

PACIFICA FOUNDATION RADIO
PACIFICA NATIONAL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
From Various Locations via Telephone Conference
REVISED DRAFT AGENDA - Open Meeting
Thursday, November 5, 2015 - 8:30PM ET

I. **Call to Order**

A. Roll call and establishment of quorum

Teresa Allen, KPFT	Janet Kobren, KPFA
Rodrigo Argueta, KPFK	Janis Lane-Ewart, KFAI Affiliate
Carolyn Birden, WBAI	Robert Mark, KPFT
Lydia Brazon, KPFK	Brenda Medina, KPFK
Jim Brown, WPFW	Tony Norman, WPFW
Stephen Brown, WBAI	Robert Rabin (Siegal), WVQR Affiliate
Adriana Casenave, KPFT	George Reiter, KPFT
Janet Coleman, WBAI	Lawrence Reyes, KPFK
Benito Diaz, WPFW	Cerene Roberts, WBAI
Brian Edwards-Tiekert, KPFA	Pete Tucker, WPFW
Jose Luis Fuentes, KPFA	Margy Wilkinson, KPFA
Staff	
Lydia Brazon, iED	

B. Identify Timekeepers - one for speakers (90 seconds) and one for agenda items

C. Excused absences

D. Agenda Approval (30 min)

II. NES Report (15 min.)

III. Pacifica Signatory and Designees Resolutions (15 min.)

(see APPENDICES A, B & C below)

IV. Committee Reports and Motions (15 min.)

A. Personnel Committee Report

B. Audit Committee

1. Audit Committee motion on Centralized Accounting
[approved by Audit Committee, 9/22/15]

(see APPENDIX D below)

V. Old Business

A. Motion re. Term Inheritance
[Roberts, noticed 6/9/15; on 7/9/15 PNB OPEN agenda]

B. Motion re. Special Rule re. In-Person Meeting Order
[Roberts, noticed 6/9/15; on 7/9/15 PNB OPEN agenda]

(see APPENDIX E below)

C. Motion re. Special Rule re. Public Comment
[Roberts, noticed 6/9/15; on 7/9/15 PNB OPEN agenda]

(see APPENDIX F below)

D. Employee Timesheets Policy (10 min.)
[Kobren, referred at 6/13/15 PNB executive session to open session;
noticed 6/14/15; on 7/9/15 PNB OPEN agenda]

(see APPENDIX G below)

V. Old Business (cont.)

- E. KPFA Management terminology motion (10 min.)
[Kobren; on 7/9/15 PNB OPEN agenda; referred at 6/13/15 PNB executive session to open session; noticed 6/14/15]

(see APPENDIX H below)

- F. Motion on KPFA hiring process for temporary and occasional employees (10 min.)
[Kobren; on 7/9/15 PNB OPEN agenda; noticed 6/14/15; referred at 6/13/15 PNB executive session to open session]

(see APPENDIX I below)

- G. Motion to change the due dates of July 15 to August 15, 2015 for all reports referenced in the motion Programming Operations motion (approved June 12-15, 2015)
[Roberts; on 7/9/15 PNB OPEN agenda; noticed 7/6/15]

(see APPENDIX J below)

- H. Motion to Censure Margy Wilkinson by the Pacifica National Board (10 min.)
[S.Brown, noticed 8/6/15, on 8/6/15 PNB open agenda]

(see APPENDIX K below)

VI. New Business

- A. Motion to share Kobren's October 2015 KPFA Director's Inspection Documents (10 min.)
[Kobren, noticed 10/29/15]

(see APPENDIX L below)

- B. Motion to rescind motion approved on October 29, 2015
[Edwards-Tiekert, noticed 10/29/15]

(see APPENDIX M below)

VI. New Business (cont.)

C. Policy re: Ambiguous Donations
[Edwards-Tiekert, noticed 10/29/15]

(see APPENDIX N below)

VII. Adjourn

(by 10:30PM ET)

APPENDIX A:

Regarding Pacifica Financial Account Signatories

The Pacifica National Board approves the following Financial Account Signatories to be effective immediately:

John M. Proffitt is to be removed as an authorized signatory and operator from any and all financial institutions, including but not limited to, banking, investment, stock, securities, and vendor accounts for Pacifica Foundation.

PNB Chair and interim Executive Director Lydia Brazon is authorized to be a primary signatory and operator on all financial institutions, including but not limited to, investment, stock and securities accounts for the Pacifica Foundation.

APPENDIX B:

Regarding the Trustees of the Pacifica Foundation Pension and Retirement Plan

The Pacifica National Board approves the following regarding the Trustees of the Pacifica Foundation Pension and Retirement Plan to be effective immediately:

The Pacifica National Board hereby accepts the resignation of Executive Director, John Proffitt as one of the Trustees of the Pacifica Foundation Pension and Retirement Plan, and appoints Vice Chair, Tony Norman to serve as his successor Trustee.

