

## **Minutes of the KPFK Local Station Board Meeting of August 19, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the KPFK Local Station Board was held on Wednesday, August 19, 2015, 7:37 PM, at the Aris and 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. The minutes of August 20, 2014 and July 19, 2015 were approved. John Wenger retired from the Board prior to this meeting. The first alternate did not respond to an invitation to be seated and was not present.

**Fifteen members were present**, constituting a quorum: Chuck Anderson, Ankin Antaram, Rodrigo Argueta, Fred Blair, Lydia Brazon, John Cromshow, Aryana Gladney, Luis Garcia y Ayvens (arrived 8:24), Tej Grewall, Kim Kaufman, Fred Klunder, Michael Novick, Steve Pride, Lawrence Reyes, Ron Spriestersbach.

**Five members were excused:** Steve Brooks, Chris Condon, Jim Lafferty, Brenda Medina, Dutch Merrick,

**Three members were absent:** Chipasha Luchembe, John Parker, Lamont Yeakey.

**Also present:** Leslie Radford (KPFK 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 February 18, 2015. The date and location was posted on KPFTX.org on February 22, 2015 and on KPFK.org on February 23, 2015. Automated e-mail notifications from pnb@kpftx.org were sent to Board members on August 12, August 17, and the day of the meeting.

**Audio Recording:** The audio of the meeting is available at: <http://kpftx.org/archive.php>

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### **I. CALL TO ORDER / OPENING BUSINESS (7:37)**

The meeting was **called to order** by the Chair at 7:37 PM.

#### **I.a. ROLL CALL (7:37)**

An initial quorum of 14 was established.

#### **I.b. GROUND RULES FOR COMMUNICATION (7:40)**

The Chair reiterated principles for Board communication and public participation. There was a dispute regarding the status of John Wenger. Wenger claimed that he was still on the Board and would relinquish his seat when the first alternate showed up. The Chair ruled that he had been termed out on August 18, 2015. Wenger remained seated with LSB members but was not

allowed to participate in the meeting.

#### I.c. EXCUSED ABSENCE REQUESTS (7:42)

Brazon **moved approval** of the excused absence requests of Brooks, Condon, Lafferty, Medina, and Merrick. Spriestersbach seconded. **Passed** without objection.

#### I.d. DESIGNATE TIMEKEEPER / ESTABLISH TIME LIMIT FOR SPEAKERS (7:43)

Cromshow volunteered to be the timekeeper. The standard 90-second limit for individual speakers was agreed to without objection.

#### I.e. AGENDA APPROVAL (7:43)

Brazon **moved approval** of the agenda. Reyes seconded.

Novick **moved to amend**: Add 10 minutes to Item VI, which will be renamed "GM Report," and subtract 10 minutes from Item IX. PNB Reports. Reyes seconded. **Passed** without objection. The amended agenda **passed** without objection (see Appendix).

#### I.g. MINUTES APPROVAL (7:48)

Reyes **moved approval** of the minutes of September 20, 2014 (previously postponed) and July 19, 2015 (open session), which were forwarded electronically to the Board prior to the meeting. Brazon seconded. An objection was heard to the September 20, 2014 minutes, necessitating a vote.

Minutes **approved** by a show of hands: Yes—8, No—2, Abstain—3.

#### I.f. ANNOUNCEMENTS (7:52)

Novick announced a performance of *If the Shu Fits: Voice From Solitary Confinement* for Sunday, August 23, 2015, 2:00-4:00 PM in the KPFK parking lot.

Spriestersbach announced a Peace and Freedom Party event for Saturday, September 12, 2015, 2:00-5:00 PM, at the Aris and Carolyn Anagnos Peace Center, featuring speakers Prof. David Klein and Sabina Virgo.

Reyes announced the Saturday, August 29, 2015 commemoration of the Chicano Moratorium at Garfield Park, East Los Angeles.

Grewall announced Fela Kuti Day at Townhouse Bar, Venice on Thursday, August 27, 2015, 9:00 PM.

## II. SCHEDULING / LOCATION / ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETINGS (7:57)

Programming Oversight Committee: September 9, 2015, 7:30 PM at Radio Station KPFFK.  
 Outreach Committee: Thursday, September 10, 2015, 7:00 at Radio Station KPFFK.  
 Governance Committee: Monday, September 14, 2015, 7:30 PM at The Peace Center.  
 Finance Committee: Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 7:30 PM at Radio Station KPFFK.  
 LSB Meeting: Sunday, September 20, 2015, 1:00 PM at The Peace Center.

