Minutes of the KPFK Local Station Board Meeting of July 19, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the KPFK Local Station Board was held on Saturday, July 19, 2014, 2:22 PM, at the Aris and Carolyn Anagnos Peace Center, 3916 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City, CA 90230, the Chair (Tej Grewall) being in the chair and the Secretary (John P. Garry III) being present. The minutes of the previous meeting (June 18, 2014) were approved.

Fourteen members were present, constituting a quorum: Ankine Antaram (arrived 2:21), Rodrigo Argueta, Fred Blair, Lydia Brazon, John Cromshow, Tej Grewall (Chair), Chipasha Luchembe, Brenda Medina (Vice-Chair), Michael Novick (Treasurer), Steve Pride, Lawrence Reyes, Ron Spriestersbach, John Wenger, Lamont Yeakey (arrived 2:59).

Nine members were excused: Chuck Anderson, Steve Brooks, Chris Condon, Aryana Gladney, Kim Kaufman, Fred Klunder, Jim Lafferty, Dutch Merrick, John Parker.

One member was absent: Nancy Kazar.

Also present: Terry Goodman (Audio Recordist, Web Liaison) and members of the public.

Authority and Notice: This meeting was authorized by the LSB’s adoption of a regular meeting schedule at its meeting of April 16, 2014. The date and location was posted on KPFTX.org on April 16, 2014. Additional notice was posted on KPFK.org, KPFK.org and other websites beginning on June 21, 2014 (see Appendix A). Automated notices from pnb@kpftx.org were sent to Board members on July 12, July 17 and the day of the meeting.

Audio Recording: The audio of the meeting is available at KPFK.org and KPFTX.org.

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Prior to this meeting an unquorumed Delegates Meeting was held from 1:47 to 1:53 PM in the same location.

I. CALL TO ORDER / OPENING BUSINESS (1:56)

Point of order from Novick: Asked the Secretary to make note of the excused absence requests mentioned during the roll call of the unquorumed Delegates Meeting. The Secretary agreed to do so. Point of order from Cromshow: The meeting is over. And they may or may not make requests again. The Chair ruled that it was a legitimate request and proceeded with the order of business.

I.a. ROLL CALL I (1:56)

There being a lack or quorum, a Committee of the Whole was convened by the Chair.

I.c. DESIGNATE TIMEKEEPER / ESTABLISH TIME LIMIT FOR SPEAKERS (1:59)
The Vice Chair volunteered to be the timekeeper. A 90 second time limit for individual speakers was established without objection. Responding to a question from a Board member, the Chair affirmed that members of the public may participate in a Committee of the Whole.

I.g. ANNOUNCEMENTS (2:00)

Novick reported on the revival of the ChangeLinks newspaper and noticed a Monday, July 21, 2014 meeting for the paper at The Peace Center. There will be a potluck-mailing party on Sunday, July 27, 2014 at The Peace Center. He also noticed the availability of the latest issue of Turning the Tide. There will be a mailing party for that publication the next day at 9:30 AM.

The Chair thanked Terry Goodman for his work for the LSB.

Reza Pour (member of the public) noticed the Outreach Committee Picnic for Political Prisoners on August 3, 2014 in Echo Park.

Argueta announced the annual march commemorating the Chicano Moratorium at Ruben Salazar Park on August 30, 2014.

Bella De Soto (member of the public) announced the KPFK Town Hall on July 27, 2014, 2:00-4:00 PM at Chuco Justice Center.

Augustin Cebada (member of the public) advocated for public awareness of Ramsey Muniz, an athlete, political candidate, activist and a current political prisoner in Texas.

Jerry Van (member of the public) of Veterans for Peace invited people to attend the weekly Santa Monica Pier memorial, 3:00 AM until 4:30 PM.

The Chair announced the passing of Alberto Cazarez, age 22, of the Youth Justice Coalition.

Brazon announced the event “A Celebrar el 35 Aniversario del triumfo de la Revolucion Popular Sandinista” later in the day and reported on other current Nicaraguan issues. She also acknowledged and thanked Terry Goodman.

Argueta announced a September 13-14 event; Movement in Mexico for Socialism and Human Rights Violations. He also thanked people for attending the Gregorio Luke/Pablo Neruda event at Radio Station KPFK on July 12, 2014.

The Chair passed around a sheet for the public to write down questions for the iGM.

Novick noticed a commemoration for the 100th anniversary of Marcus Garvey’s United Negro Improvement Association, August 16-18, 2014 in Leimert Park.

