

Adopted 7-5-23

Pacifica National Elections Committee Meeting, 8:30 EST, Tuesday, June 21, 2023

MINUTES

Convened: Convened at 8:39 pm, EST by the Committee Chair Akio Tanaka.

Member Attendance: The Secretary called the roll and confirmed quorum.

Present: Teresa Allen, Violetta Diamond, Jack De Palma, Vanessa Dixon Briggs, Eleanor Elizabeth Forman, Eric Jacobson, Evelia Jones, Lily Kimura, Myla Reson, Shawn Rhodes, Akio Tanaka, Carol Wolfley, Susan Young.

Excused Absences: Sean Kelly MacPherson.

Unexcused Absence: Minerva Sanders.

Non-committee Member Attendance:

NES Renee Penalosa, Craig Dunkerly and Pacific ED Stephanie Wells.

Directors: Darlene Pagano, James Sagurton and Beth Von Gunten.

Otis Mac Clay streamed the meeting. Myla Reson recorded the meeting.

Timekeepers: The Chair announced that there would be timekeepers, Carol for individuals and Aki for items.

Agenda: Secretary Susan Young moved, Carol Wolfley seconded to adopt the agenda as drafted. No objection.

Minutes of the May 3, 2023 meeting: Secretary Susan Young moved, Carol Wolfley seconded to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2023 Committee meeting. No objection.

Report on Terms Working Group: The Chair reported that the PNB adopted a measure to create a working group to address the impacts of postponed elections on terms including the terms for the 2023 election. The chair named five persons to the committee – one director from each station.

NES Report and Q&A: The NES fielded questions and heard recommendations about the timing of the Record Date, the timing of the Nominations Period, suggested changes to the fair campaign provisions, appropriateness of providing information in Pacifica publications about events sponsored by members through non-Pacifica organizations, challenges for correcting member lists in order to distribute ballots.

Motion by Carol Wolfley, second by Lily Kimura: The Elections Committee recommends that the NES add the following language to Pacifica Fair Campaign Provisions Rule 6: “and individually names Pacifica employees, staff and board members.” 5 yes, 4 no, 3 abst. PASSED*

Recommendation by Carol Wolfley that the disclaimers be shortened. Renee Penelosa agreed to look at this possibility.

Next meeting date:

The NES requested that committee meetings she attend be scheduled to occur immediately following the Saturday public zoom meetings she will schedule. The NES will not be available to meet with the committee on its regularly scheduled meeting dates of first Wednesday of the month, 8:30 pm EST.

Motion to adjourn: Several motions were mentioned but a motion to adjourn was offered by Carol Wolfley at the time certain meeting time of 10 pm EST; objection, 8 yes, 2 no, 1 abst. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

(*) MOTION passed to change the wording in Fair Campaign Provisions Rule # 6 from:

“No person in management or staff (paid or unpaid), nor any candidate or candidate supporter may use foundation or station resources to make libelous or slanderous statements about candidates through any of its resources, whether on-air, via the web, hard copy mailings or otherwise.”

To:

“No person in management or staff (paid or unpaid), nor any candidate or candidate supporter may use foundation or station resources to make libelous or slanderous statements about candidates **and individually named Pacifica employees, staff and board members** through any of its resources, whether on-air, via the web, hard copy mailings or otherwise.