### III. PNB COMMITTEE ELECTIONS (7:59)

- a) Audit (one listener seat). Nominees: Anderson, Cromshow.  
Anderson was **elected** by a secret ballot (8-5).
- b) Elections (one listener seat). Nominees: Grewall, Cromshow.  
Grewall was **elected** by a secret ballot (8-5).
- c) Governance (two listener seats): The number of nominees equaling the number of seats, Blair and Anderson were **elected** without a ballot.
- d) Programming (one listener seat). Nominees: Spriestersbach, Antaram.  
Spriestersbach was **elected** by a secret ballot (7-6).

### IV. LOCAL ELECTION SUPERVISOR REPORT (8:17)

Coohtunich “Cookie” Partansky (KPFFK LES) reported. Discussion followed.

Reyes **moved** 7.5 minutes for public comment (Public Comment IV shall be moved up).  
 Argueta seconded. **Passed** without objection.

### PUBLIC COMMENT 1 (8:29)

Public comment was heard for 11 minutes. The LES also answered questions from the public.

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LES report continues.

### V. HATE SPEECH PREVENTION MOTION (8:40)

The Treasurer took the Chair. The Chair left the meeting. For the remainder of the meeting the Secretary recognized the Treasurer to speak.

The “KPFFK Broadcast Disclaimer,” which was forwarded to the Board by the GM, was read aloud. The GM also reported briefly. Discussion followed.

Pride **moved** to create a Hate Speech Task Force. **Passed** without objection.

A sign-up sheet was distributed to the Board and the public. The volunteers were

Chuck Anderson (LSB), Ankin Antaram (LSB, KPFFK Programmer), Charles Fredricks (public), John P. Garry III (public), Charlene Muhammad (KPFFK programmer), Steve Pride (LSB, KPFFK Programmer).

#### VI. GM REPORT/FY2016 BUDGET PRESENTATION (8:55)

The GM reported on management and budgetary matters. She distributed a Liberty Hill Foundation brochure and the 6-page Liberty Hill document “Our Vision: A New Los Angeles” to the Board with the intent of encouraging fund-raising by Board members. Discussion followed.

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Reyes **moved to approve** the FY 2016 Budget after amendment. Garcia y Ayvens seconded.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT II & III (9:45)

Public comment was heard for 14 minutes. KPFFK programmer Charlene Muhammad made an official complaint against the Interim Program Director and a KPFFK programmer in connection to a 2013 broadcast of her program “Liberated Sisters.”

Budget discussion resumes. (9:59)

Brazon **moved to amend** the FY 2016 KPFFK Budget to include an LSB fund-raising goal of \$5,000. Reyes seconded.

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Amendment **passed** by a roll call vote: Yes—12, No—0, Abstain—2.

Yes—Anderson, Antaram, Argueta, Brazon, Cromshow, Garcia y Ayvens, Gladney, Klunder, Novick, Pride, Reyes, Priestestersbach.  
Abstain—Blair, Kaufman.

Again, Reyes **moved to approve** the FY 2016 Budget as amended. Garcia y Ayvens seconded.

Motion **passed** by a roll call vote: Yes—10, No—2, Abstain—2.

Yes—Anderson, Antaram, Argueta, Brazon, Cromshow, Garcia y Ayvens, Gladney, Novick, Reyes, Priestestersbach.  
No—Blair, Kaufman.  
Abstain—Klunder, Pride.

Brazon **moved to postpone** the remaining items until the next meeting. Klunder seconded.

Kaufman **moved to amend**: The remaining items shall be postponed after the KPFA Foundation Report is heard. Klunder seconded.

Novick **moved to amend** Brazon's motion: The second Governance Committee motion (LSB Fundraising Motion) shall be heard, first in order.

**Point of order** from Kaufman: Novick's amendment requires a 2/3s vote because it rearranges the agenda. The Chair ruled his own amendment in order. It does not change the order. Kaufman **challenged** the ruling of the Chair

The ruling of the Chair was **sustained** by a show of hands: Yes—9, No—1, Abstain—0.

Novick's motion to amend **passed** by a show of hands: Yes—7, No—1, Abstain—2.

Kaufman's motion to amend **passed** by a show of hands: Yes—7, No—2, Abstain—2.

New main motion: All agenda items shall be postponed until the next meeting except for the KPFA Foundation Report and the LSB Fundraising Motion. **Passed** without objection.

#### XI. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (10:16)

Motion from Governance (passed without objection on March 16, 2015):

“Moved that the Local Station Board create a Fundraising Committee to develop a training program, strategy and implementation plan with annual goals for fundraising by the Local Station Board and its members.”

