

PACIFICA FOUNDATION RADIO

PACIFICA NATIONAL BOARD IN-PERSON MEETING (OPEN SESSION)

The Aris & Carolyn Anagnos Peace Center, Los Angeles, California

June 12, 2015 -- Draft Meeting Minutes

Twenty members were present, constituting a quorum: Teresa Allen (KPFT), Rodrigo Argueta (KPFK), Carolyn Birden (WBAI), Lydia Brazon (Chair, KPFK), Jim Brown (WPFW), Stephen M. Brown (WBAI), Adrianna Casenave (KPFT), Janet Coleman (WBAI), Benito Diaz (WPFW), Brian Edwards Tiekert (KPFA), Jose Luis Fuentes-Roman (KPFA, arrived 1:25), Janet Kobren (KPFA), Robert L. Mark (KPFT), Brenda Medina (Assistant. Secretary), Tony Norman (Vice Chair, WPFW), George Reiter (KPFT), Cerene Roberts (WBAI), Robert Rabin (Affiliate-WVQR), Pete Tucker (WPFW), Margy Wilkinson (KPFA).

One member was excused: Janis Lane-Ewart (Affiliate-WFAI).

One KPFK Listener-Director seat was vacant.

Also present: John Proffitt (Pacifica Executive Director), Jon Almeleh (Pacifica Technical Director), Jonathan Alexander (KPFK Technical Director), John P. Garry III (Recording Secretary Pro-Tem) and members of the public.

This meeting was live-streamed from several websites, including KPFTX.org. The agenda and audio for this meeting can be accessed at <http://kpftx.org/archive.php>

The Board met in executive session prior to this meeting from 9:30 AM to 12:00 Noon in the same location.

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CALL TO ORDER (1:16)

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 1:16 PM Pacific Time.

ROLL CALL (1:17)

An initial quorum of 19 was established

EXCUSED ABSENCE REQUESTS (1:19)

Janis Lane-Ewart (Affiliate-WFAI) was excused without objection.

#### TIMEKEEPERS (1:19)

Medina volunteered to be the timekeeper for individual speakers and the agenda. Without objection, it was agreed that the closed session report-outs shall be drafted on Sunday.

#### OPEN SESSION AGENDA APPROVAL (1:21)

Edwards-Tiekert **moved approval** of the agenda. Wilkinson seconded.

Diaz **moved to amend**: There shall be an acknowledgement of the incarceration of Oscar Lopez for Sunday's open session: Item XVII-B. Wilkinson seconded.

Allen **moved to amend**: The Diaz amendment shall be Item XVIII-E.  
**Failed** for lack of a second.

Motion to amend **passed** by a roll call vote: Yes--11, No—4, Abstain—5.

Yes—Argueta, Brazon, J. Brown, Casenave, Diaz, Medina, Norman, Rabin, Roberts, Tucker, Wilkinson.

No—Allen, Birden, S. Brown, Coleman.

Abstain—Edwards-Tiekert, Fuentes-Roman, Kobren, Mark, Reiter.

Roberts **moved to amend**: Five motions (text to be distributed later) shall be added to open session Item XII: Casenave seconded.

Reiter **moved to amend**: The five motions shall be placed after the Governance Committee Report. Medina seconded. **Passed** without objection.

New main motion:

Roberts **moved to amend** (amended by Reiter): Five motions shall be placed after the Governance Committee Report: Clarifying "Basic" Membership Rate; Annual Membership Rate; Term Inheritance; Special Rule re. In-Person Meeting Order; Special Rule re. Public Comment (text to be distributed later). **Passed** without objection.

Casenave **moved to amend**: Refer Item XVIIID—Motion to Censure KPFA Management to executive session and replace it with a discussion of programming policies resulting from the recent controversy at KPFA.

The Chair ruled the Motion to Censure KPFA Management out of order because a censure motion is only applicable to the members of the body. Station staff members are not

members of the body.

Reiter **moved to extend** ten minutes **Passed** without objection. (1:43) Discussion continued.

The motion to amend was divided by without objection.

Casenave **moved to amend**: Refer Motion to Censure KPFA Management to executive session. **Passed** without objection.

