

Minutes of the KPFK Local Station Board Meeting of 6/19/2004

An adjourned meeting of the KPFK Local Station Board was held on Saturday, June 19, 2004, at 10:30 am at the Sepulveda Unitarian-Universalist Church ("The Onion"), 9550 Haskell Ave, North Hills, CA 91343-2013, the Chair being in the chair and the Secretary serving as secretary.

Twenty Members present, constituting a quorum: Grace Aaron, David Adelson, Sara Amir, Maria Armoudian (late), Marie Deary, Jim DiEugenio, Israel Feuer, Bill Gallegos, Terry Goodman, Jane Hallaren, Sonali Kolhatkar, Alan Minsky (late), Ed Pearl, Margaret Prescod, Leslie Radford, Julie Rodriguez, Madeleine Schwab, Donna Warren (late), Harrison Weil, Don White

Five Members Excused: Nile ElWardani, Eva Georgia, Sherna Gluck, Jan Goodman, Fernando Velazquez

Chair: Don White

Authority and Notice: This meeting was scheduled by vote of the LSB at its meeting of May 27, 2004. Preliminary notice was posted on the KPFK website beginning on June 2, 2004 and updated with venue information on June 17, 2004 (APPENDIX A). Notice of the meeting was broadcast at least three times during prime time for two days prior to the meeting.

Jack VanAken recorded the meeting, and an audio version is available for posting on the KPFK website. Bracketed numbers in these minutes refer to section starts in the elapsed timings of sixteen MP3 format audio files, named by date and sequentially numbered.

The meeting was **called to order** at 10:51 am. [19jun04lsb1.mp3, 3:36]

Sara Amir was **appointed** as keeper of the discussion stack.

Motion from T. Goodman, That the absences from this meeting of Armoudian, El-Wardani, Georgia, Gluck, and J. Goodman, having been noticed in advance, be excused. [7:48]

Motion failed for lack of a second.

The Chair indicated that he would rule that an absence from this meeting may be excused for good reason at a later meeting. [9:40]

Motion to amend from Radford, That all future absences be excused only if the Chair is notified prior to the meeting. [19jun04lsb2, 0:20]

Motion failed for lack of a second.

There was discussion on the motion.

Motion to table from Gallegos

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Point of order from T. Goodman [2:43]

The main motion was not seconded.

Well taken.

Motion from T. Goodman, That we excuse all absences from today's meeting.

Motion passed by a show of hands.

Yes: 11, No: 3

A draft agenda was distributed prior to the meeting incorporating member-suggested changes to the original agenda approved on May 27 (APPENDIX B). There was discussion of the agenda. The agenda was **amended and approved** unanimously (2/3 required). [19jun04lsb3, 0:55]

Members Minsky and Warren arrived at approximately 11:10 am. Member Armoudian probably arrived earlier.

The Chair and Director Warren offered brief comments in commemoration of Juneteenth. [1:30]

Point of order from Adelson [9:10]

The agenda was approved with allotted times but no Timekeeper has been appointed.

Well taken.

Amir was **appointed** Timekeeper for the meeting.

By general consent, at the suggestion of Pearl, a 90-second limit on speeches in debate was **approved** for this meeting. [10:20]

There was a **report** from Prescod that several LSB Members expressed interest in joining LSB standing committees. [10:50]

Motion from Radford, as amended, That we accept onto committees as voting members the LSB Members who expressed interest, and that we consider adding more members at our next meeting.

Motion passed by a roll call vote [19jun04lsb5, 9:27]

Yes: 11 (Aaron, Deary, DiEugenio, Feuer, Gallegos, Hallaren, Prescod, Radford, Rodriguez, Schwab, Weil)

No: 6 (Amir, Armoudian, T. Goodman, Minsky, Pearl, Warren)

Abstain: 2 (Adelson, Kolhatkar)

There was discussion on the motion.

Feuer, Prescod, Amir, and Hallaren were **added** to the KPFK LSB

Management Evaluation Committee. Aaron and Amir were **added** to the KPFK LSB Outreach Committee. Feuer, Weil, and Hallaren were **added** to the KPFK LSB Programming Oversight Committee. Weil and Hallaren were **added** to the Structure Committee.

