

## KPFT Local Station Board

### MINUTES

June 13, 2018

The Montrose Center, 401 Branard, Houston, TX 77006

- I. Call to Order at 7:11pm by K.C. Sinclair, chair
- II. Staff Recognition Nancy Saibara-Naritomi: Bobby Modad, Don Freeman, and Cameron Waggett for their work on the HD channel; Joseph Davis: Markisha Van Zandt, Houston Indy Media, Montrose Center; Wally James: Patrick Hoyt

#### III. Roll Call

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| 1. Alán Alán Apurim Here     | 14. Jerry Lynch Absent/Resigned   |
| 2. Adriana Casenave Here     | 15. Matthew Moore Here            |
| 3. Bill Crosier Here         | 16. Susie Moreno Here             |
| 4. Joseph Davis PNB Report   | 17. Rick Potthoff Here            |
| 5. Elayne Duncan Here        | 18. Nancy Saibara-Naritomi Here   |
| 6. Anisa Faruqi Here         | 19. Deb Shafto Absent             |
| 7. Rhonda Garner Here        | 20. KC Sinclair Attendance Report |
| 8. Robert Gartner Here       | 21. Clif Smith Absent             |
| 9. Wally James Here          | 22. Rita Washington Here          |
| 10. Jim Kafka Absent         | 23. Ted Weisgal Roll Call         |
| 11. DeWayne Lark Here        | 24. Vaniecia Williams Here        |
| 12. Adrienne LaViolette Here | 25. Larry Winters (NV) Absent     |
| 13. Mike Lewis Here          |                                   |

#### IV. Agenda Approval

Rita Washington: Wishes to add a Motion from the Management Selection and Review Committee and to have it considered after Agenda Approval. Approved.

Nancy Saibara-Naritomi: Moves to add three motions to the agenda after the above MSRC Report. Not approved.

Bill Crosier: Moves to place these items under New Business. Passes and added as New Business.

Joseph Davis moves to designate all of Nancy Saibara-Naritomi's as New Business 1, 2, 3, and Ted Weisgal's as 4 and 5. Passes.

- V. Bill Crosier: Moves to allow Deb Shafto to participate by phone. Joseph Davis: Point of Order...this request violates the bylaws/RONR, and the ruling by the chair should be sustained.

Chair: This motion violates RONR.

Bill Crosier: Appeals from the decision of the chair. 10-6. Chair's ruling stands.

Rita Washington on behalf of the Management Selection and Review Committee: Moves that the KPFT LSB approve Current.com and MediaRecruiter.com as the two paid websites to be utilized for conducting the GM search. Passes.

#### VI. Minutes Approval

- A. April LSB 4/11 Approved

B. April LSB 4/11 Executive Session (postponed until the next meeting in which the LSB meets in Executive Session)

C. April Adjourned LSB Meeting 4/18 Approved

D. April Adjourned LSB 4/18 Executive Session (postponed until the next meeting in which the LSB meets in Executive Session)

E. May LSB 5/9 Approved

F. May LSB 5/9 Executive Session (postponed until the next meeting in which the LSB meets in Executive Session)

## VII. Consent Items

A. Development (Teresa Allen, committee member): Introduced by the chair I move that KPFT initiate via the Development Chair a Legacy Campaign to put KPFT in your will and that she be authorized to meet with interim GM or interim ED to discuss requirements. Passes

B. Governance (KC Sinclair, PK McCary, Elayne Duncan): Attendance Subcommittee Report [KC passes the gavel; Rita Washington will chair]

a. Motion to grant Jim Krafka an excused absence for 1/24/18 by suspending Special Rule Article I, Section 1, in order to prevent any board member from being removed due to shaky practices and records. [Requires 2/3 vote] Passes with one abstention.

Amendment: Bill Crosier, I move to amend the Governance Committee motion VIIAa in the May 9 LSB agenda by adding the following at the end of the motion: Further, grant all LSB members, who requested an excused absence in the last 12 months, such an excused absence, if the reason given was a death in the family or for medical reasons, including for themselves or for someone in their family. Fails 6-10.

b. Motion from the chair to approve, as an LSB, this attendance record and for the attendance record to be updated after every LSB meeting and shared (by the LSB chair) with the call of the meeting. Passed 11-4

c. Motion requiring the current and former LSB secretaries ensuring the minutes and recordings are posted to kpftx.org for all 2017-2018 LSB meetings. Recordings must include the roll call. This process should be completed by July 1, 2018 or new LSB members will be chosen to complete the task. Passed 10-4

## VIII. Standing and Special Committee Reports

A. Development (Ben Perodeau chair): I move to earmark proceeds from sales of committee-created apparel as the Development Committee's operating budget. [Passed in committee 6-1]

Bill Crosier: Motion to refer matter back to the committee 11-2 passes

B. CAB Chair and Membership Approval

Adriana Casenave: Moves to nominate Stephanie Thomas as the new convener of the CAB. 15-1 passes

C. PNB Governance representative

Adriana Casenave: Nominated Nancy Saibara-Naritomi 9, elected.

Bill Crosier: Rick Potthoff 6

Adriana Casenave Requested that this result be posted to the PNB Secretary

D. Budget Approval (Finance Committee) No report.

E. Question and Answer

Status of the Program Council: DeWayne Lark is the convener of this three-person committee to determine with management the status of the PC.

