

National Finance Committee Public Minutes May 27, 2025 - corrected

Call to Order – 8:33 pm ET

Roll Call

Present: Fred Dodsworth, Myla Reson, James Sagurton, Dennis Williams, Michael Woodson; Tom Chase, Lynden Foley, Steve Kucala, R. Paul Martin
Akio Tanaka - Secretary, Stephanie Wells – ED, Susan Young – PNB Chair
Joined late: Christina Avalos

Fred Dodsworth clarified the role of the treasurers in the Finance Committee.

Approval of Agenda – Fred Dodsworth read the agenda, no objection.

Approval of Minutes (May 13, 2025)

R. Paul Martin: Asked that full names be used.

James Sagurton abstained from Minutes Approval.

STATION	NFC MEETING	TO THE NFC FOR REVIEW
WPFW	MAY 13	May 6
WBAI	MAY 27	May 20
KPFT	JUNE 10	June 3
KPDK	JUNE 24	June 17
KPFA	JULY 8	July 1
PNO/PR A	JULY 22	July 15

ED Report

A member raised concern on 1/21/25 regarding non-profit status because of tax filing issue. ED said that the issue has been resolved.

ED said that the purpose of these sessions is to take the actuals from first half of the year to project for the full year.

These will help us in drawing up the 2025-2026 budget in August-September.

Pacifica currently has 1 full-time and 2 part-time bookkeepers.

People flagging individual items helps.

R. Paul Martin and Fred Dodsworth both asked that station management participate in these sessions.

There was extensive discussion on various line items on the WBAI budget.

One item of note was the high utility bills at WBAI.

James Sagurton explained the peculiar way in which utilities are billed in New York.

We are not happy with the current accounting system and are trying to bring uniformity. ED asked the audit firm for suggestions on accounting software

Myla Reson raised the issue of the need to have accurate accounting of volunteer labor. ED acknowledged that this was important not only for elections but to show the donors the value of volunteer labor.

ED also noted the need for a volunteer coordinator. Pacifica has 980 volunteers.

R. Paul Martin and Myla Reson emphasized the importance of union donations being reflected in the budget.

James Sagurton raised the importance of itemizing listener support instead of lumping them together, so we can keep track of what works and what does not work

Adjourned at 9:55 pm ET

[The minutes per RONR (12th ed.) 48:8]