

**Minutes for KPFK LSB Meeting of October 15, 2023
Via zoom**

Meeting convened: 10:39am Pacific

Present:

Christina Avalos
Veronica Becerra
Mike Bressler
Sandy Childs
John Cromshow
Nicole "Nikki" Haun
Michael Heiss
Sue Cohen Johnson
Evelia Jones
Oye Oyeyipo
Myla Reson (Secretary *pro tem*)
Paul Roberson
Ruth Strauss
Elizabeth von Gunten
Harvey Wasserman (Chair)
Carlos Zavala
Michael Novick (iGM)
Kim Kaufman (Treasurer)

Absent:

Ali Lexa
Doug Barnett
Vic Gerami
Rob Macon
Barbara Marbach

Excused Absences:

Ali Lexa
Vic Gerami

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Article Four, Delegates, Section 9: Removal of Delegates

Any delegate shall be removed from the position of Delegate, and cease to be a Delegate, upon the occurrence of any of the following:

(C) failure of a Delegate to attend three consecutive Local Station Board meetings, which absences have not been excused by a majority vote of the LSB members present at the meetings in question;

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October 1, 2023 Minutes passed without objection

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Timekeeper: Carlos Zavala

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Evelia Jones: Land Back Comportment (audio available at kpftx)

Paul Roberson: Pacifica Mission Statement (audio available at kpftx)

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Community Advisory Board Chair Dan McCrory provided a brief oral report. (audio available at kpftx)

Chair Harvey Wasserman suggests that the LSB approve the brief oral CAB Report provided by CAB Chair Dan McCrory – the report is approved without objection.

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Paul Roberson: Appeal for Funds (audio available at kpftx)

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iGM Report – KPFK iGM Michael Novick

Written iGM report posted in the Local Station Board section of the official KPFK.org website / (audio available at kpftx)

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Review FY 2024 Station Budget – iGM M. Novick/Treasurer K. Kaufman

Motion: The LSB reviewed the KPFK FY 24 budget along with “Addendum to the FY24 Budget” submitted by iGM Michael Novick. The budget is a reasonable estimate of revenue, **based on historical numbers**, and expenses. It is a deficit

budget, and we cannot approve it. We forward it to the National Finance Committee (NFC) for their review.

Passed without objection

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National Directors Reports (audio available at kpftx)

Evelia Jones
Elizabeth von Gunten

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Programming Oversight Committee Report
Elizabeth von Gunten (audio available kpftx)

PNB Elections Committee Report

Evelia Jones, Myla Reson

Public Comment (audio available kpftx)
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New Business – Resolution of Cuba introduced by Paul Roberson

See Appendix for full text of resolution. Moved by Paul Robeson
Seconded by Evelia Jones:

YES: Mike Bressler, Nikki Haun, Evelia Jones, Oye Oyeyipo, Myla Reson, Paul Robeson, Harvey Wasserman

Abstentions: Christina Avalos, Veronica Becerra, Sandy Childs, John Cromshow, Michael Heiss,

Present Not Voting: Beth von Gunten

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Next Meeting: November 19, 2023

The board voted on setting the next meeting for either Sunday, November 19, 2023, or Sunday, December 3, 2023.

Voting for November 19, 2023:

Veronica Becerra, Mike Bressler, Sandy Childs, John Cromshow, Nikki Haun, Evelia Jones, Oye Oyeyipo, Paul Roberson, Beth von Gunten

Voting for December 3, 2023:

Christina Avalos, Myla Reson

Abstentions:

Sue Cohen Johnson, Harvey Wasserman

Adjourn 12:54pm

Submitted by
Myla Reson, Secretary pro tem

Appendix

New Business – Resolution of Cuba introduced by Paul Roberson

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WHEREAS: President Biden has the authority to remove Cuba from the State Sponsors of Terrorism list by executive order, and to recommit to the normalization of relations with Cuba begun by the Obama-Biden administration; and

WHEREAS: For the past 62 years, the United States has imposed an economic, commercial, and financial embargo on Cuba that prevents most engagement and trade with the United States, and punishes other countries that engage with Cuba; and

WHEREAS: The consequence of this embargo continues to inflict daily hardships and deprivations on the Cuban people creating shortages of necessities like food and medicine, and severely restricting international financial and trade opportunities. It prevents Cuba from obtaining vital medical equipment and supplies, and even impedes humanitarian aid responses to catastrophic events like Hurricane Ian, which devastated both Florida and Cuba, thus harming the Cuban people whom President Biden's administration claims to support; and

WHEREAS: The United Nations in 2017 estimated that this embargo had cost the Cuban economy \$130 billion, averaging more than \$2 billion each year; and

WHEREAS: The United Nations General Assembly voted to condemn the U.S. embargo against Cuba, for the 30th time, on Nov. 3, 2022, with 185 of 193 nations decisively voting in favor, and only the United States and Israel opposed; and

WHEREAS: The Trump administration imposed 243 new sanctions upon Cuba, including restrictions on Cuban Americans who send remittances to families and businesses in Cuba. These sanctions contribute to a mass migration of Cubans, creating U.S. border security concerns; and

WHEREAS: Former President Trump arbitrarily reinstated Cuba's designation as a State Sponsor of Terrorism less than a week after the January 6th attempted coup, reversed the Obama-Biden administration's 2015 decision to remove this status after an exhaustive review by the U.S. State Department. Cuba does not satisfy any criteria for inclusion on this list; and

WHEREAS: Cuba's arbitrary designation has subjected them to further sanctions and international financial restrictions that limit the nation's ability to carry out critical financial transactions, including those needed to advance efforts to combat the COVID pandemic and improve its economy; and

WHEREAS: In 2021, 117 members of the U.S. Congress called for the removal of Cuba from this list noting in a letter; "a policy of engagement with Cuba serves U.S. interests and those of the Cuban people,"

Therefore:

Be it RESOLVED that the station, KPFK 90.7 FM, strongly urges President Biden and Congress, each federal representative in its jurisdiction, to call on the federal government to remove Cuba from the United States' list of state sponsors of terrorism; and

Be It Further RESOLVED that the management and LSB Board, urge our congressional delegation to pass legislation that will eliminate those aspects of the embargo that have been codified into law; and remove all sanctions against Cuba by the United States. Allow the peoples of the United States and Cuba to

travel and trade freely between the countries.

Be It Further RESOLVED that the station management will issue a press release regarding the details of this resolution to its media contacts within its jurisdiction.