Adriana Casenave, Amended by Nancy Saibara-Naritomi Moved to reconvene said committee with all six nominees elected: Vaniecia Williams, Wally James, Nancy Saibara-Naritomi, Alán Alán Apurim, Susie

Moreno, Wesley Bethune.

IX. Public Comment. [Time Certain: 8-8:30pm]

None

X. Pacifica National Board and Committee Reports

A. Questions and Answers

Bill Crosier: One month ago, he inquired about the status of making finances public. He is waiting for a response from Livingston and Crigler.

Bill Crosier: KPFT is paying Central Service Fees. Some other stations are not.

Bill Crosier: The iED has put out a Request For Purchase for a National Election Supervisor. It has not been filled. Adriana Casenave and DeWayne Lark: We don't have the money to pay. Joseph Davis: I want to delay for one year because we don't have the money. Bill Crosier: It costs between \$100,000-\$250,000 but we can reduce the costs. Adriana Casenave and Joseph Davis: Not embarrassed. Adriana Casenave could not talk. DeWayne Lark: Wasn't on the PNB. Bill Crosier: Finances are a problem. Department of Labor is investigating because of possible failure to fund retirement accounts. Joseph Davis: Got loan documents and transmitter expense. Adriana Casenave: Some members of the Pacifica Audit Committee, which meets by phone, were at KPFT on Monday. I was present. Info from CFO; none since October 2017. DeWayne Lark: We have not been able to follow the money trail. Financial structure must change. Bill Crosier's rehire of CFO was a mistake. Bill Crosier: We are not getting balance sheets and revenue. We don't have enough money to pay staff at the National Office so we don't get reports. We may need to hire outside help.

XI. Interim General Managers Report. (Larry Winters)

Forwarded by the chair to the LSB.

*General Managers Report June 13, 2018*

- The truck raffle is complete, \$22,000 was raised and thanks to Larry Snelling and Wendy for putting so much energy into the event.
- I am planning to have one 15-day fund drives before the end of the fiscal year with it starting July 11.
- The WBAI loan has been approved and there is a discussion on how much responsibility individual stations will owe to the loan. Pacifica sold the National headquarters building for 1.1 million dollars.
- We are still short staffed, but until we can find funding we are not going to hire anyone else but may bring a part time employee into membership.
- We are working on bringing the KPFT web site up to current news and information. There is a collective that is dividing up the responsibilities and are to report to me or Don on progress.
- We have just upgraded our internet service, thank you Bobby for following through and improving our connection.
- We are doing board and editing training on the first Saturday of every month, and having a good community response to the training. Thanks Patrick for the effort.
- KPFT is responsible for \$50,000 to catch up with our share of money owed to the Pension fund
- There is a good response to the donate your birthday on Facebook to KPFT, and we have received some good financial support.
- We are having a programmer's meeting 12 noon at KPFT and a choice of Friday 6/15 or Saturday 6/16 to attend. HD/2 programmers are to attend also.
- We are cleaning the down stairs carpet and the cost is \$450.00, please keep it clean.
- We are still not sure what our part of the loan will be, lots of wreckage over the past 10 years.

The chair will ask him to send his reports directly to the entire LSB.

## XII. Unfinished Business

- A. Rick Potthoff: Moves the KPFT LSB change its monthly meeting date from Wednesday to a mutually agreeable date. The current unpaid iGM has been unable to attend the meetings on

Wednesday nights due to the fact he has therapy session he leads on that date. The LSB should show the iGM we intend to meet him halfway. 4-13 fails.

## XIII. New Business.

- A. Ted Weisgal: Moves that management be requested to air at least three PSAs daily between the hours of 6am and 10pm until further notice. Said PSAs should be at least one minute long, and the content should be changed periodically. They should invite listeners to become off-air volunteers on LSB committees and/or do tasks at or for the station. Said volunteers should email [volunteers@kpft.org](mailto:volunteers@kpft.org). The board will select at least one individual to create and monitor the PSA and to report, from time to time, how this initiative is working. Note: As is the case with all motions directed at management, it should be understood that this is a request; the LSB can't mandate management to do anything. 14-1 passes. Without objection, Vaniecia Williams agreed to be the LSB designee.

Amendment from Alan Alan Apurim: Replace Site with PSA. Approved without objection.

- B. 1. Motion: The LSB in fulfilling letter "g" of the LSB duties, which is to collaborate with management to improve programming, recommends to KPFT management to start special programming by organizing youth programmers, using PSAs starting in June 2018, and other means, to interview youth in other countries, by phone, with call-ins, to bring awareness of the killing of Palestinians in Gaza, by Israeli military including the use of new US weaponry and the killing of lives in other countries where the US military actions are being employed, such as Afghanistan, Iraq, Yemen, Syria, Pakistan, Niger and other countries. 6-3 passes

KC Sinclair ruled Ted Weisgal out of order.

Bob Gartner moved to extend the meeting until 10:15.

KC Sinclair ruled that the motion passed 7-6. Bill Crosier raised a point of order and said that this motion failed, that it required 2/3. KC Sinclair granted the point of order and the motion failed. 2/3 Required.\*

\*Upon review after the meeting, since the body did not "approve the agenda," and there was no motion to rescind, 2/3 was not necessary. The vote was sufficient to extend the meeting for 15 minutes.

Announcement: Bob Gartner: There will be staff meetings Friday and Saturday at noon at the station.

## XIV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Weisgal

KPFT LSB Secretary