II. SCHEDULING / LOCATION / ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETINGS (2:20)
GM Search Committee (Executive Session): Monday, August 11, 2014, 7:30 PM at The Peace Center.
Governance Committee: Monday, August 18, 2014, 7:30 PM at The Peace Center.
Finance Committee: Thursday, August 14, 2014, 7:30 PM at Radio Station KPFK.

I.a. ROLL CALL II (2:22)
A quorum of 13 was established and the regular LSB Meeting began.

I.b. EXCUSED ABSENCE REQUESTS (2:24)

Motion passed by a show of hands: Yes—10, No—0, Abstain—0.

I.c. DESIGNATE TIMEKEEPER (2:25)
The Vice-Chair volunteered to be the timekeeper.

I.d. AGENDA APPROVAL (2:25)
The agenda was modified and approved without objection (see Appendix B).

I.e. MINUTES APPROVAL (2:28)
Novick moved approval of the minutes of June 18, 2014, which were forwarded electronically to the Board prior to the meeting. Medina seconded. Passed without objection.

I.f. GM REPORT (2:29)
In lieu of an iGM report, the Chair reported on a meeting she had with the iGM and reported on new fund drive/phone room procedures. The iGM will email the Board information about setting up a Google Chat on Monday, July 21, 2014. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT I (2:47)
Public comment was heard for 12 minutes. A Board member responded to public comment.

II. SCHEDULING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETINGS—CONT’D (3:02)
Personnel Committee: Wednesday, August 13, 2014, 7:00 PM at Radio Station KPFK.
LSB Meeting: Wednesday, August 20, 2014, 7:00 PM at The Peace Center.
Novick moved to make the August 20, 2014 LSB Meeting a Special Budget Meeting. Reyes seconded.

Wenger moved to extend five minutes. Reyes seconded. Passed without objection (3:10). Discussion continued. Medina called the question. There was no objection to ending debate.

Special Budget Meeting passed by a show of hands: Yes—8, No--1, Abstain—1, Present not voting—1.

Personnel Committee: Wednesday, August 13, 2014, 7:00 PM at Radio Station KPFK.
Program Oversight Committee: TBD
PNB Committee of Inclusion: Sunday, August 17, 1:00 PM at Radio Station KPFK.
KPFK Summer Fund Drive, Tuesday, July 22, 2013.

III. IMPLEMENTATION / FOLLOW UP / ACTION ITEMS (3:15)

a) Excused Absence Policy / Governance Committee (from May 17, 2014) Wenger reported and cited the following:

From the minutes of November 8, 2006:

“Barring events that unavoidably prevent notification, requests for excused absences shall be presented in writing or by email (unintelligible: "avorbie") to the Chair and/or Secretary in advance of the regularly scheduled LSB meeting.”

The Governance Committee will continue to work on this issue.

b) Novick and Brazon distribute CPB funding documents to the LSB. Novick reported that a document had been circulated and reported on other financial matters.

c) Novick distributes latest financials for all five stations. Novick reported.

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Novick’s report continues.

d) Secretary’s Report on the Argueta Recall Petition (omitted due to expiration of time).

IV. TREASURER’S REPORT (on LSB finances) (3:21)

Novick (Treasurer) reported.

V. PNB REPORTS (3:23)
PNB Director Reyes reported on recent PNB Meetings and on the Audit Committee. Novick reported on a task force of the PNB Elections Committee and the Affiliates Task Force. Discussion followed.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT II (questions to PNB Directors) (3:33)

Public comment was heard for ten minutes.

VII. PNB DIRECTORS RESPOND TO PUBLIC COMMENT (3:43)

Board members responded to public comment.

VIII. COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS (3:47)

TOWN HALL TASK FORCE REPORT (3:47)

Bella De Soto (Task Force Chair, member of the public) reported. Discussion followed.

COMMITTEE OF INCLUSION (3:52)

Reyes reported.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (3:53)

Novick reported. Novick also reported on the KPFK Development Task Force. He noticed the e-mail contact for the Task Force application process: Contact Jessie Wood at volunteer@kpfk.org

GM SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT (3:56)

Novick reported.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT (3:57)

Reza Pour (member of the public) reported. There will be an Outreach Committee film event at the Echo Park Film Center in September. The next Outreach Committee Meeting will be Thursday, August 21, 2014, 7:00 PM at Radio Station KPFK.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT III (3:59)

Public comment was heard for five minutes.

Novick noticed lsboard@kpfk.org as the e-mail address with which the public can pose questions to the Board. Reyes noticed his phone contact--310 460 8586--for questions and comments from the public.

