

Draft Minutes  
 Emergency Pacifica National Board OPEN Session  
 Teleconference Meeting  
 Thursday, December 2, 2021, 8:30 pm ET  
 All times are Eastern Time  
 (meeting notice appended to the end of this agenda)

Directors:

Chris Cory, KPFA, Listener - p	Ron Pinchback, WPFW, Staff - p
Vanessa Dixon-Briggs, WPFW, Listener - p	Ralph Poynter, WBAI, Listener - p
Lynden Foley, KPFT, Listener - p	Lydia Ponce, KPFK, Listener - p
Heather Gray, WRFG, Affiliate- p	Sandra Rawline, KPFT, Listener, Vice-Chair - p
Julie Hewitt, WPFW, Listener - p	Lawrence Reyes, KPFK, Listener - p
Sabrina Jacobs, KPFA, Staff - p	Shawn Rhodes, WBAI, Staff - exc
Wally James, KPFT, Staff	James Sagurton, WBAI, Listener- p
DeWayne Lark, KPFT, Listener - p	Alex Steinberg, WBAI, Listener, Chair - p
Ali Lexa, KPFK, Staff - p	Andrea Turner, KPFA, Listener - exc
Thomas O'Rourke, WPFW, Listener - p	Elizabeth von Gunten, KPFK, Listener - p
	Tom Voorhees, KPFA, Listener - exc

Others:

Lydia Brazon, Interim Executive Director - p  
 Anita Sims, Interim Chief Financial Officer - p  
 Polina Vasiliev, PNB Secretary - p  
 Arthur Schwartz, Pacifica Counsel - p  
 John Tatum, Parliamentarian - p  
 Marianne Edain, 2021 Recording Secretary - p

1. Preliminary items 5 min.

A. Call to order – the meeting was called to order at 8:39 pm

B. Roll Call

C. Excused Absences – Shawn Rhodes, Tom Voorhees, Andrea Turner

D. Identify Timekeepers  
 people – Heather Gray  
 topics - Lynden Foley

E. Chair reads report-out from CLOSED session of Nov 18, 2021: “the PNB met in closed session to discuss proprietary business, contractual and legal matters of a confidential nature”.

2. Agenda approval 5 min. – the agenda was approved as amended to include a Programming Committee report under New Business

3. Minutes approval - 3 min – the minutes of the 11-4-21 meeting were approved as amended to include an excused absence for Andrea Turner.

4. Tribute to Jose Gutierrez -10 min

Thoughtful words were spoken to remember Jose Gutierrez, who died of Covid in November. It was moved to *post an obituary, with a link to a Go Fund Me page, and a press release to pay tribute to Jose*. There being no objection, the motion passed.

5. Report from IED Lydia Brazon and Q & A - 10 min

Lydia reported that stations are moving forward with year-end appeals. She will be re-applying for the remaining available portion of the EIDL loan. She agreed to send an accounting of the expenditures of the \$500k received to date.

6. Report from iCFO Anita Sims and Q & A - 20 min

Anita reported that the year-end financial report was presented 11-30-21. The report was provided to all PNB members and to members of the Finance Committee.

7. Set protocol for Affiliate Director Elections ahead of meeting to be scheduled for December 16 - 10 min

Alex suggests scheduling the election 12-16-21

Polina – will not be available that day, but will make arrangements for someone else to cover.

Sandra Rawline moved and Chris Cory seconded *that the date to interview and elect affiliate directors be scheduled for 12-16-21*.

Voting yes were Chris Cory, Heather Gray, Sabrina Jacobs, Ali Lexa, James Sagurton, Beth von Gunten, and Alex Steinberg.

Voting no were DeWayne Lark, Thomas O'Rourke, Lydia Ponce, Ron Pinchback, and Lawrence Reyes. The vote being 7 yes and 5 no, the motion passed.

8. Set meeting to vote on proposed bylaws amendments (part 2 of Dec. 16?) - 5 min

Alex Steinberg moved to *convene to vote on bylaws amendments on 12-16-21*

There being no objection, the motion passed.

9. Committee Reports:

a. Audit Committee - 3 min

Committee chair Eileen reported that an engagement letter with an auditor had been signed. The 2020 audit was presented and reviewed.

b. Coordinating Committee - 3 min

Chair Chris Cory reported that the committee met yesterday. The committee exists to create the agenda for PNB meetings. The purpose is to save time in PNB meetings. It was suggested that audio of Coordinating Committee meetings be posted.

c. Elections Committee - 5 min

Chair Lawrence Reyes reported that there is not yet a final report from the National Election Supervisor. This may delay the seating of new delegates. The committee will submit a final report for year 2021, with a list of concerns.

d. Personnel Committee - 5 min

Chair Ali Lexa reported on the search for Executive Director

e. Strategic Planning Committee

Chair Alex Steinberg reported that the committee met this week. It has no motions to offer. It discussed potential funding sources.

f. Development Committee

Chair Beth von Gunten reported that the committee is meeting monthly, discussing finances and potential revenue.

g. Programming Committee - 10 min.