**Passed** without objection.

Volunteers: Ankine Antaram, John Cromshow, Rose Mary Elizondo (public), Aryana Gladney, Michael Novick, Lawrence Reyes, Roger Zimmerman (public).

#### VII. KPFA FOUNDATION REPORT (10:18)

Brazon reported on the creation of the KPFA Foundation. Discussion followed.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT IV (10:29)

Public comment was heard for one minute. The Chair urged the Board to reform the Town Hall Task at the next LSB meeting and thanked the Board and the public for their participation.

VIII, X, XI – Omitted by decision of the Board.

The meeting **adjourned** without objection at 10:30 PM.  
Respectfully submitted by John P. Garry III, Secretary  
(these minutes were approved on September 20, 2015)

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## Appendix—Approved Agenda

- I. Call to Order / Opening Business (20 min)
  - a) Roll Call
  - b) Ground Rules for Communication
  - c) Excused Absence Requests
  - d) Designate Timekeeper, establish time limit for speaking
  - e) Agenda Approval / Set time for adjournment
  - f) Minutes Approval (9-20-2014, 7-19-2015 open session)
  - g) Announcements
  
- II. Scheduling / Location / Announcement of Meetings (5 min)
  - a) Governance Committee: Monday, September 14, 2015, 7:30 PM at The Peace Center.
  - b) Finance Committee: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at Radio Station KPFK.
  - c) LSB Meeting: Sunday, September 20, 2015, 1:00 PM at The Peace Center.
  - d) Personnel Committee: TBA
  - e) Program Oversight Committee: TBA
  - f) Outreach Committee: TBA
  - g) PNB Committee of Inclusion: TBA
  
- III. PNB Committee Elections (10 min)
  - a) Audit: one LSB Member
  - b) Elections: one LSB Member
  - c) Governance: two LSB Members
  - d) Programming: one LSB Member
  
- IV Local Election Supervisor Report (15 min)
  - a) LES Report (5 min)
  - b) Discussion (10 min)
  
- V. Hate Speech Prevention Motion (10 min)
  - a) Report from Management
  - b) Board Discussion (see Appendix for passed motion)
  
- VI. GM Report/FY2016 Budget Presentation (70 min)
  - a) GM presents budget (20 min)
  - b) Discussion (35 min)
  - c) Public Comment I & II (15 min)
  
- VII KPFA Foundation Report (10 min)
  
- VIII. Implementation / Follow-Up / Action Items (10 min)
  - a) Parliamentary Search
  - b) Approved Waivers (delivered by Secretary to the KPFK Membership Director)
  - c) Outreach Committee Minutes submission.
  
- IX. PNB Reports (25 min)
  - a) Directors (10 min)
  - b) Committees (5 min)
  - c) Board Q&A (10 min)
  - d) Public Comment III (questions to PNB Directors) (7.5 min)
  - e) PNB Directors respond to public comment (2.5 min)
  
- X. Treasurer's Report (on LSB expenses) (1 min)

XI. Committee and Task Force Reports (15 min)

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| Governance Committee Report                | (15 min) |
| a) Strip Programming Motion (see Appendix) |          |
| b) LSB Fundraising Motion (see Appendix)   |          |
| 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)  |

XII. Public Comment IV (7.5 min, for discussion of pending motions)

XIII New Business (0 min)

Motion from Governance (passed December 15, 2014, 3-1-1)

Whereas strip programming on KPFK occupies most of the drive time (peak) programming, the LSB and station management shall replace these strip programs with non-strip programs in order to open up the airwaves to many other voices and analyses. This shall be implemented within 60 days.

Motion from Governance (passed without objection on March 16, 2015)

Moved that the Local Station Board create a Fundraising Committee to develop a training program, strategy and implementation plan with annual goals for fundraising by the Local Station Board and its members.

On-Air Hate Speech Prevention Policy passed 7-19-2015

The KPFK LSB requests that station management report to the Board on or before the August 2015 LSB meeting on the station's on-air hate-speech prevention policy. This report may be delivered orally or in writing.

If the LSB determines that the station lacks an effective, on-air hate-speech prevention policy, the LSB shall draft such a policy. The Governance Committee or a new On-Air Hate-Speech Prevention Policy Task Force shall draft the policy.

The assigned committee shall deliver drafts of the policy for review and discussion at the September and October LSB meetings. The final draft shall be voted on at the November LSB meeting. The approved policy shall be delivered to station management immediately thereafter.

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