

RECORD OF DECISIONS

From: Broadcasting Board of Governors
Date: August 21, 2013
Subject: **Decisions of Board at BBG Meeting of August 21, 2013**

The Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) met today at BBG Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The meeting was attended by members of the public and was also open for public observation via streaming on the BBG website.

The meeting was attended by the following Board members:

Chairman Jeffrey Shell
Governor Matthew Armstrong
Governor Ryan Crocker
Governor Susan McCue
Governor Michael Meehan (via telephone)

The Broadcasting Board of Governors agreed to the following decision elements (all decisions were adopted by a unanimous vote unless otherwise indicated):

1. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings. The Board agreed to authorize Governors McCue and Meehan to approve the meeting minutes for the June 19, 2013, May 15, 2013, April 11, 2013, February 22, 2013 and December 14, 2012 as set forth, respectively, in Attachments 1-5. Based on this procedure and the statements of Governors McCue and Meehan that they do not object to the approval of the minutes, the plenary Board unanimously adopted the minutes of the listed Board meetings.
2. Resolution Honoring Dennis Mulhaupt. The Board adopted the resolution thanking and honoring Dennis Mulhaupt as set forth in Attachment 6.
3. Resolution Honoring Michael Lynton. The Board adopted the resolution thanking and honoring Michael Lynton as set forth in Attachment 7.
4. Resolution Honoring Tara Sonenshine. The Board adopted the resolution thanking and honoring Tara Sonenshine as set forth in Attachment 8.
5. Resolution Honoring Victor Ashe. The Board adopted the resolution thanking and honoring Victor Ashe as set forth in Attachment 9.
6. Resolution to Change Meeting Dates for Remaining Year. The Board adopted the resolution to change meeting dates for the remaining calendar year. The resolution is set forth in Attachment 10.

Jeffrey Shell
Chairman

Witnessed:

Paul Kollmer-Dorsey
Secretary

Attachments:

1. Minutes of June 19, 2013 Meeting
2. Minutes of May 15, 2013 Meeting
3. Minutes of April 11, 2013 Meeting
4. Minutes of February 22, 2013 Meeting
5. Minutes of December 14, 2012 Meeting
6. Resolution Honoring Dennis Mulhaupt
7. Resolution Honoring Michael Lynton
8. Resolution Honoring Tara Sonenshine
9. Resolution Honoring Victor Ashe
10. Resolution to Change Meeting Dates for Remaining Year

The minutes for the June 19, 2013 BBG Board meeting may be accessed through this [link](#) to the BBG website.

ATTACHMENT 2

The minutes for the May 15, 2013 BBG Board meeting may be accessed through this [link](#) to the BBG website.

The minutes for the April 11, 2013 BBG Board meeting may be accessed through this [link](#) to the BBG website.

The minutes for the February 22, 2013 BBG Board meeting may be accessed through this [link](#) to the BBG website.

The minutes for the December 14, 2012 BBG Board meeting may be accessed through this [link](#) to the BBG website.

**RESOLUTION HONORING DENNIS MULHAUPT
August 21, 2013**

WHEREAS, Dennis Mulhaupt served on the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) from July 2010 to April 2013;

WHEREAS, Mr. Mulhaupt brought to this position considerable experience in the private and non-profit sectors in the United States and abroad;

WHEREAS, during the latter half of his tenure with the BBG Board, Mr. Mulhaupt also served as alternate presiding governor, devoting considerable time and energy to this leadership position, to which his colleagues had elected him;

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure he showed great dedication to his roles as chair of the BBG Governance Committee and chair of the board of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty;

WHEREAS, Mr. Mulhaupt was tireless and selfless in his service to the BBG, believing passionately in the mission of U.S. international broadcasting;

WHEREAS, Mr. Mulhaupt approached his role with the utmost integrity, and earned widespread respect in Washington, Prague and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mulhaupt advocated for necessary and far-reaching reform of the governance structure and organization of U.S. international broadcasting.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Broadcasting Board of Governors respectfully honors Mr. Mulhaupt's contribution to U.S. international broadcasting, and extends its deepest thanks for all that he has done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an appropriate copy of this resolution be forwarded to Dennis Mulhaupt.

