

Minutes of the KPFK Local Station Board Meeting April 7, 2007

A regular meeting of the KPFK Local Station Board was held on Saturday, April 7, 2007 at Jewel's Catch One, 4067 W. Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90019. Jack VanAken served as Chair and Adriana Gomez served as Secretary Pro-Tem. The minutes of the March 7, 2007 LSB Meeting were approved.

Nineteen Members were present: Yolanda Anguiano, Rodrigo Argueta, Lydia Brazon, Israel Feuer, Bill Gallegos, Terry Goodman, Sherna Gluck, Ian Johnston, Kimberly King, Tracy Larkins, Arturo Lemus, Ali Lexa, Margaret Prescod, Reza Pour, Jack VanAken, Fernando Velazquez, Steve Weatherwax, Don White, Yosh Yamanaka.

Also present: Business Manager Efren Llarinas and Secretary Pro-Tem Adriana G. Gomez

Two Members were excused: Grace Aaron and Jan Goodman

Three Members were absent: Dave Adelson, Gabrielle Woods and Lamont Yeakey

Authority and Notice: This meeting was authorized by the LSB by a motion approved at its meeting of February 10, 2007. Specific notice was posted on the KPFK website beginning on March 22, 2007 (see Appendix A).

I. CALL TO ORDER, CALL OF THE ROLL, WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA, APPROVAL OF MINUTES, MOTION FOR EXCUSED ABSENCES

The meeting was **called to order** at 12:57 pm.

Motion: Bill Gallegos moved that the following members be excused: Grace Aaron and Jan Goodman.

Motion passed with no objections.

Motion: Yosh Yamanaka moved to approve the agenda for the meeting.

Motion passed with no objections, after changes were made (see appendix B).

Motion: Sherna Gluck moved to have the minutes from March 7, 2007 be approved.

Motion passed with no objections.

II. COMMENTS by the Chair began at 1:10 pm

A segment of **public comment** was heard at 1:11 pm for two minutes.

III. OLD BUSINESS began at 1:23 pm

A main motion and seconded substitute were **taken from the table**. The

proposed substitute **failed**.

Motion: the Governance committee **proposed** the following motion:

When approving motions recommending actions regarding day to day station operations, the LSB shall provide only general recommendations to Management.

If, in their best judgment, the GM and/or PD believes that a motion approved by the LSB adversely effects the functioning of the station, or the implementation is deemed not feasible, or significantly oversteps the oversight role of the LSB as described in the Pacifica Bylaws, Article 7, Section 3, the affected GM or PD is requested to respond to the motion in writing, to the Chair of the LSB, within 14 days of notification of the motion. Said response should specify the adverse effects, reason that the motion is not feasible, or the manner in which the proposed action oversteps the oversight role of the LSB.

Substitute motion by Adelson:

When approving motions concerning management actions LSB motions shall use the language that the LSB “recommends” the specified action. The effected GM or PD is requested to respond in writing within one month to the chair of the LSB. Said response should specify the intended course of action and any rationale as necessary.

A segment of public **comment heard** at 1:43 pm for eight minutes.

Substitute motion by Adelson **failed** by show of hands.

Y: 0, N: 15 A: 2

Amendment: Terry Goodman moves to strike the first sentence from the motion proposed by the Governance committee.

Amendment **failed** by a roll call vote: Y: 7, N: 10, A: 1

Y: Gluck, Feuer , T. Goodman, Johnston, King, Lexa, White,

N:, Argueta, Brazon, Gallegos, Larkins, Lemus, Pour, Prescod, Velazquez, Weatherwax, Yamanaka

A: Anguiano

Motion from Governance Committee **passed** by a roll call vote: Y: 13, N: 2, A: 3

Y: Anguiano, Brazon, Gallegos, Gluck, King, Larkins, Lemus, Pour, Prescod, Velasquez, Weatherwax, White, Yamanaka

N: T. Goodman, Johnston

A: Argueta, Feuer, Lexa

Motion by Argueta:

Whereas, the Pacifica mission mandates that underrepresented communities be served,

And further that steps be taken to promote understanding among people of different races and ethnic groups,

We recommend that KPFK develop an immediate response plan to the ICE raids as well as the police check points. This plan should establish a process for citizen reports to KPFK in the event of such raids or checkpoints and for these reports to be read immediately on air in both, but not limited to, Spanish and English and be repeated throughout the program hour at intervals of 10 to 12 minutes.

We further recommend that KPFK maintain an informational sheet at the front reception desk and in Master Control so that basic information can be given to callers about their rights as well as contact information for lawyers in the event of detention or arrest.

Motion failed by substitute.

A segment of **public comment** was **heard** at 3:22 pm for twenty-six minutes.

