# Minutes of the KPFK Local Station Board Meeting of November 15, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the KPFK Local Station Board was held on Saturday, November 15, 2014, 1:28 PM, at the Aris & Carolyn Anagnos Peace Center, 3916 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City, CA 90230, the Chair (Tej Grewall) being in the chair and the Secretary (John P. Garry III) being present. Jim Lafferty was elected Vice-Chair. The minutes for July 19, 2014 were approved.

Seventeen members were present, constituting a quorum: Chuck Anderson, Fred Blair, Lydia Brazon, Steve Brooks, Chris Condon, John Cromshow, Aryana Gladney, Tej Grewall (Chair), Kim Kaufman, Fred Klunder, Jim Lafferty (Vice-Chair), Brenda Medina, Michael Novick (Treasurer), Steve Pride, Lawrence Reyes, Ron Spriestersbach, John Wenger,

Two members were excused: Ankine Antaram, Dutch Merrick.

**Five members were absent:** Rodrigo Argueta, Luis Garcia, Chipasha Luchembe, John Parker, Lamont Yeakey.

Also present: Zuberi Fields (KPFK Interim General Manager) and members of the public.

**Authority and Notice:** This meeting was authorized by the LSB's adoption of a regular meeting schedule at its meeting of April 16, 2014. The date and location was posted on KPFTX.org on April 16, 2014. Additional notice was posted on KPFK.org. Automated e-mail notifications from pnb@kpftx.org were sent to Board members on November 13, 2014 and the day of the meeting.

**Audio Recording**: The audio of the meeting is retained by the Secretary and has not been posted yet.

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I. CALL TO ORDER / OPENING BUSINESS (1:28) [31:01]

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 1:28 PM.

I.a. GROUND RULES FOR COMMUNICATION (1:28) [31:09]

The Chair reiterated principles for Board communication and public participation.

I.b. WI-FI CONNECTION (1:28) [31:47]

The Chair announced the wi-fi network: peacecenterwest; password: peace3916.

I.c. ROLL CALL (1:29) [31:12]

An initial quorum of 16 was established.

#### I.d. EXCUSED ABSENCE REQUESTS (1:31) [34:24]

Novick requested a retroactive excused absence for the October 18, 2014 LSB meeting. No action taken.

**Point of order** from Cromshow: It was agreed that e-mailed requests should be forwarded to the entire Board. The Secretary and the Chair forwarded the requests available to them (Antaram and Merrick).

Medina **moved approval** of the excused absence requests of Argueta, Antaram, Merrick, and Parker. Lafferty seconded. **Failed** by substitution.

Wenger **moved to substitute**: Postpone approval the excused absence requests pending the receipt of all the excused absence requests to the entire LSB. Kaufman seconded.

Brooks **moved to amend** Wenger: The excused absence requests shall be approved, with the understanding that the evidence shall be subsequently e-mailed to Board during the meeting.

Amendment passed by a show of hands: Yes-11, No-1, Abstain-3. [46:28]

Amended substitute motion: The excused absence requests shall be approved, with the understanding that the evidence shall be subsequently e-mailed to the Board during the meeting. **Passed** without objection, becoming the new main motion.

The new main motion passed without objection.

I.e. DESIGNATE TIMEKEEPER / ESTABLISH TIME LIMIT FOR SPEAKERS (1:47) [50:14]

Lafferty volunteered to be the timekeeper. A 90-second limit for individual speakers was established without objection.

I.f. AGENDA APPROVAL (1:48) [51:16]

Wenger **moved to amend**: Move the censure motions from this meeting to the December 7, 2014 Delegates Meeting. Kaufman seconded. **Passed** without objection.

Brazon **moved to amend**: Item IV (Election of Vice-Chair) will become the new Item II. Lafferty seconded. **Passed** without objection.

Medina **moved approval** of the amended agenda. Novick seconded. **Passed** without objection. (see Appendix A)

I.g. MINUTES APPROVAL (1:54) [57:08]

Brazon **moved approval** of the minutes of July 19, 2014 minutes, which were forwarded electronically to the Board prior to the meeting. Reyes seconded.

Minutes approved by a show of hands: Yes—9, No—0, Abstain—5, PNV—1.

The approval of the remaining minutes was omitted because of the expiration of time.

I.h. ANNOUNCEMENTS (2:01) [1:04:02]

Lafferty noticed two protests related to the upcoming Ferguson, Missouri Grand Jury verdict announcement in the Michael Brown-Officer Darren Wilson Case: Leimert Park the day of the verdict (if it is announced before 3:00 PM) or the day after the verdict (if it is announced after 3:00 PM); the Downtown Federal Building, 3:00 PM the day after the verdict announcement.