RESOLUTION HONORING MICHAEL LYNTON
August 21, 2013

WHEREAS, Michael Lynton served on the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) from July 2010 to May 2013;

WHEREAS, Mr. Lynton's deep understanding of international media business practices, and experience in leading organizational change were of tremendous value to the Board;

WHEREAS, Mr. Lynton's experience and insights helped the BBG meet the challenges of adapting to shifting overseas markets and constrained resources;

WHEREAS, Mr. Lynton helped the BBG identify and consider ways in which to improve efficiencies and capitalize on opportunities;

WHEREAS, with the departure of Chairman Walter Isaacson in January 2012, the BBG Board unanimously elected Mr. Lynton to be interim presiding governor, a role in which he served until his departure; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lynton's collegiality, honesty, candor, professionalism and sense of humor were deeply appreciated by agency management and his fellow Board members.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Broadcasting Board of Governors sincerely thanks Mr. Lynton for his contributions and service to U.S. international broadcasting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an appropriate copy of this resolution be forwarded to Michael Lynton.

RESOLUTION HONORING TARA SONENSHINE
August 21, 2013

WHEREAS, Tara Sonenshine served as the Secretary of State's delegate to the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) from April 2012 to June 2013;

WHEREAS, as Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Ms. Sonenshine exhibited a keen understanding of and interest in U.S. international broadcasting matters from the start, visiting the BBG within days of her swearing-in;

WHEREAS, Under Secretary Sonenshine kept closely in touch with issues affecting the BBG, assigning top advisors to keep her apprised and to offer U.S. Department of State support whenever it was needed;

WHEREAS, Under Secretary Sonenshine's advice on foreign policy matters was crucial to the Board's decision-making on many occasions;

WHEREAS, Under Secretary Sonenshine's background at the U.S. Institute of Peace, the National Security Council staff and in broadcast television news helped inform her opinions and insights, which contributed greatly to the richness of Board discussions; and

WHEREAS, Under Secretary Sonenshine helped elevate the profile of the BBG and highlight its journalists' achievements through her public speaking engagements and weekly newsletters to the public diplomacy community.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Broadcasting Board of Governors deeply appreciates Under Secretary Sonenshine's contributions, thanks her for her service, and hopes that she will remain engaged with U.S. international media matters in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an appropriate copy of this resolution be forwarded to Tara Sonenshine.

**RESOLUTION HONORING VICTOR ASHE
August 21, 2013**

WHEREAS, Victor Ashe served on the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) from July 2010 to August 2013;

WHEREAS, Mr. Ashe's distinguished career experience informed his work with the Board, including as the longest-serving Mayor of Knoxville, Tennessee, President of the United States Conference of Mayors, and an appointed U.S. Ambassador to Poland;

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Ambassador Ashe was a member of the BBG Governance and Strategy and Budget Committees, as well as serving as chair and co-chair of the board overseeing Radio Free Asia;

WHEREAS, Ambassador Ashe demonstrated detailed interest in all aspects of U.S. international media, from the workings of the mailroom of the Cohen Building to the global reach of the agency's shortwave transmission towers;

WHEREAS, Ambassador Ashe went to considerable great lengths to recognize the achievements of BBG-supported journalists, attending the anniversary commemorations of language services, and personally presenting them with plaques marking these milestones; and

WHEREAS, Ambassador Ashe was especially attentive to matters affecting the well-being of the agency's workforce, including health care and efforts to improve morale.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Broadcasting Board of Governors honors Ambassador Ashe, and extends its gratitude for his service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an appropriate copy of this resolution be forwarded to Victor Ashe.

RESOLUTION

**Proposed Change to Board Meeting Dates
for the Remaining Calendar Year**

RESOLVED, that the Broadcasting Board of Governors change the dates of the meetings for the remaining calendar year as follows:

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Wednesday, December 18, 2013