Motion: Lydia Brazon moved to postpone this motion indefinitely so as to be reviewed by Management and a legal counsel.

Motion failed by a roll call vote: Y: 5, N: 10, A: 2

Y: Brazon, Gallegos, T. Goodman, Lexa, Velazquez

N: Anguiano, Argueta, Feuer, Gluck, Johnston, King, Lemus, Weatherwax, White, Yamanaka

A: Larkins, Pour

Motion: Ian Johnston proposed the following **substitute motion** to the Program Oversight Committee's motion:

The LSB recommends that management convene a committee within 7 days to develop a feasible and legal strategy to deal with the concerns raised by Rodrigo Argueta's motion[see below]

regarding KPFK serving its listeners in a timely fashion and in response to ICE raids in real time.

This committee should include representatives of the News and Program departments and at least 3 of the Spanish language programmers including Rodrigo Argueta and this committee

shall report to the LSB by the next LSB meeting on how the plan is being implemented.

Motion passed by a roll call vote: Y: 16, N: 1

Y: Anguiano, Argueta, Brazon, Feuer, Gallegos, T. Goodman, Gluck, Johnston, King, Larkins, Lexa, Pour, Velazquez, Weatherwax, White, Yamanaka

N: Lemus

IV. BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT began at 2:06 pm

A segment of **public comment** was **heard** at 2:42 pm for three minutes.

A **Webmaster's report** was **delivered** at 2:45 pm by Ali Lexa.

V. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT submitted in writing in the General Manager's absence.

VI. FINALIZATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS began at 3:55 pm

Motion: Terry Goodman moved to suspend the rule limiting Non-LSB members per committee to not exceed LSB members.

Motion failed by a roll call vote: Y: 3, N: 9, A: 3

Y: Goodman, Johnston, Lemus

N: Brazon, Feuer, Gallegos, Gluck, King, Pour, Velazquez, Weatherwax, Yamanaka

A: Anguiano, Argueta, Lexa

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS began at 4:06 pm.

Governance Committee report at 4:06 pm.

Israel Feuer **delivered** an oral report (see appendix C).

Motion: The Governance Committee **proposed** the following motion;

Resolved, that the Governance Committee recommends that the LSB rescind the PrOC motion as amended and adopted by the LSB on March 7, 2007.

Point of Order by Johnston. The motion is out of order because the Governance Committee recorded a motion to reconsider, which would have been out of order at any subsequent meeting, and also the motion is beyond the scope of the Governance Committee.

Not well taken.

Appeal from the ruling of the Chair by Johnston.

Chair's ruling **sustained** by roll call vote: Y: 9, N: 1, A: 5

Y: Brazon, Feuer, Gallegos, King, Larkins, Lexa, Pour, Velazquez, Yamanaka

N: Johnston

A: Anguiano, Argueta, T. Goodman, Gluck, Weatherwax

A **minority report** from the Governance Committee was **delivered** orally by Lawrence Reyes.

A segment of **public comment** was **heard** at 4:51 pm for twenty-seven minutes.

Motion passed by roll call vote: Y: 8, N: 7, A: 1 (noticed)
Y: Brazon, Feuer, Gallegos, T. Goodman, Lexa, Pour, VanAken, Velazquez
N: Argueta, Gluck, Johnston, King, Larkins, Weatherwax, Yamanaka
A: Anguiano

Remaining agenda items **postponed** due to adjournment:

VIII. PNB DIRECTORS' REPORT

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Motion to adjourn was **moved** and **seconded**.

Motion passed with no objections.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 pm.

Adriana G. Gomez
Secretary Pro-Tem
These minutes were approved June 9, 2007.

APPENDIX A Meeting Notice

The KPFK Delegates and Local Station Board will meet Saturday, April 7, 2007, 12:30 p.m. at Jewel's Catch One, 4067 West Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90019.

The Delegates will consider adoption of a special rule to permit approval of minutes at special meetings.

Notice is hereby given that the KPFK Governance Committee will introduce a motion to rescind the Programming Oversight Committee motion as amended and adopted by the LSB on Mar 7, 2007.

For map: <http://www.jewelscatchone.com/location.html>

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http://www.kpfk.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2714&Itemid=100

http://www.kpfk.org/index.php?option=com_events&task=view_detail&agid=1665&year=2007&month=04&day=07&Itemid=63

<http://disc.server.com/discussion.cgi?disc=165346;article=39455>

<http://disc.server.com/discussion.cgi?disc=203188;article=9972>

APPENDIX B Proposed Agenda

KPFK Delegates and Local Station Board meeting
Saturday, April 7, 2007 12:30 pm
Jewel's Catch One, Community Meeting Room
4067 West Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90019

This is a proposed agenda, subject to alteration.