Point of order from T. Goodman [19jun04lsb4, 5:35]

The vote to end debate on the amendment was not a vote approving the amendment.

Well taken.

Point of order from Adelson [19jun04lsb5, 9:20]

Absent a special rule requiring less than a majority, a majority vote is required to order a roll call vote.

Not well taken. The Chair is ordering a roll call vote when requested, without objection.

At the suggestion of Adelson, the LSB **recessed** at 12:25 pm [21:40].

The LSB **reconvened** at 12:34 pm. [19jun04lsb6, 0:03]

Point of order from T. Goodman

The motion to begin public comment after reconvening failed, so we proceed with the agenda.

Well taken.

Motion from the Structure Committee, That the Structure Committee shall work with the Outreach Committee to prepare a resolution for presentation at the next LSB meeting after May 8th, for the formation of a Community Advisory Board that is racially and ethnically diverse, gender-balanced, and includes youth, representatives of the labor and low-income communities and other under-represented communities, who are committed to the Pacifica Mission. [3:30]

Motion tabled to the next regular or special meeting, without objection.

There was an oral **report** from the Structure Committee, based upon the written report previously distributed at and included in the minutes of the meeting of May 8. The motions presented again at the meeting of May 27 were briefly described. Without objection, those motions not related to the Community Advisory Board were again **tabled**, and a new motion on that subject was presented.

Motion from the Structure Committee, as amended, in substitute,

Resolved, That the Community Advisory Board Members shall be appointed by the Local Station Board as follows: that each LSB Member may appoint one member to the CAB, that Members shall be cognizant of the need to appoint a diverse body of people, and should make their appointments with this in mind. We're looking for people who have been subscribers or listeners or would like to become involved in a progressive radio community and who believe in the Pacifica Mission.

Further resolved, That the term of CAB members shall be one year. [5:48]

Motion failed by a roll call vote. [19jun04lsb12, 0:00]

Yes: 5 (Aaron, Amir, Armoudian, Pearl, Warren)

No: 11 (Deary, DiEugenio, Gallegos, T. Goodman, Hallaren, Minsky, Prescod, Radford, Rodriguez,

Schwab)

Abstain: 3 (Adelson, Feuer, Kolhatkar)

There was discussion on the motion.

Motion from Radford, to amend the substitute by addition, That this CAB remain in existence until October 31st, 2004 and that we come up with a mechanism to appoint the next CAB by September 30th, so that both groups can meet in the month of October and transfer the work over from one body to another, and so that we can have another group in place to prepare a report for 2005.

Motion ruled out of order, as an amendment to the substitute is on the floor. [12:40]

Point of order from Adelson [19jun04lsb6, 13:00]

An amendment to an amendment is in order.

Not well taken. An amendment to an amendment to a substitute is not in order.

Motion from Radford, to amend the substitute by addition:

Further resolved, That this CAB remain in existence until October 31st, 2004 and that the LSB will review the process and make recommendations on the formation of a 2005 CAB no later than September 30, 2004. [15:00]

Motion failed by a show of hands.

Yes: 3, No: 13

Motion from Armoudian, to amend the substitute by addition:

Further resolved, That this CAB remain in existence for no more than a year. [19jun04lsb8, 1:08]

Motion passed by a show of hands. [19jun04lsb11,4:45]

Yes: 9, No: 7

Motion from Weil, to substitute the amendment to the substitute:

Further resolved, That the term of the CAB shall end at the time when its 2005 report is complete and the next CAB has been formed. [6:57]

Motion failed by a show of hands [19jun04lsb11, 4:00]

Yes: 7, No: 10

Point of order from Adelson [19jun04lsb8, 13:03]

When the question is called and a series of subsidiary motions are on the floor, the Member calling for an end to debate may specify the motions for which an end to debate is desired.

Well taken.

Point of order from Adelson [19jun04lsb9, 2:00]

The way in which the question was called could be interpreted as closing debate on the main motion.