Pacifica National Board Chair and interim Executor Director remains as the second Trustee.

APPENDIX C:

Regarding CPB Authorization

Effective immediately, the Pacifica National Board designates its Vice Chair (Tony Norman) its Corporation for Public Broadcasting Head of Grantee.

APPENDIX D:

Audit Committee motion on Centralized Accounting

[approved by Audit Committee, 9/22/15]

Move that Audit committee recommends PNB take immediate action to investigate and report on options available to centralize accounting functions INCLUDING WHICH SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS WOULD BE CENTRALIZED as recommended by 2013 audit letter.

APPENDIX E:

Motion for Special Rule re. In-Person Meeting Order

[Roberts, noticed 6/9/15; on 7/9/15 PNB OPEN agenda]

Whereas, in 2013 the PNB met in-person twice (February and November); and in 2014 in-person once (February); and its first and likely only 2015 meeting in June; and

Whereas the current meeting rotation of New York, Houston, Washington D.C., Los Angeles, and Berkeley means that with one in-person meeting per year, it would be years before an in-person meeting again occurs outside California, be it hereby resolved

That in order to guarantee greater member access to the PNB, in-person meetings shall not just alternate among the stations but among regions, so that serial meetings are not held in a single region before being held in another.

The effect of this motion will be to change the meeting cycle by reversing the order of meetings in New York and Berkeley:

West (Stn 1)... East (Stn 1)... West (Stn 2)....Central....East (Stn 2)
Los Angeles.....New York.....Berkeley.....Houston...Wash. D.C. ...

Prior meetings and proposed cycle:

1/2010 DC
4/2010 LA
7/2010 Bk
10/2010 NY
2/2011 Hou
9/2011 DC
2/2012 LA
7/2012 Bk
2/2013 NY
11/2013 Hou
2/2014 DC
6/2015 LA

next NY
then Bk

future Hou
future DC
future LA
future NY
future Bk
future Hou

APPENDIX F:

Motion for Special Rule re. Public Comment at In-Person Meetings

[Roberts, noticed 6/9/15; on 7/9/15 PNB OPEN agenda]

Whereas, the Pacifica Bylaws, in Article 6, Section 7, state that “With the exception of telephone meetings, all public meetings of the Board and its committees shall include public comment periods. Public comment periods at Board meetings shall be not less than one hour, and at committee meetings, not less than one-half hour.”

Be it resolved, that in the case of multi-day in-person meetings, “not less than one hour” shall be interpreted to mean “not less than one hour per day” with those who have not spoken being given priority over those who have spoken on previous days.

APPENDIX G:

Employee Timesheets Policy

[Kobren, referred at 6/13/15 PNB executive session to open session; noticed 6/14/15; on 7/9/15 PNB OPEN agenda]

All employees at Pacifica units are non-exempt and that in order for an employee to be issued a paycheck for his/her work, whether for regular, temporary or occasional work hours, the employee is to complete an employee timecard for the hours worked during a particular pay period, have it signed by the Program Director or General (or unit Manager) or designated manager, and submit the timecard to the unit Business Manager or equivalent manager.

APPENDIX H:

KPFA Management terminology motion

[Kobren, referred at 6/13/15 PNB executive session to open session; noticed 6/14/15; on 7/9/15 PNB OPEN agenda]

That the PNB directs the ED to require the KPFA GM to provide him, the PNB and the KPFA LSB by June 30, 2015 with the following information:

1. A document containing the definition for each of the following positions at KPFA:
 - supervisor
 - department head
 - director (or co-director)
 - work leader
 - manager (other than the GM, PD or Business Manager);
2. The application policy and hiring process for each of the above positions;
3. The job description and/or roles and responsibilities, where applicable, for each of the above positions, including whether the position is an employee or management position, and if the position has approval authority for an employee timecard;
4. A confidential listing for each of the above positions of the names of current staff members who hold any of these positions at KPFA and whether the staff member is a union member;
5. The members of the KPFA GM's "management team".

APPENDIX I:

Motion on KPFA hiring process for temporary and occasional employees

[Kobren, referred at 6/13/15 PNB executive session to open session; noticed 6/14/15; on 7/9/15 PNB OPEN agenda]

That the PNB directs the ED to require the KPFA GM to provide him, the PNB and the KPFA LSB by June 30, 2015 with the application policy and hiring process for temporary and occasional employees at KPFA.