Medina announced strikes and actions on Black Friday at various Walmart stores. Information can be found at blackfridayprotest.org. She also encouraged people to protest in front of Walmart stores.

Reyes noticed for Saturday, November 22, 2014, 2:00 PM: "Mexico's Failed War on Drugs," a KPFK (90.7 FM) simulcast originating at SEIU Local 721, 1545 Wilshire Blvd.

Grewall announced a Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 2:00 PM demonstration in support of ethnic studies at Los Angeles Unified School District, 333 S. Beaudry Ave. and a teacher contract demonstration on Thursday, November 20, 2014, 4:00 PM at Mariachi Plaza, 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Boyle Ave. (schoolslastudentsdeserve.com).

Novick noticed a Saturday, November 22, 2014 KPFK LSB Outreach Committee screening of "Propaganda" at LA Workers Center, 1251 S. St. Andrews Pl. Doors open at 5:00, film at 6:30 and a Saturday, December 13, 2014, 7:00 PM screening of "Guns, Drugs and the CIA" at The Peace Center.

III. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR (2:08) [1:11:03]

Nominations: Lafferty, Cromshow. Each candidate made a statement. The Board made comments and posed questions to the candidates.

Public Comment was heard for two minutes (2:21) [1:23:59]

Lafferty was elected by a secret IRV ballot (Lafferty--10, Cromshow—7).

III. SCHEDULING / LOCATION / ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETINGS (2:37) [1:40:15]

Finance Committee: Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 7:30 PM, Radio Station KPFK.
Outreach Committee: Thursday, November 20, 2014, 7:00 PM, Radio Station KPFK.
Outreach Committee: Saturday, November 22, 2014 screening of *Propaganda* at LA Workers Center, doors open 5:00, film at 6:30 PM.

GM Search Committee (executive session): December 5, 2014, 5:00 PM at The Peace Center. Delegates Meeting: Sunday, December 17, 2014, 5:30 PM, The Peace Center.

Governance Committee: Monday, December 15, 2014, 7:30 PM, The Peace Center. Finance Committee: Tuesday, December 16, 2014, 1:00 PM, Radio Station KPFK. December LSB Meeting: Wednesday, December 17, 2014, 7:00 at The Peace Center. January LSB & Delegates: Saturday, January 17, 2015, 1:00 PM, The Peace Center.

## IV. IMPLEMENTATION / FOLLOW UP / ACTION ITEMS

None submitted.

#### V. INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER REPORT / FY2015 BUDGET DISCUSSION (2:40)

The iGM made a budget presentation. The document "FINAL KPFK-FY2015-BUDGET (LSB) 11-11-14" was distributed to the Board and the public. (2:48) [1:50:23]

Medina **moved to extend** five minutes. Klunder seconded. Motion **passed** by a show of hands: Yes—14, No—1, PNV—1. (3:00) [2:01:58]

The iGM presentation continued.

#### BOARD DISCUSSION / MOTIONS (3:05) [2:08:43]

#### Kaufman **moved**:

The KPFK local station board is opposed to any actions by the Pacifica National Office or the Pacifica National Board to take out any loans, liabilities, financial obligations or mortgages which encumber or use as collateral KPFK's land, building, equipment, or any other station assets.

The KPFK local station board does not provide authorization to station management to engage in any off-budget projects requiring financial outlays not provided in the draft budget without coming back to the local station board for explicit permission prior to engaging in, implementing, or committing to any such project.

Brooks seconded.

Wenger moved to divide. No second recorded.

**Point of order** from Reyes: The maker of the motion shall e-mail the motion to the Secretary. The member had already agreed to do so.

Brazon moved to postpone the main motion. Medina seconded. [2:23:21]

Condon **noticed** a motion for the next meeting: The category of paid programmers shall be eliminated and many paid positions should be done by volunteers. [02:34:23]

Novick **moved to accept** the budget, with the proviso that if after the first quarter projections are not met, management shall make a new payroll figure that will provide for a balanced budget. Spriestersbach seconded.

Klunder **moved to amend**: A plan for that eventuality shall be in place at the end of a 90-day period. Medina seconded.

Discussion continued.

Point of order from Reyes: Isn't it timely to take up Klunder's amendment?

PUBLIC COMMENT II (3:33) [2:36:15]

Public comment was heard for eight minutes.

