

Draft Minutes  
 Regular Pacifica National Board Open Session  
 Teleconference Meeting  
 Thursday, July 29, 2021, 8:30 pm ET  
 All times are Eastern Time  
 (meeting notice appended to the end of this agenda)

Directors:

Thomas O'Rourke, WPFW, Listener - exc	Jim Osborne, KPFK, Listener - p
Chris Cory, KPFA, Listener - p	Ron Pinchback, WPFW, Staff - exc
Vanessa Dixon-Briggs, WPFW, Listener - p	Ralph Poynter, WBAI, Listener - p
Lynden Foley, KPFT, Listener - p	Sandra Rawline, KPFT, Listener, Vice-Chair - p
Jose S. Gutierrez, Jr., KAOS, Affiliate - exc	Lawrence Reyes, KPFK, Listener - p
Heather Gray, WFRG, Affiliate -p	Shawn Rhodes, WBAI, Staff - p
Julie Hewitt, WPFW, Listener - exc	James Sagurton, WBAI, Listener - p
Sabrina Jacobs, KPFA, Staff - p	Alex Steinberg, WBAI, Listener, Chair - p
Wally James, KPFT, Staff - p	Andrea Turner, KPFA, Listener - p
DeWayne Lark, KPFT, Listener - p	Elizabeth von Gunten, KPFK, Listener - p
Ali Lexa, KPFK, Staff - p	Tom Voorhees, KPFA, Listener - exc

Lydia Brazon, Interim Executive Director - p  
 Anita Sims, Interim Chief Financial Officer - exc  
 Polina Vasiliev PNB Secretary - p  
 Arthur Schwartz, Pacifica Counsel  
 John Tatum, Parliamentarian - p  
 Marianne Edain, 2021 Recording Secretary - p

1. Preliminary items 5 min.
- A. Call Meeting to Order – Alex Steinberg, Chair  
 The meeting was called to order at 8:48 pm
  - B. Roll Call – a quorum is present
  - C. Report out from closed session 7-15-21  
 The PNB met in closed session to discuss confidential items of a legal and time sensitive nature.
  - D. Excused Absences – Julie Hewitt, Thomas O'Rourke, Ron Pinchback, Tom Voorhees
  - E. Identify Timekeepers  
 people – James Sagurton  
 topics – Lawrence Reyes
  - F Announcements - none

2. Agenda approval 5 min.

Ali Lexa moved to amend the agenda to include a motion which had been placed on the executive meeting agenda.

Voting yes, to retain the motion on the executive agenda were:

Chris Cory, Vanessa Dixon-Briggs, Heather Gray, Ralph Poynter, Lawrence Reyes, Shawn Rhodes, and Alex Steinberg.

Voting no, to move the motion to the open agenda were:

Lynden Foley, Wally James, DeWayne Lark, Ali Lexa, Jim Osborne, Sandra Rawline, James Sagurton, Andrea Turner, and Beth von Gunten.

There being 7 yes votes and 9 no votes, the motion was moved to the open session agenda.

It was moved that all committee reports except the financial and audit committees be moved to the next general meeting. The motion passed without objection.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

3. Approve minutes of the open session 7-15-21. As the minutes appeared to be unavailable, this item was moved to the next meeting.

### **Motion #1**

*Whereas...*

The Pacifica Foundation prides itself on its long history of supporting and upholding the rights of workers, labor and unions

*Therefore be it resolved that...*

The Pacifica National Board stands in solidarity with the workers, staff and volunteers at KPFK

Submitted by Ali Lexa

There was a proposed amendment, to include all Pacifica stations. The motion was amended as follows:

Whereas... The Pacifica Foundation prides itself on its long history of supporting and upholding the rights of workers, labor and unions,

Therefore be it resolved that

The Pacifica National Board stands in solidarity with the workers, staff and volunteers at KPFK, KPFA, KPFT, WBAI and WPFW.

An amendment was proposed, to include the phrase “paid and unpaid” before “staff.” After discussion the amendment passed without objection.

The final motion, as amended, is as follows:

Whereas... The Pacifica Foundation prides itself on its long history of supporting and upholding the rights of workers, labor and unions,

Therefore be it resolved that

The Pacifica National Board stands in solidarity with the workers, paid and unpaid staff and volunteers at KPFK, KPFA, KPFT, WBAI and WPFW.

There being no objection, the motion passed as amended.

4. iED report & Q & A -Lydia Brazon 10 min

Lydia Brazon reported that a new General Manager has been hired at KPFT, to begin 8-15-21. She further reported that the fundraising drives have been “anemic,” bringing in significantly less than past drives.

5. iCFO and Audit Committee report – Anita Sims, iCFO, Auditor, Eileen Rosen (Audit comm chair) 10 min

Eileen Rosin reported that the audit will be posted on the website, and she will forward it to the PNB. While the organization’s finances are still “in a hole”, it is now possible to have confidence in the reports

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Finance Committee report – chair James Sagurton reported.

Chair Steinberg ruled that a discussion of financial specifics should be done in executive session. Sandra Rawline appealed that ruling, which was put to a vote. A yes vote was in support of the

Chair's ruling to move the discussion to executive session. A no vote supported continued discussion in the open meeting.

Voting yes were:

Vanessa Dixon-Briggs, Heather Gray, Ralph Poynter, Lawrence Reyes, and Alex Steinberg.

Voting no were:

Lynden Foley, Wally James, Ali Lexa, Jim Osborne, and Sandra Rawline.

The vote being tied at 5 yes and 5 no, the Chair's ruling stood and the matter was moved to executive session.

6. Committee Reports – 20 min – postponed to next regular meeting

7. Unfinished business

8. New Business – motion on delegate candidates forum was withdrawn at the request of the iED

A motion was submitted by Jim Osborne concerning specific censure procedures.

Voting in favor of the proposed censure rules were:

Lynden Foley, Wally James, Ali Lexa, Jim Osborne, and Sandra Rawline

Voting against the motion were:

Vanessa Dixon-Briggs, Heather Gray, Lawrence Reyes, Shawn Rhodes, James Sagurton, Beth von Gunten, and Alex Steinberg.

There being 5 yes votes and 7 no votes, the motion failed.

9. Adjourn – the meeting adjourned at 10:37 pm 3 min.

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