

## **Minutes of the KPFK Local Station Board Meeting of May 2, 2007**

A regular meeting of the KPFK Local Station Board was held on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at the Peace Center 8124 W. 3rd Street, Los Angeles 90048. Jack VanAken served as Chair and Aaruni Thakur served as Secretary, with assistance from Grace Aaron and Yosh Yamanaka. Minutes of the previous LSB meeting were distributed but not approved.

**Sixteen Delegates were present:** Grace Aaron, Dave Adelson, Yolanda Anguiano, Israel Feuer, Bill Gallegos, Jan Goodman, Terry Goodman, Ian Johnston, Kimberly King, Tracy Larkins, Ali Lexa, Reza Pour, Jack VanAken, Steve Weatherwax, Don White, Yosh Yamanaka.

**Four Delegates were excused:** Rodrigo Argueta, Sherna Gluck, Margaret Prescod, Gabrielle Woods.

**Four Delegates were absent:** Lydia Brazon, Arturo Lemus, Fernando Velazquez, Lamont Yeakey.

**Also absent:** General Manager Eva Georgia

**Authority and Notice:** This meeting was authorized by the LSB by a motion approved at its meeting of February 10, 2007. Specific notice was posted on the KPFK website beginning on April 17, 2007 (see Appendix A).

### **I: Call to Order, Welcome & Acknowledgements, Call of the Roll, Motion for Excused Absences, Review and Approval of the Agenda, Approval of Minutes**

Agenda was **approved** as amended (See Appendix B).

**Motion** by Johnston to **postpone until the next meeting** approval of minutes of the April 7 meeting, in order to make corrections.  
Approved without objection.

### **II: Comments By The Chair**

Comments by LSB Chair Jack VanAken were **delivered**.

**Motion** by J. Goodman to schedule an executive session special meeting on “Evaluating the Follow-up to the GM Evaluation” for May 12, 10:30 a.m. at IBEW Hall at 8333 Airport Blvd., Westchester.  
Approved without objection.

**Amendment** by Larkins to invite the General Manager at the end of that meeting.  
Amendment **mooted** by Chair’s ruling.

**Point of order** by T. Goodman, General Manager is a member of the LSB and cannot be excluded from a meeting of the LSB.

Well taken.

**Appeal from the ruling of the chair** by Adelson, citing conflict of interest.

Y -7 (Anguiano, Gallegos, T. Goodman, Johnston, Larkins, Pour, Yamanaka).

N -7 (Aaron, Adelson, Feuer, J. Goodman, Lexa, Weatherwax, White)

A -1 (King)

Ruling of chair **sustained** (tie goes to chair's ruling).

### **III. GM Report with Q & A**

The General Manager's written report was **distributed**.

### **IV. PNB Directors' Reports**

Directors Don White and Dave Adelson **delivered** oral reports.

Motion by Aaron:

**Whereas** on April 26, 2007 the PNB Governance Committee passed a motion about Community Advisory Boards without objection;

**And whereas** a requirement of these grants from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting is that each grant recipient have a Community Advisory Board;

**And, whereas**, a significant portion of each Pacifica Station's annual income is provided by a basic grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, therefore, be it resolved that the KPFK LSB is on record in support of PNB adoption of the following motion:

**Motion:** "The Governance Committee [of the PNB] suggests that the PNB request the Executive Director, the General Managers of all 5 stations and Chairs of the LSBs of all 5 stations submit a report within 2 months of the passage of this motion by the PNB on the status of local Community Advisory Boards, and their compliance with Corporation for Public Broadcasting requirements for Community Advisory Boards."

Public comment was **heard**.

Motion **approved** without objection.

**Motion** by Aaron (as amended):

**Whereas**, on April 26, 2007 the PNB Governance Committee passed a motion about Pacifica's compliance with U.S. code Title 7 (equal employment opportunity legislation)

and, whereas, appropriate actions to ensure Title 7 compliance require ongoing budget allocations and, whereas, prudent full compliance with Title 7 provides protection for our employees and also provides legal protection against some types of legal suits, therefore, be it resolved that the KPFK LSB is on record in support of the PNB adoption of the following motion:

**Motion:** "The Governance Committee suggests that the PNB request the status of implementation of Title 7 at all 5 stations and the National Office, and that this information be sent to the PNB as a whole with copies to the Governance Committee and the Personnel Committee, and that any action deemed necessary should be considered in the Personnel Committee."

Public comment was **heard**.

Motion **approved** by roll call vote.

Y -13 (Aaron, Adelson, Anguiano, Feuer, Gallegos, J. Goodman, T. Goodman, Johnston, Lexa, Pour, Weatherwax, White, Yamanaka).

N -0

A -1 (Larkins)

Secretary Aaruni Thakur **departed** at 9:31 p.m.

## **V. Standing Advisory Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee report:** Treasurer Terry Goodman **delivered** an oral report.

**Motion** by Adelson, that the LSB authorize the Chair to poll the body by email and convene a meeting of the LSB for the sole purpose of establishing the LSB's budget priorities for incorporation into the proposed FY08 budget.

**Approved** without objection.

### **Program Oversight Committee report:**

Don White **distributed** a written report and **delivered** a report orally.

**Motion** from Programming Oversight Committee (as amended by substitute):

We urge management to take steps to increase the effectiveness of pitching of all programmers, including making fund drive training materials available to all programmers and, if possible, scheduling a training session on pitching open to all programmers.

Public comment was **heard**.

Motion **approved** without objection.

