

WBAI Treasurer's Report
January 14, 2026

The WBAI local Finance Committee met on December 17, 2025. This meeting was held by teleconference. The National Finance Committee (NFC) has not met since before the last WBAI LSB meeting.

The WBAI local Finance Committee which met on December 17, 2025, was the committee's first Zoom meeting. It started quite late because people had problems logging in. I'm hoping to work out the login problems with Otis Maclay so that we don't have a problem at next week's local Finance Committee meeting.

The committee's Secretary announced that she would not be able to run for reelection because of some health issues.

The committee discussed the audits that are pending.

The interim General Manager said that he and the interim Program Director were working around the clock on the on-air fund raiser and that neither of them would be able to attend the meeting, so we did not get any updated financial information.

In December I sent the following E-mail to the NFC mailing list.

Subject: KPFTX.ORG listings for the next two NFC meetings are inaccurate.

The meetings are listed for the wrong dates. It would be good if this were corrected soon so we don't have more meetings cancelled because of the inaccurate listings.

As previously reported, some meetings of the NFC have been cancelled under odd circumstances. I was hoping to avert another last minute cancellation of a meeting because of a problem with the public listings. The responses I got from some people on the NFC were strange.

The listings that were posted were for January 6, and January 20. Back in March the NFC had voted to meet on the second and fourth Tuesday nights of every month. So by that motion, which passed unopposed, the meetings should have been posted for January 13, and 27. After my E-mail about the meeting dates the NFC Chair E-mailed the committee that the January 6, meeting had been cancelled by orders of those who are higher up. But the January 20, meeting was still erroneously scheduled. The NFC Chair said that the WBAI draft FY26 budget would be taken up at the January 20, meeting. When I pointed out that the committee had voted for other dates the Chair became hostile while another NFC member began to post false claims about what the committee had voted for and when. The NFC Chair invited everyone to his birthday party on January 27, one of the dates that the NFC had been scheduled to meet.

There was more back and forth on this and I wrote in an E-mail that, "If no one insists on the rules that the committee has adopted being followed then that's a problem. And why is the Secretary determining the meeting dates for the NFC in defiance of the committee's own motion regarding those dates?" And the Chair posted more antagonistic E-mails.

The issue is about more than the dates of meetings. It's about the procedures and details

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that have been agreed on by the committee being followed. Not following the rules the committee, or any body, has adopted will lead to chaos and chaos will result in a lack of accountability and in people's rights being ignored. We're already seeing a serious evasion of responsibility for this mess with the meetings. Why these things are being done I do not know. Maybe it's part of some plan that the majority on both the NFC and PNB have in mind. Or maybe it's just the result of people not paying attention to details. As things progress we may have a better idea of whether or not the issue of the meetings presages something going wrong in Pacifica.

The WBAI Winter on-air fund raiser made its \$150,000 goal and has kept on going. The current tally as I write this is posted as being \$177,652.

On the NFC, at least, the latest financial information we have is the Income Statement covering Pacifica's finances through the end of March 2025. I'm hoping that we'll get updates soon.

I remain pessimistic about the future for WBAI and Pacifica. Money is still thin. The behavior of certain people does not make me feel more hopeful.

The next NFC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 20, 2026, at 8:30 PM (ET). The next local Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2025, at 7:00 PM (ET). These meetings will be held by teleconference.

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