

Pacifica National Board – Teleconference (Open Session)

8:30 pm Eastern Time, 7:30 pm Central Time, 5:30 pm Pacific Time

Originating in Various Locations

February 20, 2009

MINUTES

I. Call to Order. PNB Chair Grace Aaron called meeting to order at 5:40 pm (PT). She welcomed everyone to the meeting and she welcomed the new PNB Recording Secretary, Richard Uzzell, who would be taking the Minutes of the meeting.

Roll Call/ Quorum. Recording Secretary Richard Uzzell called the roll and a quorum was established. Jamie Ross agreed to serve as time keeper.

X Present; Ab Absent; Exc Excused Absence; AL Arrived Late.			
KPFA - Berk., Ca.:	KPFK – L.A., Ca.:	KPFT – Houston, Tx.:	WBAI - N.Y., N.Y.:
X Sherry Gendelman	X Grace Aaron	X George Reiter	X Nia Bediako
X Bonnie Simmons	X Shawn O’Brian	X Sandra Rawline	X Carolyn Birden
X Andrea Turner	X Leslie Radford	X Wendy Schroell	X Kathy Davis
X Joseph Wanzala	X Ricco Ross	X Susan Young	X James Ross

WPFW – Wash. D.C.: AFFILIATES: Staff & Counsel:
X Jim Brown X David Beaton X LaVarn Williams, Interim CFO
X Acie Byrd X Efia Nwangaza X Ricardo De Anda, Int. Gen. Counsel
X Luzette King
(Vacant Position)

II. Agenda Approval. Rawline moved to add (at IVa.), References Confirmation of the ICFO. Hearing no objections, Motion Approved. Radford moved to add (at VIIIc.), Convening Unconvened Committees. Hearing no objection, Motion Approved. Hearing no objection, the Agenda [as amended] was Approved.

III. Minutes Approval. The Chair noted that some new members of the Board may not have been on the Board at the following meetings and that they may wish to abstain.

January 4, 2009. Reiter moved approval. Approved. Objection by Byrd noted-had not seen copy.

January 30, 2009. Young moved approval. Approved as Amended [Radford-add full name for “Rafael”]. Objection by Byrd noted-had not seen copy.

January 31, 2009. Young moved approval. Approved as Amended [Reiter correct "Tiegart"; J. Ross-add public session adjourned for the day at approximately 6:30 pm].

Approved 3-8-09

Page 2 of 4

**Pacifica National Board Teleconference MINUTES
February 20, 2009**

(Minutes Approval Con't)

February 1, 2009. Aaron moved approval. Approved as Amended [Birden-correct "Gendelman" and typo at signatory].

February 8, 2009. Aaron moved approval. Approved as Amended [Birden-correct "Gendelman"; Radford-IV "interim" appointment passed; Reiter's motion as amended passed without objection].

IV. Acknowledgements.

**** Lynn Magno for her diligence and valuable work in the Pacifica Finance Office. **** by Williams.

**** Democracy Now and their hosts Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzales for their 13th Anniversary. **** by Beaton.

**** Efia Nwangaza for help in interviewing the General Counsel candidates, Sandra Rawline and Susan Young for help with Agenda Items, and all others who helped her prepare. **** by Aaron.

**** Grace Aaron for "working her ass off." **** by Schroell.

IVa. References Confirmation of the ICFO. Rawline moved that the job history and references with regard to LaVarn Williams as acting ICFO, as verified by Susan Young, be accepted. Motion Approved by Roll Call Vote, 13-6:[See Below].

Y Yes; N No; PNV Present Not Voting; Ab Abstained; TD Technical Difficulty.			
KPFA - Berk., Ca.:	KPFK - L.A., Ca.:	KPFT - Houston, Tx.:	WBAI - N.Y., N.Y.:
N Sherry Gendelman	PNV Grace Aaron	Y George Reiter	TD Nia Bediako
N Bonnie Simmons	Y Shawn O'Brian	Y Sandra Rawline	Y Carolyn Birden
N Andrea Turner	N Leslie Radford	Y Wendy Schroell	Y Kathy Davis
Y Joseph Wanzala	Y Ricco Ross	Y Susan Young	Y James Ross

WPFW - Wash. D.C.: AFFILIATES:
 N Jim Brown Y David Beaton
 N Acie Byrd Y Efia Nwangaza
 Y Luzette King
 (Vacant Position)

V. PNB Chair/Interim Ex. Dir. Report. Board Chair Grace Aaron gave the Report. [Written Report and Audio available at pacifica.org and kpftx.org]

VI. Interim General Counsel Introduction and Report. Aaron introduced the new Interim Pacifica General Counsel, Ricardo DeAnda, who reported on his background and expressed his pleasure at being a part of Pacifica.

[Audio available at pacifica.org and kpftx.org]

Approved 3-8-09

Page 3 of 4

**Pacifica National Board Teleconference MINUTES
February 20, 2009**

VII. Interim CFO Report. ICFO, LaVarn Williams gave the Report.

[Written Report and Audio available at pacifica.org and kpftx.org]

VIII. Committee Reports.

a. Consent. Add Radford to Archives Task Force. Hearing no objections, Radford added to Archives Task Force.

b. National Finance Committee. J. Ross reported that the committee had reported two motions to the PNB for their consideration.

1. MOTION (At NFC: unanimous): *“Recent fund drives show cash flow shortages are worsening. Once hard data is known we will send requests for adjustments to previously approved FY 09 budgets. Meantime we urge management to make all efforts possible to increase income and reduce spending immediately.”*

Hearing no objection (Bediako noted that she wasn't sure that these actions weren't already being done and therefore motion unnecessary), Motion Approved.

2. MOTION (At NFC: 7 for, 1 against, 1 abstention): *“We recommend that the PNB suspend for 3 months any procedures that might encumber station managers from taking quick and decisive action regarding programming changes in order to increase revenues to address the current financial crisis.”*

Reiter moved to table the motion. Motion to Table Approved by Roll Call Vote, 13-4-3:
[See Below].

Y Yes; N No; PNV Present Not Voting; Ab Abstained; TD Technical Difficulty.
KPFA - Berk., Ca.: KPFK – L.A., Ca.: KPFT – Houston, Tx.: WBAI - N.Y., N.Y.:
N Sherry Gendelman PNV Grace Aaron Y George Reiter Ab Nia Bediako
N Bonnie Simmons Y Shawn O’Brian Y Sandra Rawline Y Carolyn Birden
N Andrea Turner Ab Leslie Radford Y Wendy Schroell Y Kathy Davis
Y Joseph Wanzala Y Ricco Ross Y Susan Young Y James Ross

WPFW – Wash. D.C.: AFFILIATES:
N Jim Brown Y David Beaton
Ab Acie Byrd Y Efia Nwangaza
Y Luzette King
(Vacant Position)

Approved 3-8-09

Page 4 of 4

**Pacifica National Board Teleconference MINUTES
February 20, 2009**

c. Convening Unconvened Committees.

NOTE: This motion was considered later in closed session; however, when the Board realized that it should have been considered in open session, the Board agreed (because of the pressing nature of the motion) to proceed. The motion was approved; and for transparency, the approved motion was reported out.

Radford moved that committee meetings be convened no later than March 8, 2009, and that current committees continue with past members until new committee convened.

Hearing no objection, Motion Approved.

V. Adjourned. Reiter moved to adjourn. Hearing no objections, Open Session adjourned at 7:10 pm (PT).

Minutes Scribed and Prepared by: Richard Uzzell, PNB Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved by the Pacifica National Board:

**Grace Aaron, PNB Chair
Witnessed By:**

**March 8, 2009
Date:**