Motion from Programming Oversight Committee (as amended on a motion from White):

Whereas oral arguments in Mumia Abu Jamal's appeal of his conviction and death sentence will be heard on May 17th, and whereas Mumia is a member of the Pacifica stations and, whereas clear evidence has emerged of both violations of Mumia's rights in the original trial and sentencing and in his subsequent post-conviction relief hearing as well as of police manipulation of evidence in the case,

therefore be it resolved:

that the LSB urge Management of KPDK to adopt an editorial policy for KPDK advocating a new trial for Mumia and that the KPDK LSB urge the Pacifica National Board [PNB] to adopt the same editorial policy for the network as a whole.

Public comment was **heard**.  
Motion **approved** without objection.

**Motion** from the Governance Committee to correct the minutes of the Dec 16 LSB meeting to reflect the passage of the following motion introduced by the Governance Committee at that meeting:

In order to assure that motions by the LSB are implemented in a timely fashion, all motions must contain a timeline for implementation and an estimate of impact on resources, if any, of the proposed action, as well as an explicit reference to the part(y)(ies) responsible for implementation.

Further, the Chair, or the Vice-Chair, or their designee shall transmit motions to the part(y)(ies) responsible for their implementation, with copies to the LSB, within seven days of passage.

Further, the responsible parties shall provide written reports to the LSB on the progress of implementation, in accordance with the timeline embodied in the motion.

Further, If the part(y)(ies) responsible for implementation have not made progress in a timely fashion, they must provide an explanation to the LSB, who can then decide on appropriate action.

**Approved** by roll call vote (2/3rds required).

Y -12: (Aaron, Brazon, Gluck, T. Goodman, Johnston, King, Prescod, White, Woods, Yamanaka, Yeakey)

N -0:

A -3: (Feuer, Lexa, Weatherwax)

Don White **gives notice** to move to amend something previously adopted (motion on committee formation).

Outreach Committee report was **delivered** orally by Reza Pour.

## **VI. Town Hall Planning Report**

A report on planning for the May 19 Town Hall Meeting was **delivered** orally by Jack VanAken.

A written report of the Personnel Committee was **distributed**.

Grace Aaron **noted** that a motion from the Governance Committee had been omitted from the Governance Committee report.

**Motion** from the Governance Committee (from committee minutes):

“Don White moves (sic) that the KPFK Local Station Board [LSB] today create a five-person working group to receive, process and present to the Board nominees to serve on the Community Advisory Board [CAB] of the KPFK LSB, working in close collaboration with, and seeking input from, station management, to whom the CAB reports. And further, that beginning immediately all members of the KPFK LSB, using input and suggestions from listener-sponsors, the GM and other station stakeholders, submit names of potential CAB members to this working group. Outreach for CAB membership should include, at a minimum, frequent and timely on-air solicitation announcements to reach all KPFK listeners, and contacting people who have volunteered at the station. And further, the working group report back to the LSB and the General Manager at the June 2007 Board meeting a slate of Community Advisory Board nominees to be confirmed as CAB members for the station. And further, that this Board direct the working group to create a slate of nominees which reflects the broadest possible representation of the communities served by KPFK with a special emphasis on communities presently underserved and that appropriate outreach be made to these communities. All LSB members are encouraged to present written reports summarizing their efforts to recruit community representatives to the CAB to be attached to the minutes of subsequent meetings.”

Public comment was **heard**.

Motion **approved** by roll call vote.

Y -9 (Aaron, Anguiano, Feuer, J. Goodman, King, Larkins, Pour, White, Yamanaka).

N -0

A -4 (T. Goodman, Johnston, Lexa, Weatherwax)

Aaron **moves** to form a CAB working group of the Governance Committee.

Motion is **mooted** as not requiring a motion.

Feuer, Lawrence Reyes, Aaron, and White **volunteer** to join ad hoc working group on

CAB.

## **VII. Public Comment**

Public comment was **heard**.

White **moved to adjourn** the meeting.  
**Approved** without objection.

Meeting **adjourned** at 11:03 p.m.

Submitted by Jack VanAken, LSB chair.  
These minutes were approved 6/9/07.

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Appendix A -Meeting Notice

The KPFK Local Station Board will meet Wednesday, May 2, 2007, 7 p.m.-at the Peace Center, 8124 W. 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90048.-Limited parking is available in back.--

PostingRefs:

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[http://www.kpfk.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=2810&Itemid=100](http://www.kpfk.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2810&Itemid=100)  
[http://www.kpfk.org/index.php?option=com\\_events&task=view\\_detail&agid=1705&year=2007&month=05&day=02&Itemid=63](http://www.kpfk.org/index.php?option=com_events&task=view_detail&agid=1705&year=2007&month=05&day=02&Itemid=63)  
<http://disc.server.com/discussion.cgi?disc=165346;article=39484>  
<http://disc.server.com/discussion.cgi?disc=203188;article=10019>

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Appendix B -Proposed Agenda

**KPFK LSB MEETING**  
May 2, 2007 7 p.m.  
The Peace Center  
8124 W. 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90048  
-draft agenda-

I: Call to Order  
Welcome & Acknowledgements  
Call of the Roll  
Motion for Excused Absences  
Review and Approval of the Agenda  
Approval of Minutes

[total: 7 minutes]

II: Comments By The Chair [3 minutes]

III. GM Report with Q & A [30 minutes]

IV. PNB Directors reports [30 minutes]

V. Standing Advisory Committee Reports: [A] Finance - 30 mins [B] Programming Oversight - 10 mins [C] Governance - 17 mins [D] Outreach - 5 mins [E] Personnel - 5 mins [total: 67 minutes]

VI. Town Hall Planning Report [5 minutes]

VII. Public Comment [10 minutes]

VIII. Announcements/Adjournment [3 minutes] (Consistent with Board Policy the Chair will call for Public Comment at various points in the agenda. Any unused portion of the 30 minutes assigned to Public Comment will be used in Agenda Item VIII.)  
[total 155 mins = 2 hours 35 mins]