

New England Public Radio Foundation, Inc.  
Public Session  
Minutes

**Date:** September 26, 2016

**Time:** 6:15 p.m.

**Venue:** NEPR, 1525 Main Street, Springfield, Mass.

**Directors Present:** See sign in sheet

**Directors Absent:** See sign in sheet

**Staff Present:** See sign in sheet

**Guest Present:** See sign in sheet

- Public Session called to order by Paul Lambert at 6:15 p.m.
- Angelika introduced new members; each spoke briefly about why they wanted to be on the board
- Paul reviewed the slate
- Motion to approve the slate; Tom Kehoe moved and Corey Mescon seconded; all approved; all new members were welcomed
- Paul pointed out the new 2016/2017 Board Meeting Schedule; check with Joyce if there are questions
- Paul said it has been his honor serving as president; thanked the members of the board, Martin and staff
- Martin noted several board members leaving and thanked them; Martin thanked Paul for his calm steady leadership; he said Paul's leadership of the board played a large role in where we are today
- Paul adjourned the Public Session meeting at 6:38 p.m. ; Carey Baker moved and Bob Feldman seconded

Martin – Updates

- Distributed the most recent articles; also distributed the Words In Transit book to look at; John Voci will be speaking about it at upcoming events; you can purchase it at a discount price but at full price all the profits are going to Holyoke Community College immigrant scholarship
- Carlos McBride has been hired as the new Media Lab Director; he has extensive teaching experience
- Noted some internal changes made recently; Vanessa Cerillo will join the Senior Management team as Executive Director of Marketing and Communications; Burns, Webmaster/Brand Manager, will report to her; Marketing & Communications has grown and we expect it to grow more
- There will be a couple of changes to the News Network; on October 2nd we will premiere a program called *NEXT* from Connecticut Public Radio hosted by John Dankosky; the program will feature stories from around the area; you'll begin to hear a lot of Jill Kaufman reporting

which is part of the New England News Collaborative; we're taking out the third broadcast of *Wait Wait Don't Tell Me*

- We're dropping the program *Q* on October 3rd and airing a repeat of *The World* on the News Network at 7:00 p.m.
- Invitations will be sent for the Five College Studios ribbon cutting on October 19th
- Look for an e-mail from Martin regarding nominating NEPR for one or more categories for the Mass Cultural Council Awards
- Martin began the Strategic Planning portion of the meeting; he reviewed the questions and Pam will write the responses
- The consultants will be here on October 15th
- Adjourned the Public Session at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

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