Well taken, but the Chair has ruled, without objection, that the motion was intended to close debate on the substitute and its amendments only, and that additional substitute motions will be in order.

The first segment of **public comment** began at 1:29 pm and concluded at 1:46 pm. (APPENDIX C)

There was comment from LSB Members in response to public comment, then voting began on items tabled until after public comment.

Motion from DiEugenio to reconsider the vote on the Previous Question [19jun04lsb11, 11:35]

Motion ruled out of order as a vote has already been taken since the close of debate.

Motion from Amir to table committee and PNB Director reports until after consideration of the first item of old business. [19jun04lsb12, 5:00]

Motion failed by a show of hands.

Yes: 3, No: 13

Motion from Adelson, in substitute [6:27]

Whereas, Section 396(k)(8) of the Communications Act provides that:

"(A) Funds may not be distributed pursuant to this subpart to any public broadcast station (other than any station which is owned and operated by a State, a political or special purpose subdivision of a State, or a public agency) unless such station establishes a community advisory board. Any such station shall undertake good faith efforts to assure that: (i) its advisory board meets at regular intervals; (ii) the members of its advisory board regularly attend the meetings of the advisory board; and (iii) the composition of its advisory board are reasonably representative of the diverse needs and interests of the communities served by such station.

"(B) The board shall be permitted to review the programming goals established by the station, the service provided by the station, and the significant policy decisions rendered by the station. The board may also be delegated any other responsibilities, as determined by the governing body of the station. The board shall advise the governing body of the station with respect to whether the programming and other policies of such station are meeting the specialized educational and cultural needs of the communities served by the station, and may make such recommendations as it considers appropriate to meet such needs.

"(C) The role of the board shall be solely advisory in nature, except to the extent other responsibilities are delegated to the board by the governing body of the station. In no case shall the board have any authority to exercise any control over the daily management or operation of the station..."

And Whereas, according to the Executive Director of Pacifica a report is due by September 30, 2004 from the Community Advisory Board on whether the programming goals established by the station, the service provided by the station, and the significant policy decisions rendered by the station are meeting the specialized educational and cultural needs of the communities served by the station,

Be it therefore resolved,

- 1) That the KPFK Community Advisory Board (CAB) will comprise a minimum of 12 members, and a maximum of 24.
- 2) That twelve members of the CAB will be elected to one-year terms by the KPFK Local Station Board (LSB), voting by Single Transferable voting, with such vote occurring not later than July 28.
- 3) That the KPFK Local Station Board Structure Committee will develop a form for candidate statements/resume's.
- 4) That candidates for the KPFK Community Advisory Board will submit a candidate statement/resume to the KPFK Local Station Board Structure Committee not later than July 15.
- 5) That the KPFK Ad-Hoc Committee on Inclusion (COI) shall establish diversity standards for the composition of the CAB prior to July 10, and that these standards shall require approval by majority vote of the LSB.
- 6) That in the event that the diversity of the twelve members elected by the LSB to the CAB do not meet the diversity standards established by the Ad-Hoc COI and approved by the LSB, then additional seats, up to a maximum of 12 additional seats, shall be opened and filled by those candidates from underrepresented constituencies receiving the most votes until the final composition of the CAB meets the established diversity standards.
- 7) That no Community Advisory Board member may serve more than 3 consecutive one-year terms, nor more than six years in total.

Motion tabled to the next regular or special meeting, without objection.

Motion from Adelson That we form an Ad-Hoc Committee of Inclusion open to any member of the LSB to work out these diversity issues. [12:00]

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Point of order from Prescod [19jun04lsb13, 1:04]

A motion offered earlier in the meeting by Minsky was unable to obtain a second because the text was unclear and unwritten. The text of the motion is now ready and should be heard before adjournment.

Not well taken. The Chair directs that the text be submitted to the Secretary for distribution via email. (Additional meeting time was granted from venue staff after this ruling.)