Roberts **moved to amend**: Item VI shall include a discussion of free speech for 30 minutes after the two motions. Seconded by Mark. **Passed** without objection.

Roberts **moved to extend** 20 minutes. **Passed** without objection. (1:54)

Argueta **moved to amend**: The Free Speech Discussion shall be moved to after the Spanish Language Task Force: Item VII-A. Diaz seconded. **Passed** without objection.

New main motion:

Roberts **moved** (amended by Argueta): A Free Speech Discussion shall be held after the Spanish Language Task Force: Item VII-A. **Passed** without objection.

Reiter **moved to amend**: Today's public comment time shall be combined into a 30-minute section. **Failed** for lack of a second.

Allen **moved to amend**: The Chair shall assign times for all Public Comment sections and post to the Pacifica website as soon as possible. Birden seconded.

Casenave **called the question**. Debate ended without objection.

Motion to amend **failed** by a roll call vote: Yes—6, No—14, Abstain—0.

Yes—Allen, Birden, S. Brown, Coleman, Mark, Medina.

No—Argueta, Brazon, J. Brown, Casenave, Diaz, Edwards-Tiekert, Fuentes-Roman, Kobren, Norman, Rabin, Reiter, Roberts, Tucker, Wilkinson.

Allen **moved to extend** five minutes [time having expired]. Diaz seconded.

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Motion to extend **failed** by a show of hands (2/3 required): Yes—10, No—8, Abstain—2.

PUBLIC COMMENT (2:18)

Public comment was heard for eight minutes.

#### AGENDA APPROVAL (CONT) (2:26)

The amended agenda was **approved** without objection.

#### MINUTES APPROVAL (2:27)

None presented by the Secretary

#### I. COORDINATING COMMITTEE (2:27)

Item omitted.

#### II. FINANCE COMMITTEE (2:27)

Edwards-Tiekert (National Finance Committee Chair) reported. The Executive Director also contributed to the report. Discussion followed.

Reiter **moved to extend** 20 minutes. J. Brown seconded. **Passed** without objection. Discussion continued.

Fuentes-Roman **moved**: The ED prioritize as the first order of business to implement the PNB budget cuts for Pacifica Radio Archives, KPFK, KPFA, WBAI and WPFW and report back to the PNB within thirty days the steps taken. Diaz seconded.

Without objection time was extended an additional 20 minutes. Discussion continued.

The Vice-Chair took the gavel.

**Point of order** from Roberts: What the PNB recommended was plans to make budget cuts. We haven't approved plans to make cuts. The language of the motion would have to be modified to reflect that.

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Roberts **moved to amend**: The ED, as prioritized, contact with the General Managers of each station requiring by June 30 the plan required of them by the PNB in January for cuts of the four units requested: WBAI, KPFK, KPFA, PRA. Seconded not identified. No vote taken.

Casenave **moved to refer** to the National Finance Committee. Kobren seconded.

Motion **referred** by a show of hands: Yes—11, No—7, Abstain—1.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3:34)

Public comment was heard for 14 minutes.

III. STRATEGIC PLANNING AND BREAK-OUT GROUPS (3:48)

Reiter took the Chair and introduced the topic.

Edwards-Tiekert (amended by Coleman) **moved to extend** the meeting to 5:15 PM.  
**Passed** without objection.

The ED and select members made statements and responded to questions. Discussion followed.

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Discussion continued.

Mark **moved to extend** the session 15 minutes. J. Brown seconded.

Diaz **moved to amend**: The listeners shall be allowed speak and the break-out groups shall be tomorrow. Coleman seconded. The Chair ruled the motion to amend out of order.

Motion to extend **failed** by a show of hands: Yes—6, No—6.

Roberts **moved to extend** 15 minutes and go immediately to a Committee of the Whole after the stack is completed, with no repeat speakers. J. Brown seconded.

Motion to extend **passed** by a show of hands: Yes—9, No—2. Discussion continued.

Roberts **moved to extend** to 5:45. Casenave seconded.  
Motion **failed** by a show of hands (2/3 required): Yes—8, No—6.

Discussion continued and the public participated.

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 PM due to the expiration of time.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Kobren, Secretary  
John P. Garry III, Recording Secretary Pro-Tem

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