

WBGO Community Advisory Board
Minutes of September 5, 2018 Meeting

Richard Noorigian acted as Chair and called to order a meeting of the WBGO Community Advisory Board (the “CAB”) at 5:00PM in the WBGO Performance Studio, 54 Park Place, Newark, New Jersey (the “Studio”).

Mr. Noorigian, Amy Niles, Virginia DeBerry, Jeffrey Riman, Herbert Thornhill and Michael Bond were present at the Studio. Albert DeLeon, Andrea Cunnell, Susan Moore and Susan Schear attended the meeting by telephone. Gregory Holder and Victor Nichols did not attend the meeting.

Mr. Noorigian sought approval of the minutes from the CAB’s June 5, 2018 meeting. Mr. Riman moved for approval of the minutes, Mr. Thornhill seconded the motion, and the CAB approved the minutes.

Mr. Noorigian then turned to the following items of existing business before the CAB:

First, Mr. Noorigian sought comments from CAB members regarding the CAB’s 2019 Meeting Schedule and future meeting locations. Once the WBGO Board of Trustees finalizes its new meeting schedule, CAB members will be sent a list of dates to choose from for CAB meetings. Mr. Thornhill, Ms. Niles and Mr. Riman spoke about the possibility of from time to time holding some CAB meetings at locations other than the Studio. The CAB members gave input on considering various factors, including (1) the proximity of potential meeting locations to public transportation, (2) the possibility of inviting outside speakers to address offsite meetings and (3) the advantages of approaching offsite meetings as opportunities to reach out to the arts community, universities and other organizations located in Newark and New York City. The conversation continued during the Open Discussion segment of the meeting.

Second, Mr. Noorigian addressed the election of new CAB officers. On proper motion, action and approval of the CAB, Mr. Riman was elected Chair, Mr. Noorigian was elected Vice President and Mr. Thornhill was elected Secretary.

Next, Mr. Noorigian turned to New Business segment of the meeting agenda and asked Ms. Niles and WBGO Staff to provide status reports to the CAB. Ms. Niles updated the CAB on recent events and highlighted certain security concerns faced at the station.

Mr. Noorigian then requested that the CAB members review the application of Mark Bess to become a CAB member. After a brief discussion, Mr. Riman moved to approve Mr. Bess’ application, Mr. Thornhill seconded the motion, and the CAB members approved the application and requested that Ms. Niles present Mr. Bess’ application to the WBGO Board of Trustees during their next meeting.

After a continued discussion on possible alternative locations for future CAB meetings, during which Rutgers University, The New School, Newark Symphony Hall and Columbia University were mentioned as possible options, Mr. Noorigian adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.