APPENDIX J:

Motion #1 PROGRAMMING OPERATIONS

(approved by PNB on June 13, 2015)

Whereas the Pacifica Bylaws require that each Local Station Board (LSB) “work with station management to ensure that station programming fulfills the purposes of the Foundation and is responsive to the diverse needs of the listeners (demographic) and communities (geographic) served by the station, and that station policies and procedures for making programming decisions and for program evaluation are working in a fair, collaborative and respectful manner to provide quality programming”, be it hereby resolved that

The Executive Director (ED) shall be required to direct each station’s General Manager (GM) to provide, by July 15, 2015, a written station programming report to their LSB and to the PNB that includes the following:

- the process and problems if any by which programs are evaluated, moved, removed, and added, including how audience support (financial and otherwise) is measured and incorporated
- the process and problems if any of producer development and training
- the process and problems if any which interns are integrated into station programming
- the process and problems if any which preemptions are decided upon and applied
- the process and problems if any which programs are made national
- the process and problems if any which themes and staffing of special national programs are identified
- the use of the internet in promoting station programming, including station website innovations, I-tunes, Tuned-in, tumblr, twitter, facebook, and blogs etc.
- the use of audio-video live streaming on station websites for real-time coverage of actions and events that are news in the making.

The Pacifica National Board (PNB) also requires that the ED direct each GM to obtain and provide a written report to their LSB and to the PNB, by August 1, 2015, from the station’s Community Advisory Board that lists its membership, describes its functioning, and reprises all work done with regard to community needs assessments since March 2013; and further, that

The PNB directs that each National Board Member who serves on a station Committee of Inclusion shall provide a written report prepared by the committee to their LSB and to the PNB, by July 15, 2015, that lists its membership, describes its functioning, and reprises work done this year.

These reports and any structured responses thereto, including minority reports, from local station boards shall be the basis for discussion on the PNB Programming Committee.

APPENDIX K:

Motion to Censure Margy Wilkinson by the Pacifica National Board

[S.Brown, noticed 8/6/15; on 8/6/15 PNB OPEN agenda]

WHEREAS it was recently discovered that, on or about September 24, 2013, Margy Wilkinson (while serving as a director of the Pacifica Foundation) had conspired in secret with Dan Siegel (who was also serving as a director of the Pacifica Foundation) to create, file, and register with the California Secretary of State, a shadow corporation named “KPFA Foundation”; and

WHEREAS Wilkinson and Siegel named their shadow corporation “the KPFA Foundation,” thus intentionally and without permission misappropriating the call letters of KPFA Radio, a legally owned trademark of the Pacifica Foundation (then known as Pacifica Foundation Radio), and also intentionally misappropriating without permission, in its articles of incorporation, the exact wording of the Pacifica Foundation mission statement; and

WHEREAS Wilkinson and Siegel represented to the California Secretary of State that Dan Siegel was the legal agent of this shadow corporation, and that its legal address was that of the Siegel & Yee law firm, at 499 14th Street, Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94612; and

WHEREAS the purpose and intent of this shadow corporation, according to a public explanation by Dan Siegel, was to acquire the broadcasting license and assets of KPFA Radio from the Pacifica Foundation; and

WHEREAS the existence of this shadow corporation was hidden and kept secret from the Pacifica National Board, of which Margy Wilkinson was then, and is now, a member, and was also hidden and kept secret from the executive director of Pacifica, John Gladney Proffitt;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Pacifica National Board censure director Margy Wilkinson for engaging in unethical behavior that breaches her duty as a board member and violates her fiduciary obligation and duty of loyalty to the Pacifica Foundation.

APPENDIX L:

Motion to share Kobren's October 2015 KPFA Director's Inspection Documents

[Kobren, noticed 10/29/15]

That Kobren's 10/28/15 confidential, updated chronology/analysis of the \$400K bequest documentation based on her October 2015 director's inspection at KPFA along with the associated documents be shared with the KPFA LSB prior to the November 14, 2015 KPFA LSB meeting.

APPENDIX M:

Motion to rescind the following motion approved on October 29, 2015
[Edwards-Tiekert, noticed 10/29/15]

Move that by the end of day November 4, 2015 the KPFA GM and the interim Controller:

1. Produce an accounting with documentation to the PNB of how the Hall Trust bequest has been allocated and spent to date, including what KPFA transferred to Pacifica units - KPFT, KPFK, PRA, WBAI and election deposit shortages and the remaining balance, if any; and
2. If a remaining balance exists, transfer it to the PNO unit or other Pacifica units as appropriate; and
3. Based on the accounting, revise the plan to repay KPFA; and
4. Based on the accounting, revise the KPFA and PNO budgets accordingly.

APPENDIX N:

Policy re: Ambiguous Donations

[Edwards-Tiekert, noticed 10/29/15]

Absent evidence of donor intent to the contrary, any unsolicited donation originating from within the signal area of one of Pacifica's radio stations, shall be allocated to that radio station.