Motion from Gallegos That Margaret Prescod and/or Bill Gallegos convene a meeting to be led by the people of color on this board for the purpose of developing a CAB proposal. [19jun04lsb13, 3:27]

Motion passed without objection.

Motion from Kolhatkar [5:30]

Whereas, the staff delegates to the Local Station Board have been elected by a defined constituency of paid and unpaid staff, as per Pacifica's by-laws,

Therefore be it resolved, That an internet listserv comprising eligible staff voters be created for staff delegates in order to communicate directly with their constituents.

An email list of staff voters is already available, and easily accessible through the station staff. It would enable staff delegates to receive feedback on issues of concern, agenda items from voters, as well as inform voters of LSB motions and votes.

Motion tabled until the next meeting.

Motion to amend from Radford, by addition:

Further resolved, That all listener representatives have access to emails of all listeners, as well, for the same purpose.

Motion tabled until the next meeting.

Motion to table the motion and amendment from Armoudian [8:30]

Motion passed by a show of hands.

Yes: 13

The Chair announced that the next LSB meeting would be by the call of the Chair, coordinated via email.

By a show of hands, the LSB **agreed** to adjourn in 40 minutes, after 15 minutes or more of public comment.

At 2:45 pm, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned in advance, and the LSB **recessed**, so as to exit the meeting venue. [16:48]

Amir, Armoudian, Gallegos, Kolhatkar, Pearl, Rodriguez, and Warren probably left the meeting at this point.

The LSB **reconvened** the adjourned meeting outside the venue, absent the Chair, for the second segment of public comment, at approximately 2:55 pm. (APPENDIX C)

The Chair arrived at approximately 3:00 pm and left at approximately 3:20 pm, appointing Weil to "keep the stack." [19jun04lsb16, 0:30]

Board members responded to public comment, starting at approximately 3:15 pm. There was additional public comment after board comment.

The meeting was **adjourned** on the motion of T. Goodman at approximately 3:45 pm.

Terry L. Goodman
KPFK LSB Secretary

[These minutes were approved on 3/17/05.]

APPENDIX A - Meeting Notices

An adjourned meeting of the KPFK Local Station Board has been scheduled for Saturday June 19, 2004, at 12:00 noon, at a location to be determined by the Chair. This meeting may conclude the session started on May 8, 2004, which was continued on May 27, 2004.

Posted 6/02/04

LOCAL STATION BOARD MEETING

Saturday, June 19, 10:30 am to 2:00 pm

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The website of the church has a link to "directions." The website is <http://www.webcom.com/onion> If you are driving to the location, take the San Diego freeway north as if driving toward Sacramento. Take the Nordoff off-ramp and turn left on Nordoff. Go three blocks to Haskell and turn right. Watch for the church on the right...you must take a short "country road" down to the parking lot

Posted 6/17/04

APPENDIX B - Proposed Agenda

KPFK LOCAL STATION BOARD MEETING [Proposed Agenda]

-----Continuing from Long Beach & CARECEN Meetings-----

~~Meeting of June 19, 2004 ~~~ Sepulveda Unitarian Church~~~

[Acceptance of the agenda indicates acceptance of allotted times]

I. Call to order, Call of the Roll, Welcome & Thank You's, Review of Continuing Agenda & Approval of Agenda, Approval of the minutes. [10 mins.]

II. Brief Remarks by the Chair [2 minutes]

III. LSB Committee Reports: (a) Structure (b) Finance/ Development (c) Programming Oversight (d) Management Evaluation (e) Outreach [f] C of I [We will once again bring off the table motions which were made by committees at the Long Beach LSB meeting. Committees

should bring 50 copies of motions with "current wording" so that Board members can see the actual motion.] [50 mins]

IV. Public Comment [15 minutes]

V. Voting on pending motions from committees [debate will have been closed and only voting will take place after public comment.] [10 minutes]

VI. PNB Meeting Report Back by Directors - PNB, Governance, Technology, Programming, Audit, Committee of Inclusion, Elections Review, and National Executive/CFO Review Committee...[15 minutes]

