

MINUTES OF THE WLRN COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (CAB) MEETING Thursday, November 3, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by CAB Chair Kearey Wan at 12:03 PM.

CAB MEMBERS, WLRN STAFF AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Nicole Chipi, Lauren Gomez, David Hirsch, Marcela Moyano, Vivian M. Santiesteban-Pardo, Kearey Wan, John LaBonia, Sheila Reinken, Adrienne Kennedy, Diana Zamora. Guests: Antonio Drayton, Monica Cruz, Peter Maerz, Danny Rivero, James March, Doug Petersen, Charles Michaels, Caitie Munoz, Doug Petersen, Andrew Ruiz and Ellen Soto.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the September 1, 2022, meeting. Members present accepted and approved the minutes as published.

WELCOME NEW CAB MEMBER: DAVID HIRSCH

John LaBonia introduced David Hirsch. A long-time volunteer of the station, Mr. Hirsch served as a board member for Friends of WLRN for 8 years. Mr. LaBonia asked to put a new motion on the table to accept Mr. Hirsch as a new board member of the WLRN Community Advisory Board. A unanimous vote of approval was received.

ELECTION OF 2023 CAB OFFICERS:

Mr. LaBonia announced the slate of officers for 2023 and called for a vote for the election of Diana Zamora as Chair, Marcela Moyano as Vice-Chair, and Cynthia Weems as Secretary. A unanimous vote of approval was received. John LaBonia also recognized the contributions of the retiring officers of the board and presented Kearey Wan, Chair, Barry Schwartz, Vice-Chair, and Diana Zamora, Secretary, with service appreciation awards. Diana Zamora took the helm as the new Chair.

APPROVAL OF 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE:

The CAB meeting schedule was presented to the board. Mr. Labonia added that if there are any conflicts, to please contact Adrienne Kennedy.

PODCAST SERIES: *DETENTION BY DESIGN*

News reporter and producer Danny Rivero provided board members with a PowerPoint presentation, along with sample audio clips, to share the highlights of the six-part podcast series *Detention By Design*. Why the podcast? As recently as 1955, there were virtually no immigrants held in detention in the U.S. Today, the federal government holds tens of thousands of immigrants each day, in 130 facilities across the country. Danny shared that detention centers did not start on the U.S./Mexico border as many would think, but right here in South Florida. The series tells the story of the arrival of Haitian and Cuban migrants in the 1970's and 1980's and how the government placed these migrants in jails and detention, which now shapes the immigration detention system we have today in America.

Feedback has been positive:

- Apple Podcasts received 25 reviews with five stars registered on all of them
- Featured in the Miami New Times and on NPR's *Here and Now* with a 9-minute interview
- NPR *Latino USA* featured a full episode in its podcast stream
- Miami-Dade College history professor will use the podcast to teach his class

WLRN OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS:

Caitie Muñoz, Interim Managing Editor, shared photos of herself and Jessica Bakeman, Senior Editor of News, at the Edward R. Murrow Awards Gala on Oct. 19, 2023, at Gotham Hall in New York City. Caitie and Jessica accepted the National Edward R. Murrow Award on behalf of the entire team at WLRN for ['Class of COVID-19: An Education Crisis for Florida's Vulnerable Students'](#). A statewide collaboration between Florida Public Media stations, this project looked at how the Pandemic affected the most vulnerable students in the State.

Adrienne Kennedy, VP of Television, provided a slideshow of WLRN's world premiere film screening of *When We Were Shuttle*. With over 450 guests in attendance, the film screening took place at the Kennedy Space Center on October 20, 2022. Special guests included students from Blue Origins Club for the Future and the Society of Women Engineers Florida Polytechnic Chapter. Following the screening was a Q & A session moderated by Brendan Byrne, host of WMFE's space exploration program *Are We There Yet?* with the NASA workers who participated in the film.

NEXT CAB MEETING: Thursday, March 16, 2023, at Noon

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 PM.