

**WMHT Educational Telecommunications
WMHT Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2023**

A Meeting of the WMHT Board of Trustees was held on January 19, 2023 via a hybrid in person and zoom visual and audio conference call. Shelby Schneider, Chair of the Board of Trustees, presided.

Present

Shelby Schneider	Martin Mbugua
Robert Altman	Karen Opalka
Bridget Ball Shaw	Mary Ellen Piche
Ian Berry	Del Salmon
Angela Dixon	Tobi Saulnier
Tammis Groft	Mary Simoni
Doris Fischer Malesardi	Gwen Wright
Kathy Jimino	Teresa Zielinski

Excused

Don Applyrs	Gina Mintzer
Karen Carpenter-Palumbo	Susan Novotny
Susan Kress	Khadijah Peek
	Danika Vittorio

Also Attending

WMHT Staff: Sandra Beer, Val Belden, Virginia Claus, George Hauenstein, Keith Martin, Ron McGowty, Will Pedigo, Julie Raskin, Allison Valiquette, and Chris Wienk,.

Call to Order

Ms. Schneider called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM

***Consent Agenda
Items***

On a motion by Ms. Piche, seconded by Mr. Salmon, the consent agenda of minutes and notes listed below was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.

Minutes and Notes

- November 17, 2022 Board Meeting
- December 19, 2022 Special Board Meeting

**Finance and
Investment
Sub-Committee
Report**

Mr. Salmon turned the session over to Mr. Altman who reported that, as of the end of December, the station is doing well Net income before depreciation is \$517,414 better than budget.

Bank Resolutions

Mr. Altman introduced the following Corporate Resolution.

On a motion by Ms. Piche, with a second by Ms. Jimino, the corporate resolution below was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.

CORPORATE RESOLUTION

Resolved that in accordance with Article V of the Bylaws, the Board of Trustees authorize the following individuals, to sign checks, drafts, and other orders for the payment of money out of the funds of the Corporation and to sell, assign, and endorse for transfer certificates representing stock, bonds, or other securities now registered or hereafter registered in the name of the Corporation:

Del Salmon, Treasurer
Anthony Hayes, President and Chief Executive Officer
Julie A. Raskin, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

And that this resolution supersedes any similar authorizations granted by the Board of Trustees prior to this meeting.

***Digital
Transformation
Project***

Mr. Pedigo introduced WMHT's participation in a CPB funded Digital Transformation Project, A cross-departmental team is working through a customized curriculum designed to help public media stations adapt their organizational culture to more effectively deploy a digital-first, audience-centric approach. The challenge is to reshape program delivery and culture as people increasingly shift from broadcast content consumption to on-demand digital content delivered over multiple platforms.

CEO On-boarding

Ms. Schneider thanked Ms. Piche, Ms. Jimino and the rest of the CEO selection committee. Anthony Hayes will start as the new CEO on January 23. She announced that Ian Berry has agreed to chair an on-boarding committee to help Anthony Hayes connect with key stakeholders and others throughout our community. Ms. Schneider hopes the entire board is engaged, activating its circles, and being an outward facing board.

President's Report

Mr. Altman noted the exciting digital work that was just presented and highlighted special programming coming up on both of our radio stations for Black History Month and Women's History Month. He reported on the work underway funded by our project grant from New York State.

Mr. Altman expressed his thanks to the Board for their guidance and support over the past year and expressed confidence in the current strength and future prospects for the organization.

Chair's Report

Ms. Schneider noted that she is honored to be serving WMHT and our community in as Chair of the Board at this exciting time. She extended her thanks again to Ms. Jimino for her wonderful service as Board Chair and welcomed the incoming Committee Chairs. She concluded by reminding the Board of our mission and asking for their continued commitment to that mission and the work of the organization.

On a motion by Ms. Saulnier and seconded by Ms. Zielinski the board unanimously approved adjourning the meeting at 5:00 pm.