VII. OLD BUSINESS: [a] Sonali's motion [b] Radford motion: fee waivers [c] Adelson motion: governance programming [d] Hallaren motion: roles of secretaries [e] Goodman motion: public posting of Committee meetings [f] Radford motion: banned & fired [g] Harrison motion: process for listener-sponsors to put items on LSB agendas [h] Task Force Report: Re: Retreat [50 mins]

VIII Public Comment [15 minutes]

IX. Voting on "old Business" motions [debate will be closed; voting only. [12 minutes]

X. New Business [8 minutes]

XI. Next Meeting [date, time, venue] Announcements, Evaluation, Adjournment [8 mins]

APPENDIX C - Summary of Public Comments

This report on public comments has been prepared by the Secretary and is attached to the minutes for general reference. Inclusion of this report is no representation from the LSB or the speakers mentioned as to its accuracy or completeness, nor is it an endorsement of any content herein.

FIRST SEGMENT OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Carole LaFlamme [19jun04lsb9, 5:01]

"...The status quo is not acceptable." The Women's Coalition which produces "Feminist Magazine" allowed a broadcast in May in which the racist and ultra-Zionist views of a guest were validated rather than challenged, in a second-offense blatant disregard of the Pacifica Mission. We would like this

issue taken up by the Programming Oversight Committee.

Farah Davari [8:04]

"Eva Georgia is concerned about the issue. I brought it up to her." We don't need to repeat what's on Fox or Clear Channel. I would like Alan Minsky to call me about this. It's not the first time this has come up. Give us a resource to deal with it.

Karen Palley from Women in Black [10:15]

"Are there any standards for programs on KPFK?" The whole issue of 'New Anti-Semitism' is very controversial and needs to be discussed by people who know what they're talking about. This guest spread falsehoods and misinformation. Shouldn't the host have been prepared to question these assertions? I hope you give us a process to challenge the broadcast on KPFK of racist propaganda.

Rafael Renteria [12:25]

How about appointing the people who ran for the LSB and were rejected by the white electorate "rather than somebody that you pick out of your hat and put in your pocket?" The process proposed for appointing CAB members will simply replicate the diversity of the LSB, which is currently inadequate, because LSB Members will appoint individuals who share their perspectives, even if not their ethnicity. The individuals here complaining about the 'Feminist Magazine' broadcast are welcome to bring the issue to the interim Program Council, whose work is monitored by the Programming Oversight Committee.

Female Listener [15:40]

Does the CAB have to work under Robert's Rules? If so, this may discourage some from volunteering.

Lawrence Reyes [16:25]

"I think it's a real bad precedent." The LSB appointing their friends to the CAB is a bad idea, and I think that the Chair should step down during the deliberation of motions brought from committees on which he is a member.

Ellen Mason [19jun04lsb10, 0:15]

"Please don't think about censorship." It's important to hear and understand points of view with which we disagree, so that we are armed to counter them. Balance is also important.

SECOND SEGMENT OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Learner Goude [19jun04lsb14, 0:40]

I've heard rumors that Director Donna Warren made disparaging remarks about the Coalition for Justice at a PNB committee meeting. I was hoping that this would be addressed in the LSB meeting. We need to avoid this sort of factionalization, and call Donna Warren to account.

Lawrence Reyes [3:02]

"For the most part, I think your intentions are noble and great, and that you do great work."

Raphael Renteria [5:10]

"If you're not serious about diversity, resign." The reason for the Pacifica race wars was the lack of a common language on diversity issues, and the LSB will continue to have problems along these lines until, as a body, it gets some form of diversity training.

Margot Eiser [8:50]

Perhaps everyone could get on the same page regarding diversity issues if all LSB Members starting reading a book on white privilege that was offered as a premium in the recent pledge drive. Our common ground is more important than our differences.

Myla Reson [9:50]

"I really appreciate everyone on the board and I am offended when their intentions are questioned as they were today." People with a lifetime of commitment to social change should not be dismissed or marginalized by characterizing them as 'white liberals.'

Male Netizen [12:20]

Is there a link on the KPFK website for LSB meeting announcements? I found it confusing.

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