Chair Nancy Saibara -N. presented 2 motions.

The first (see Appendix item B) concerns programming around murdered and missing indigenous women.

Lydia Ponce moved to adopt the language in appendix item B.

Sabrina Jacobs moved a friendly amendment. Chris Cory seconded. The amendment was to add the words "*women of color*" in all relevant places in the motion.

A vote was held on the amendment.

Voting yes were Chris Cory, Lynden Foley, Julie Hewitt, Sabrina Jacobs, Wally James, Ali Lexa, Ron Pinchback, and Ralph Poynter.

Voting no were DeWayne Lark, Thomas O'Rourke, Lydia Ponce, and Lawrence Reyes

The vote being 8 yes and 4 no, the amendment passed and was adopted.

The underlying motion, as amended, was then put to a vote.

Voting yes were Chris Cory, Lynden Foley, Julie Hewitt, DeWayne Lark, Thomas O'Rourke, Lydia Ponce, Ralph Poynter, Lawrence Reyes, and Alex Steinberg.

Voting no were Vanessa Dixon-Briggs, Heather Gray, and Ron Pinchback

The vote being 9 yes and 3 no, the motion, as amended, passed.

The second motion concerns programming for black history month. (see Appendix item A)

Alex Steinberg moved to amend the "therefore" section to remove specific directions to programmers.

There being no objection, the amendment was adopted.

Alex Steinberg moved to adopt the Black History proposal as amended.

There being no objection, the motion passed as amended.

10. The time being exhausted, it was determined to add those items which were not addressed as priorities at the next meeting. Those items include:

- ~ KPFT sale update.
- ~ filling affiliate director vacancy
- ~ programming motion which was not discussed at this meeting
- ~ closed meeting
  - ~ attorney report
  - ~ James Sagurton motion in closed session
  - ~ union contract

11. Adjourn to Closed Session – the meeting adjourned at 11:48 pm. There was no closed session.

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#### APPENDIX:

**A. MOTION BLACK HISTORY MONTH NATIONAL DAY OF PROGRAMMING** (originally by KPFA’s Jeannine Etter and Frank Sterling) :

*Whereas February is known as Black History Month/African-American Heritage Month, a month set aside to celebrate the history and achievements of Black excellence in America, and*

*Whereas America has been facing a racial reckoning with its own history and it’s ongoing unfair and unequal treatment of people of African descent, as recently highlighted in the cases of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery, and*

*Whereas Pacifica radio’s mission is “to contribute to a lasting understanding between nations, races, creeds, and colors”, therefore,*

**Be it resolved,** that during the month of February 2022, the Pacifica Foundation *develop special programming to celebrate black history month.*

**B. MOTION** from the National Programming Committee re Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women Programming (originally submitted by KPFC Lydia Ponce)

*Whereas murderous violence against women, including state violence, has reached epidemic proportions around the world and within the US, and*

*Whereas the indigenous-led movement for justice for Missing Murdered Indigenous Women Girls and Relatives (MMIWGR) highlighted the connection between exploitive, extractive energy industries and such killings, the disappearance on Turtle Island (continent of North America), and*

*Whereas despite a brief round of criticism over “missing white women syndrome” in the ongoing corporate media coverage of the disappearance and the murder of Gabby Petito, no corrective measures have been taken by such media to cover the far more numerous disappearances and killings of Indigenous women and women of color, or to uplift or humanize the victims or survivors of such violence or their efforts for justice,*

*therefore*

***Be it resolved,*** *that the Pacifica Foundation develop a national programming team that will produce a show for syndication in collaboration with activists working to overcome these serious and deadly social and economic issues rooted in racism, colonialism, genocide, patriarchy, economic exploitation, focusing on the lives and histories of missing and murdered indigenous women and women of color, and on the struggles of indigenous peoples in the US and around the world to expose and seek justice in such cases, to prevent further such deaths, disappearances, and anti-women, anti-indigenous violence.*  
*(Passed Nov 28, 202)*

### Meeting Notice

**Thursday, December 2, 8:30 PM ET  
2021**

**Pacifica National Board                      Teleconference**

**Purpose:** Regular meeting of the PNB. Some of the meeting will be in executive session.                      **Committee Members**

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