

MINUTES  
WRKF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**Meeting date: Monday, December 4, 2017, at 5:00 PM, Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

**Call to Order:** A meeting of the WRKF Board of directors was held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

**1. Roll Call.**

**Members in attendance at roll call:** J.E. Cullens, Jr. (chairman), Michael Adams, Leonard Apar, Jim Brandt, Mary Kay Carleton, Luke “Joe” Cousson (via phone), Lance Porter, Robyn Merrick, Jenee Slocum, Mary Ann Sternberg, Cyril Vetter

**Representing station operations:** Paul Maassen

**Representing the Community Advisory Board:** Thomas Lamparter

**2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting(s).**

Prior minutes approved by unanimous consent.

**3. Roof repair for transmitter site.**

Paul Maassen advised that the River Road building housing the station’s transmitter has leak in its roof in need of repair. He has obtained one estimate; he will obtain others; and asked for references in order to get the best price for the station.

**4. Board of Directors meeting with CPB grant consultants.**

Paul provided a summary of the discussed the issues presented and possibilities of NPR personalities who may be options to speak at the luncheon. It was agreed that Jim Brandt and Mary Ann Sternberg would explore contacting Walter Isaacson and Michael Lewis as possible speakers. In addition, it was agreed that Robin Roberts would be added to the list of possible speakers.

There was discussion on the need to expand the Crowne Plaza ballroom capacity from the previously used 2/3 to the use of the full ballroom.

**5. Consideration of the new board members.**

Motion to re-election Jim Brandt to the Board of Directors. **Motion passed.**

Motion to re-elect Rodd Naquin to the Board of Directors. **Motion passed.**

Motion by Jim Brandt, seconded by J.E. Cullens, to add Bob Ritter, to the proposed list of new Board of Directors candidates. **Motion passed.**

Discussion of candidates proposed by the Membership Committee for election to the Board of Directors.

Motion to elect Andree M. Cullens to the Board of Directors. **Motion passed.**  
Motion to elect Liz Hampton to the Board of Directors. **Motion passed.**  
Motion to elect Julie Braxton Payor to the Board of Directors. **Motion passed.**  
Motion to elect Stephanie Tomlinson to the Board of Directors. **Motion passed.**  
Motion to elect Ross Riley to the Board of Directors. **Motion passed.**  
Motion to elect Joshua Hollins to the Board of Directors. **Motion passed.**  
Motion to elect Kenneth Noojin to the Board of Directors. **Motion passed.**  
Motion to elect Bob Ritter to the Board of Directors. **Motion passed.**

## **6. Discussion of January 2018 Board of Directors meeting date.**

By acclamation, the next Board of Directors meeting will be January 24, 2018, at 5:00 pm, at the law offices of Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, LLC (450 Laurel Street, #800, Baton Rouge, LA 70801).

## **7. 2018 Officers**

Jim Brandt proposed the following slate of officers for election at the January 2018 Board of Directors meeting:

Chairman, Jim Brandt  
Vice Chair, Rodd Naquin  
Treasurer, Mary Kay Carleton  
Secretary, Stafford

## **8. Outgoing member of the Board of Directors**

Paul Maassen recognized the contributions made by the outgoing members of the Board (Rodney Braxton, J.E. Cullen, Mary Ann Sternberg, Cyril Vetter) and presented gifts of appreciation.

## **9. Adjournment.**

By acclamation, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

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Rodd Naquin  
Secretary

Approved at the January 24, 2018, Board of Directors Meeting  
and signed \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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J.E. Cullens, Chairman