KPFK DELEGATES MEETING

I. Call to Order

Welcome & Acknowledgements

Call of the Roll

Motion for Excused Absences [subtotal 5 mins]

Special rule Adelson [5 mins]

Approval of Minutes from prior meetings (if any) 9 mins

KPFK LSB MEETING

I. Call to Order

Welcome & Acknowledgements

Call of the Roll

Motion for Excused Absences

Review and Approval of the Agenda [subtotal 10 mins]

Approval of Minutes including outdated minutes if any [10 mins]
[total: 20 minutes]

II. Comments By The Chair [3 mins]

III. Old business

Motion(s) postponed from last meeting on recommendations to management.

Motion on ICE raids alert broadcast policy Argueta [subtotal 30 mins]

IV. Business Manager report [30 minutes]

V. Finalization of committee memberships [10 mins]

VI. Standing Advisory Committee Reports: [A] Governance - 30 mins [B] Finance - 15 mins

[C] Personnel - 5 mins [D] Outreach - 5 mins [E] Programming Oversight - 10 mins
[subtotal: 60 minutes]

VII. PNB Directors reports [20 mins]

VIII. Public Comment [10 minutes]

IX. Announcements/Adjournment [3 minutes] (Consistent with Board Policy the Chair will call for Public Comment at various points in the agenda. Any unused portion of the 30 minutes assigned to Public Comment will be used in Agenda Item IX.)
[grand total both meetings: 210 mins = 3 hours 30 mins]

APPENDIX C Governance Committee report

Report of the KPFK Governance Committee

The Governance Committee met Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at the Peace Center.
Members present: Grace Aaron, Lydia Brazon, Israel Feuer
Jan Goodman, Tracy Larkins, Leslie Radford, Lawrence Reyes, Jack VanAken, Don White, Roger Zimmerman.

Sherna Gluck requested an excused absence.

The next meeting of the committee is set for Wednesday, April 18, 7 pm at the Peace Center.

Motion by Brazon: Resolved, that the Governance Committee recommends that the LSB reconsider the ProC motion as amended and adopted by the LSB on Mar 7, 2007.

8 y, 2 n, 0 ab

Motion by Brazon: Resolved, that the ProC, the PC and the PD move forward to develop a process that will result in greater collaboration between the PC and the PD, and a fair process in evaluating existing and proposed programming.

9 y, 0 n, 1 ab

The Task Force on Getting Motions Implemented has no report at this time. Lawrence Reyes and Leslie Radford have joined the Task Force as new members. Continuing members: Grace Aaron, Jan Goodman, Israel Feuer and Don White.

Israel Feuer and Jack VanAken will coordinate planning for a proposed LSB Strategic Planning Session to be scheduled for some time after the June fund drive.

Motion by Radford: The Governance Committee recommends that the LSB establish an ad hoc Election Committee that expires on the close of the nomination period for candidates.

8 y, 0 n, 1 ab

Don White will move that a process for Community Advisory Board (CAB) formation be initiated.

APPENDIX D Summary report to LSB from PrOC and Personnel Committee

PROGRAMMING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Sherna Gluck elected convening chair, Don White, vice-chair, Steve Weatherwax, secretary

Launching of Program Comment corner. Announced on air yesterday RTL, bilingual cartes being prepared

Discussion of the need for several policy issues:

1. for news hour commentaries not to use programmers who are already on air; to develop a db of community members who can speak on various topics relevant to news stories
2. to assure that fund drive premiums comply with the Pacifica Mission

Reaffirmation of LSB motion of 3/7 re Tuesday night music program

WHEREAS the Governance Committee of the LSB has passed a motion to rescind the previously approved LSB motion of 3/7 recommending that the decision of the PD with regard to the Tuesday night music slot be rescinded; and

WHEREAS the PrOC believes that the process for selection of the show was severely flawed and in violation of both spirit and letter of the Pacifica bylaws for “fair, collaborative and respectful” policies and procedures,

THEREFORE, the PrOC affirms its support for the motion passed by the LSB on 3/7 and urges the LSB not to rescind it.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Yolanda Thomas, HR Director in NO met with Personnel Committee on 3/9

Concerns re confidentiality were discussed clarification re closed meetings

Discussion re role of LSB evaluations need for clarity by PNB

Sexual harassment training to be instituted by NO, starting with WBAI.

Program for KPFK is scheduled for April. Aarons suggested online training for unpaid staff, in particular, and provided Thomas info on some programs.

GM reviewed some of steps being taken that are responsive to concerns raised in her past evaluations.

Next Personnel Committee meeting on 4/10 will be divided into 2 parts:

1 hour closed session for GM to update Committee on recent personnel issue to be followed by open meeting to elect chair and start review of existing policies and procedures. Goal is to evaluate these to determine if any revisions are needed and what new policies and procedures might be needed, especially for unpaid staff.