X. Omitted
XI. ADJOURNMENT (4:04)

The meeting adjourned due to the expiration of time at 4:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted by John P. Garry III, Secretary
(These minutes were approved on November 15, 2014)

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Appendix A—Public Notices

Emailed by Terry Goodman on June 21, 2014:

KPFK Local Station Board and Delegates, 7/19/2014, 1:00pm
The KPFK Local Station Board will meet on Saturday, July 19, 2014 at 1:00 pm at the Aris and Carolyn Anagnos Peace Center, 3916 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City, CA 90230, in the Don White meeting room (Rms 101-102, intercom code 22). The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome. Thirty minutes will be allotted for public comment, during which listeners may comment on station policies. There is free parking behind the building. Dial 22 at the intercom for entry. Tej Grewall is the Chair. Brenda Medina is the Vice-Chair. Michael Novick is the Treasurer. John P. Garry III is the Secretary.

KPFK Delegates, 7/19/2014, 2:00 pm
At some time during the KPFK LSB meeting of July 19, 2014 (location above), the body will adjourn to hold a special meeting of the KPFK Delegates for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to the Pacifica Bylaws. Since both PNB and Delegates approval is required for adoption, the Delegates may decline to consider proposals not already approved by the Pacifica National Board. Twelve amendments have been proposed. The full text of each is available for download from the pacifica.org website.

Refs:
http://www.kpfk.org/index.php/lsb-calendar-pointer-2/8186-local-station-board-7-19-2014-1-00pm
http://www.kpfk.org/index.php/eventcal/iclevent.detail/2014/07/19/813/
http://pacifica.org/#bylaws

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Appendix B—Approved Agenda

Proposed Agenda Three for KPFK LSB Meeting of July 19, 2014
(all times include board discussion time)
LSB Meeting

I. Call to Order / Opening Business (10 min)
   a) Roll Call
   b) Excused Absence Requests
   c) Designate Timekeeper, establish time limit for speaking
   d) LSB Meeting Agenda Approval
   e) Minutes Approval (June 18, 2014)
   f) Interim General Manager Report / Public Comment I
   g) Announcements (20 min)

II. Scheduling / Location / Announcement of Meetings (5 min)
   a) LSB Town Hall; Sunday, July 27, 2014, 2-6:00 PM at Youth Justice Center / Chuco Justice Center
   b) Outreach Committee Event: Picnic For Political Prisoners, Sunday, August 3, 2014 11:00 AM, 751 Echo Park, Los Angeles, 90026
   c) GM Search Committee (Executive Session): Monday, August 11, 2014 at The Peace Center
   d) Governance Committee: Monday, Monday, August 18, 2014, 7:30 PM at The Peace Center
   e) Finance Committee: TBD
   f) LSB Meeting: Wednesday, August 20, 2014, 7:00 PM at The Peace Center
   g) August LSB Meeting Devoted to Budget / Possible Extra Meeting (motion from Novick)
   h) Personnel Committee: TBD
   i) PNB Committee of Inclusion: TBD
   j) KPFK Summer Fund Drive, Tuesday, July 22, 2013.

III. Implementation / Follow Up / Action Items (5 min)
   a) Excused Absence Policy / Governance Committee (from May 17, 2014)
   b) Novick and Brazon distribute CPB funding documents to the LSB.
   c) Novick distributes latest financials for all five stations.
   d) Secretary’s Report on the Argueta Recall Petition.

IV. Treasurer’s Report (on LSB finances) (5 min)

V. PNB Reports (25 min)
   a) Directors (10 min)
   b) Committees (5 min)
   c) Discussion (10 min)

VI. Public Comment II (questions to PNB Directors) (7.5 min)

VII. PNB Directors respond to public comment (2 min)

VIII. Committee and Task Force Reports

Town Hall Task Force Report (5 min)
Committee of Inclusion (1 min)
Finance Committee Report (5 min)
GM Search Committee Report (5 min)
Outreach Committee Report (4 min)
Governance Committee Report (0 min)
Personnel Committee Report (0 min)
Programming Oversight Committee Report (0 min)

XII. Public Comment III (during debate on pending motions) (7.5 min)

XIII. New Business (0 min)
XIV. Old Business (0 min)

XV. Public Comment IV (7.5 min)

XVI. Adjournment

LSB Meeting total: 125 min
Delegates and LSB Meeting Total: 185 min

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**Motion passed** (no comment time requested by the public): Y: 13, N: 0, A: 5

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