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**WMHT Educational Telecommunications
WMHT Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2017**

A Meeting of the WMHT Board of Trustees was held on January 26, 2017 at WMHT, Troy, New York. Karen Hitchcock of the Board of Trustees, presided.

Present

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| Karen Hitchcock | Joseph Raggio |
| Robert Altman | Joseph Richardson |
| Doris Fischer Malesardi (phone) | Estela Rivera |
| Kathy Jimino | Harry Rutledge |
| John Kolb | Maggie Vinciguerra |
| Steady Moono | Eugene Zeltmann |
| William Picotte | |

Excused

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| Jane Altes | Lee A. McElroy Jr. |
| Prentiss Carnell | Susan Novotny |
| Gloria DeSole | Karen Opalka |
| Mona Golub | Viki Sand |
| Annemarie Lanesey | Carl Shuster |

Also Attending

WMHT Staff: Sandra Beer, Val Belden, Mary Gribulis, Nicole Van Slyke

Call to Order

Dr. Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM. She especially welcomed the new members of the board.

***Consent Agenda
Items***

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

Minutes and Notes

- November 16, 2016 Board Meeting, with a correction adding Kathy Jimino in attendance.
- January 10, 2017 Investment Sub-Committee Meeting
- January 19, 2017 Finance Committee Meeting
- January 23, 2017 Governance Committee Meeting

***Bank Signature
Resolution***

On a motion by Mr. Picotte seconded by Mr. Zeltmann, the following Corporate Resolution was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees

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:

- Harry Rutledge, Treasurer
- Robert Altman, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Julie A. Raskin, Vice President, Finance and Accounting

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Rutledge reported that the finances are about where they should be. He also mentioned that Hugh Johnson met with the Investment Committee. We are just a bit ahead of projections with our portfolio, slightly beating the benchmark for the quarter.

Governance Committee Election of Audit Committee

Ms. Vinciguerra asked trustees to refer potential future trustees to any member of the Governance Committee. She introduced the proposed slate for the audit committee.

On a motion by Ms. Vinciguerra seconded by Mr. Rutledge, the following four trustees were unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees to serve as members of the Audit Committee.

- Prentiss Carnell
- Joseph Richardson
- William Picotte
- Kathy Jimino

Breathing Lights

Mr. Altman introduced Nicole Van Slyke, producer and director of WMHT's documentary about the region's public art project: *Breathing Lights*.

Ms. Van Slyke described the process of following the process of implementing *Breathing Lights* and then shared a 6 minute clip. The documentary will premiere in early April.

President's Report

Mr. Altman reported that WMHT soft launched its fourth channel on January 16, *PBSKids, 24/7*. A larger publicity push will happen when it is available on the Time Warner cable in mid-February. Mr. Altman shared a proposed organization chart for the future and discussed the process underway to hire new Vice Presidents in Content and Community Engagement and another in Development.

Mr. Altman reported that Governor Cuomo released a proposed budget with the amount for public broadcasting at the same level as his proposal last year. There has been nothing said by the new administration in Washington DC regarding public broadcasting so we are waiting to see what happens.

Chair's Report

Dr. Hitchcock noted that committee assignments have been distributed. She highlighted the strategic planning process as some of the most important work of the board this year. An initial draft will be shared at the March meeting, with

presentation for approval of a final plan in May. This will inform the budget for FY18 presented for approval at June meeting. Some of the challenges of the strategic planning are to identify areas of emphasis, to broaden partnerships, and increase resource development.

Executive Session

On a motion by Mr. Zeltmann, seconded by Dr. Moono, and unanimously approved by the board, it moved into executive session beginning at 5:53. The executive session adjourned at 5:48 pm. No action was taken in Executive Session

Adjournment