival on the 20th of this month, Reggie Blanding,

Steve exits session audio meeting inaudible for a few minutes

Steve back: session continues note social media special guest unable to attend, starting tomorrow I will be visiting Washington, DC, to attend a series of meetings for National Public Radio (NPR) that are designed to raise awareness amongst the executive branch of public radio stations across the country, and during my trip to DC I'll be visiting and having short meetings with several of our Congress Representatives Rob Memendez. I received a note from NPR that they have arranged for meetings with both representatives meet with MacGyver and Senator? And sometimes you meet with their aides. I will be attending these meetings tomorrow and throughout the next few days to have a few words with our Legislators.

Roslyn Turner: speaks on our upcoming fund drive, we had a great 1st week of fund raising, we had a robust Sunday and we are ahead of last years Sunday, At this time last year we were under the threat of losing our funding, everyone gave generously, as of yesterday we exceeded what we did last year by about 50 pledges in the amount of \$10,000, Our listeners are stepping up to the plate again, we are reminding you that we are still not there and only able to get to this point because of them. We have our power hours throughout the week; our final weekend we will have challenges and matches to help us reach our goal of \$300,000 goal for this fund drive. **Antoinette:** We need volunteers to come in and pitch on air,

Roslyn Turner: Please reach out to me to pitch on air, I will help you on the schedule, also reach out to our Director of Volunteers, Sylvia Brewer, you can copy both of us: sbrewer@wbgo.org I am Roslyn Turner: rturner@wbgo.org

Antoinette: You can also take out sponsorships and place ads for the musicians called the **ASAP** in promoting your shows. There are many ways to help the station, if you have small businesses, shout outs to friends' birthdays, you can take out a small package for this as well. I am hoping as CAB Members we can contribute to the station now for the fund drives, we came to pour resources into the station. As CAB members Let us contribute in a way that is meaningful to keep our jazz radio station. We must give and give because it is fair, wise and righteous, show up and show out in supporting this great station WBGO.

Steve: remarks to Antoinette, to you and your fabulous work with kids, last Monday we had the first ever concert collaboration with kids between the public radio formatted stations in New York City, WBGO partnership performed 3 years ago with the idea of doing events collaborative efforts between 4 stations, a station up in Connecticut, considered to be the New York City metropolitan area WQXR, WBGO, WFUB, WSHU, licensed to Sacred Heart University, produced a concert that took place at City Winery last week. Performing were students under the tutelage of Antoinette Montague, Jazz PowerZsa, performed along with Leslie Harrison, L Downs, classical pianist, and? principal clarinetist performed during that evening. Congratulations to Antoinette and all of you for being in support of WBGO.

Antoinette: Closing remarks: Sound inaudible back on, thanks Michelle Ralph Rawls, WBGO staff, and everyone in the meeting and chat room.

Danny Mixon Celebration of Life for Danny Mixon, world international entertainer & pianist on the 26th at Harlem Hospital from 4-6 pm

CAB Meeting ends at 5:45 pm

Submitted by Carrie Jackson, CAB Secretary