

NATHAN B. STUBBLEFIELD FOUNDATION
OCTOBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES 10/20/2025
WMNF COMMUNITY RADIO 88.5 FM

WMNF 88.5 COMMUNITY RADIO, 1210 E. MLK Blvd., Tampa, FL
33603-4417

Meeting Attendance

Isha Del Valle	V
Jennifer Meksraitis	P
Scott Elliott	V
Liam Wright	A
Austin Craven	P
Steve Maclsaac	V
Geoff Gutgold	P
Jeminy Pierce	P
Jennifer Campbell	P
Jay Quigley	P
Emmy Lou Fuchs	P
Robert Landis	P
Grant Hart	A
Letty Valdes	V
William Dobbins	P
Chris Young	
<i>Staff Rep</i>	P
Randi Zimmerman	
<i>Station Mgr</i>	P

Visitors

Miss Julle
Michael Mainguth
Ernesto Reitich

MISSION STATEMENT

WMNF is a listener-supported community radio station that celebrates cultural diversity and is committed to equality, peace, and social and economic justice. WMNF provides broadcasts and other forums with a grassroots local emphasis that promotes creative, musical, and political vitality.

Agenda Item

Call to order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:18 PM. Attendance was taken, and a quorum being present the meeting commenced. The Chairman noted that an attendance review was being updated.

Agenda

The Chairman asked for a motion to accept the Agenda as presented. A motion to accept the Agenda was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

September Minutes Review

The Chairman noted two corrections to the September minutes, and asked for a motion to accept the September minutes with said corrections. A motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Visitor Comments

Michael Mainguth had no comments. Miss Julie thanked all of the volunteers and staff for their efforts during the recent fund drive, and the Board on upcoming events including the record sale.

Staff Member of the Month Presentation

GM Randi Zimmerman invited Ernesto Reitich, WMNF Communications Director and Staff Member of the Month, to summarize his background and the nature of his work with other staff and outside entities to promote WMNF's mission. After doing so, he was asked in what ways the Board could help him with his responsibilities. Ernesto noted that, as always, additional resources could be put to good use, but that he was receiving excellent cooperation from staff and volunteers. He stressed that the website was always in need of short, well-written posts on current events affecting the station.

Finance Committee

The finance committee reported that it was in the process of reviewing and reconciling the financials. No major issues were anticipated and the reconciliation process will be completed soon.

Development Committee

The Development Committee reported that discussions were continuing with Dunedin Brewery with respect to an upcoming fund raising event and there were no issues to report. With respect to the 'house party' fund raising events discussed at the last Board meeting, which would be held at the private residences of station supporters, the station's insurance carrier had extended liability coverage to include such events.

The Development Committee chair noted that the popular 'bowling party' fund raiser needed Board members to volunteer to assume responsibility for this event if it is to be held for a third consecutive year.

Two Board members indicated that they would be willing to plan, organize, and execute this event.

Remarks of Board Members Terming Out

Three current Board members – Chair Isha Del Valle, Emmylou Fuchs, and Jennifer Meskraitis – have reached the limit of their tenure as Board Members per WMNF Bylaws.

Each of these Board Members expressed gratitude for being able to work with the staff, volunteers and other Board Members during their time on the Board. Each also expressed a willingness to continue to assist the station in any way they can after stepping down from the Board.

A number of Board Members and the GM took a moment to express their personal gratitude for the work these Board Members have done.

General Manager Report

The General Manager responded to questions and observations on the most recent GM report. She updated the Board on the planned rollout of an HD station, as well as cooperation and coordination with other public media outlets in connection therewith. She reviewed the scope of services offered by the new website app service provider (“Public Media App”), pointing out that it served approximately 200 other public media outlets and that, in essence, WMNF was able to take advantage of a broader and more sophisticated set of app features developed for larger stations. The expense of the new app service, all in, was less than what the former app service provider was charging when maintenance fees and extras were taken into account.

Executive Session

The Chairman asked for a motion that the Board enter into Executive Session. A motion was made to enter Executive Session at 7:56 PM, seconded, and passed unanimously. The Board was in Executive Session from approximately 8:01PM to 8:11PM.

PALS

P (participation)	10,10,10,10,10, 8,10, 10,10,10, 10, 10, 10, 9
A (accomplishments)	10,10,10, 9,10, 9, 8, 9, 10,10, 9, 9, 8, 10
L (listening)	10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10, 10, 9, 8, 10
S (scheduling)	10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10, 10, 10,10,10

The Chairman noted that she would be coordinating with Austin Craven on transition issues in advance of the next Board Meeting in which a new Board Chairman would be selected to replace her.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The Board’s Role

Governs the NBSF, which protects the FCC license, building and equipment, goodwill; employs staff. Establishes the Mission of WMNF. Responsible for strategic planning. Establishes prudent financial policies, annual budget, annual audit, conducts planning retreats, approves personnel policies, style statements and programming policies. Participates in fund-raising functions of WMNF; approves non-budgeted expenditures over \$2,000.00.

Steve Macisaac
Acting Secretary