The iGM responded to public comment for three minutes. (3:41) [2:44:20]

FINAL VOTES ON MOTIONS-AMENDMENTS (3:44) [2:47:06]

Motion to postpone both parts of Kaufman's main motion until the next LSB Meeting **passed** by a roll call vote: Yes—8, No—6, Abstain—2. [2:58:13]

Yes—Anderson, Brazon, Condon, Gladney, Lafferty, Novick, Reyes, Spriestersbach. No—Blair, Brooks, Cromshow, Kaufman, Pride, Wenger. Abstain—Klunder, Medina.

Klunder's amendment to Novick **passed** by a roll call vote: Yes—10, No—1, Abstain—5. [3:03:32]

Yes—Anderson, Brazon, Condon. Cromshow, Gladney, Klunder, Lafferty, Medina, Reyes, Wenger. No—Kaufman. Abstain—Blair, Brooks, Novick, Pride, Spriestersbach.

Amended Main Motion:

Novick **moved** (amended by Klunder) to accept the budget, with the proviso that if after the first quarter projections are not met, management shall make a new payroll figure that will provide for a balanced budget. A plan for that eventuality shall be in place at the end of a 90-day period.

Amended Main Motion passed by a roll call vote: Yes—9, No—8, Abstain—0. [3:07:30]

Yes—Anderson, Brazon, Gladney, Grewall, Klunder, Lafferty, Medina, Novick, Spriestersbach. No—Blair, Brooks, Condon, Cromshow, Kaufman, Pride, Reyes, Wenger.

The meeting adjourned due to the expiration of time at 4:07 PM. [3:09:29]

Items VI. to VIII. were omitted.

Respectfully submitted by John P. Garry III, Secretary (these minutes were approved on January 25, 2015)

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Appendix A—Approved Agenda

## Proposed Agenda Three for KPFK LSB Meeting of November 15, 2014 1:00 PM, The Aris and Carolyn Anagnos Peace Center (all times include board discussion time)

I. Call to Order / Opening Business

- a) Ground Rules for Communication
- b) Wi-Fi connection, network: peacecenterwest, password: peace3916
- c) Roll Call
- d) Excused Absence Requests
- e) Designate timekeeper, establish time limit for speaking
- f) Agenda Approval
- g) Minutes Approval (7-19-2014, 8-20-2014 Ad Hoc Comm of the Chair, 9-20-2014, 10-18-2014)
- h) Announcements
- II. Election of Vice-Chair

a) Nominations

- b) Nominee statements (2 min each)
- c) Board question/comments on Vice-Chair candidates (2 pro, 2 con on each, 2 min per)
- d) Public Comment I (7.5 min)
- e) Instructions / Ballot Distribution / Voting / Ballot Collection / Results

# III. Scheduling / Location / Announcement of Meetings (10 min)

- a) Finance Committee: Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 7:30 PM, Radio Station KPFK
  b) Outreach Comm: Thursday, November 20, 2014, 7:00 PM, Radio Station KPFK
  c) Delegates Meeting: Sunday, December 7, 2014, 5:30 PM, The Peace Center
  d) Governance Committee: Monday, December 15, 2014, 7:30 PM, The Peace Center
  e) December LSB Meeting: Wednesday, December 17, 2014, The Peace Center
  f) Finance Committee: Tuesday, December 16, 2014, 7:30 PM, Radio Station KPFK
  g) January LSB & Delegates: Saturday, January 17, 2015, 7:30 PM, The Peace Center
  h) GM Search Committee: TBD
  j) Program Oversight Committee: TBD
  k) PNB Committee of Inclusion: TBD
- IV. Implementation / Follow Up / Action Items None submitted

(0 min)

(15 min)

(20 min)

V. Interim General Manager Report / FY2015 Budget Discussion	(60 min)
a) iGM presents budget (10 min)	
b) Board Discussion / Motions (30 min)	
c) Public Comment II (7.5 min)	
d) iGM responds to public comment (2.5 min)	
e) Final votes on motions-amendments (10 min)	
VI. Treasurer's Report on LSB expenses	(5 min)
VII. PNB Director Reports	(35 min)
a) Directors (10 min)	
b) Committees (5 min)	
c) Discussion (10 min)	
d) Public Comment III (7.5 min, questions to PNB Directors)	
e) PNB Directors respond to public comment (2.5 min)	
VIII. Committee and Task Force Reports	
Finance Committee Report	(0 min)
Governance Committee Report	(10 min)
a) Report on Delegate Standing for future elections	
GM Search Committee Report	(0 min)
Outreach Committee Report	(0 min)
Personnel Committee Report	(0 min)
PD Search Committee Report	(0 min)
Programming Oversight Committee Report	(0 min)
Town Hall Task Force Report	(0 min)
IX. New Business	(0 min)
X. Old Business	(0 min)
XI. Adjournment (time TBD)	
	total 195 min

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