

## Meeting Minutes

Community Advisory Board Meeting

June 7, 2022

Formal Agenda -- 5:00 – 5:30 pm

Program on Rutgers Institute of Jazz Studies - 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Virtual Meeting

**Present:** P. Morgan, Interim Chair; B. Baulkman; M. Bess; C. Daniels; L. Caldwell Epps, WBGO Board of Trustee Liaison; B. Hines; Mike McDonough; B. Pulliam; S. Schear, Interim Vice-Chair/Secretary

**Absent:** R. Glover; J. Harris; C. Jackson; A. Montague; P. Kyriacopoulos

**Newly-Elected:** Joyce Woodson; A. Manns (excused absence)

**WBGO:** S. Williams, President and CEO; D. Antoine; C. Balentine; S. Brewer; L. Harrison; Dorthaan Kirk; J. Newcott; M. Ralph-Rawls; P. Slaten; S. Smith; R. Turner

**Meeting began at 5:03 pm.**

**Welcome: Approve minutes.**

Minutes from last meeting were approved and accepted by Mark Bess, and seconded by Mike McDonough.

### **Pamela Morgan, Interim Chair's Report:**

- Pamela shared tonight's agenda.
- Pamela acknowledged the loss of Grachun Moncur III and asked for a moment of silence. Mr. Moncur passed on his 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday; he was a gifted, all-around jazz trombonist.
- Pamela thanked WBGO for involving the CAB in the Gala planning and acknowledging significant women leaders. Pamela shared that the CAB contributed to support a journal ad for the Gala.
- Pamela shared that Andrew Manns and Joyce Woodson have been approved as CAB members.
- Pamela also shared that the slate of nominations for FY2022-2023 has been voted on and 100 percent confirmed by the CAB members. The slate is as follows: Pamela Morgan, Chair; Mark Bess, Vice Chair; and Joyce Woodson, Secretary. Congratulations to the entire slate!

### **Steven A. Williams, President, and CEO, Updates on WBGO Activities and Initiatives:**

- Steve congratulated the CAB and expressed that the CAB is in fine hands with the new leadership.
- Steve recognized the naming of Wayne Shorter Way on the Park Place and shared that it took the entire staff; Mr. Shorter was "over the moon".
- Steve mentioned that the last fundraiser – May 11- 15 – raised over \$230,000. Over 55% of the money raised came in during that Rhythm and Song. In September, there will be two weekends and include Fridays. Steve congratulated Roslyn Turner for all her great work. Over 1,400 people contributed during the fund drive. Steve thanked Stevan Smith, Chief Content Officer, for his work on the fund drive.
- Stevan Smith highlighted a couple of podcasts and launching the third story with Leo Sidran, which will begin on June 14. *Jazz Cabbage* Story podcast – teaser trailer, charting in the top 200 for music history, cracked the chart; gauged a lot of interest with colleagues in the industry, cross exposure with WNYC.

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Shivon Sumpter will focus on mental health, a two-way talk with several guests. Scouting for more podcasts as well.

- WBGO Digital Studio launched one year ago; getting some support; next to derive revenue.
- Celebrating African American Music Month and LGBTQ Pride month; will hear and recognize on all platforms.
- Close to concluding a pilot program funded by the Doris Duke Foundation. Partnered with Jazz House Kids; been well received. Four students have been involved. Met with the students weekly for ten weeks; students listened to guests. Doug Doyle was running the educational part of it; they came to rely on him; Cory Goldberg and Bill ?, were the two producers. They will do on-air broadcasting and getting podcasts up on WBGO studios. Phyllis Slaten has been extremely involved in and leading the projects coordination.
- Instituting a new performance review- P-360; quite excited. Michele Ralph Rawls is in charge of this.
- Technical renovations – David Antoine is in charge and was recognized.
- John Newcott thanked the CAB for our journal ad and thanked Pam for being on the committee. Lezlie Harrison is the host, and Lezlie and Dorthaan Kirk recorded about Wayne Shorter Way.
- Yamaha Series, now monthly, on Mondays, combination performance, book reading and signing – Michael Wolff – piano – will be live-streamed.
- Welcome Back Carmen Balentine to WBGO!!!

### Q&A with the CEO

- Linda Caldwell Epps mentioned the new NJPAC Campus.

### Other:

- Prior to adjourning, Pamela thanked Mark Bess for hosting tonight's "Program on Rutgers Institute of Jazz Studies". Pamela expressed her sincere gratitude to Wayne Winborne, executive director of the Institute of Jazz Studies (IJS) at Rutgers University-Newark, for his support of tonight's meeting, and Vince Pelote and Elizabeth Surles for sharing their knowledge and work with the Institute's archives.

### Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm.

**This meeting will be immediately followed by a CAB sponsored "Program on Rutgers Institute of Jazz Studies" curated by Mark Bess, with guests Vince Pelote and Elizabeth Surles.**

Respectfully submitted minutes,

Susan Schear, Secretary

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