Minutes of the KPFK Local Station Board Meeting of March 22, 2015

Open Session

The regular monthly meeting of the KPFK Local Station Board was held on Sunday, March 22, 2015 1:44 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. No minutes were approved.

Sixteen members were present, constituting a quorum: Chuck Anderson, Ankine Antaram (arrived 2:50), Fred Blair, Lydia Brazon, Steve Brooks, John Cromshow, Aryana Gladney, Tej Grewall, Kim Kaufman, Fred Klunder, Jim Lafferty, Michael Novick, Steve Pride, Lawrence Reyes, Ron Spriestersbach, John Wenger.

Four members were excused: Rodrigo Argueta, Chris Condon, Brenda Medina, Dutch Merrick.

Four members were absent: Luis Garcia y Ayvens, Chipasha Luchembe, John Parker, Lamont Yeakey.

Also present: Zuberi Fields (KPFK Interim General Manager) 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 February 18, 2015. The date and location was posted on KPFK.org and KPFTX.org on February 18, 2015. Automated e-mail notifications from pnbc@kpftx.org were sent to Board members on March 15, March 20 and the day of the meeting.


[Audio Part 1]

I. CALL TO ORDER / OPENING BUSINESS (1:44)

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 1:44 PM.

I.a. ROLL CALL (1:44)

An initial quorum of 15 was established.

I.b. GROUND RULES FOR COMMUNICATION (1:45)

The Chair reiterated principles for Board communication and public participation.

I.c. EXCUSED ABSENCE REQUESTS (1:48)
Novick moved approval of the excused absence requests of Argueta, Condon, Medina, and Merrick. Lafferty seconded. The motion was divided without objection.

Argueta’s request for an excused absence was accepted by a show of hands: Yes—9, No—2, Abstain—3.

Condon’s request for an excused absence was accepted by a show of hands: Yes—7, No—2, Abstain—4.

Medina’s request for an excused absence was accepted without objection.

Merrick’s request for an excused absence was accepted by a show of hands: Yes—9, No—2, Abstain—3.

I.d. DESIGNATE TIMEKEEPER / ESTABLISH TIME LIMIT FOR SPEAKERS (1:52)

Lafferty volunteered to be the timekeeper. A 90 second limit for individual speakers was established without objection.

I.e. AGENDA APPROVAL (1:53)

Wenger moved to amend: Strike Items XI and XII (Executive Session) and reschedule after a new Executive Director signs a contract. Cromshow seconded.

Point of order from Brazon: Claimed that the motion was out of order—it is not business for the open session and asked the Chair to rule. Point of order from Kaufman: Canceling the executive session is in order—it is on the agenda. Point of order from Wenger: The Agenda is proposed by Governance and can be amended by the LSB.

Lafferty called the question. Debate was ended without objection. Point of order from Cromshow: The public should be able to speak on this motion. The Chair allowed public comment prior to the vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT I (2:03)

Public comment was heard for one minute.

AGENDA APPROVAL continues (2:04)

Motion to remove Items XI and XII failed by a roll call vote: Yes—6, No—8, Abstain—0.

Yes—Blair, Brooks, Cromshow, Kaufman, Pride, Wenger.
No—Anderson, Brazon, Gladney, Klunder, Lafferty, Novick, Reyes, Spriestersbach.

Lafferty moved to approve the agenda.
Brazon moved to amend: Delete Item V (PNB Reports). Klunder seconded.

Motion to delete Item V passed by a roll call vote: Yes--8, No--4, Abstain—2.

No—Brooks, Cromshow, Kaufman, Wenger.  
Abstain—Blair, Pride.

The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

I.g. MINUTES APPROVAL (2:14)

Klunder moved approval of the minutes of 8-20-2014, which were forwarded to the Board electronically prior to the meeting. Lafferty seconded.

Brazon moved to amend: Add “The scheduled LSB meeting of August 20, 2014 failed to make quorum, therefore, roll call was taken to determine quorum” to first the first paragraph. Klunder seconded.

Point of order from Cromshow: According to Robert’s Rules, the Chair takes a head count, if there is no quorum a new meeting is scheduled. There is no roll call.

Kaufman moved to substitute: “The scheduled Special Budget Meeting of August 20 failed to make quorum. The next meetings were set.” Member names shall be deleted.

Kaufman moved to extend three minutes.  
Motion failed by a show of hands: Yes—4, No—8, Abstain—1.

Point of order from Kaufman: The substitute motion gets voted on first. The Chair agreed and proceeded accordingly.

The substitute motion to amend the minutes failed by a roll call vote: Yes—6, No—8, Abstain—0.

Yes—Blair, Brooks, Cromshow, Kaufman, Pride, Wenger.  
No—Anderson, Brazon, Gladney, Klunder, Lafferty, Novick, Reyes, Spriestersbach.

The main motion to amend the minutes passed by a show of hands: Yes—8, No—6.

The minutes of 8-20-2014 were not voted on due to the expiration of time.  
The minutes of 2-18-2015 were not brought to the floor due to the expiration of time.

I.f. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Omitted due to the expiration of time.
II. SCHEDULING / LOCATION / ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETINGS (2:33)

Governance Committee: Monday, April 13, 2015, 7:30 PM, The Peace Center.
Finance Committee: Tuesday, April 14, 2015, 7:30 PM, Radio Station KPFK.
LSB Meeting: Wednesday, April 15, 2015, 7:00 PM at The Peace Center.
Outreach Committee: Thursday, April 16, 2015, 7:00 PM at Radio Station KPFK.

Point of order from Kaufman: The August 20 minutes should have not been brought to the floor because they were tabled at the last meeting and they were not untabled.

III. IMPLEMENTATION / FOLLOW UP / ACTION ITEMS (2:36)

PNB Los Angeles In-Person Meeting Dates / Unionized Hotel(s). Brazon reported.

[Audio Part 2]

IV. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT SUMMARY AND Q&A (2:38)

The iGM summarized his report. Discussion followed.

Lafferty moved to extend five minutes. Passed without objection (3:05). Discussion continued.

PUBLIC COMMENT II (questions to iGM) (3:10)

Public comment was heard for six minutes.

iGM RESPONDS TO PUBLIC COMMENT (3:16)

The iGM responded to public comment.

Items V—VII were omitted due to expiration of time.

The open session adjourned due to the expiration of time at 3:20 PM

The Board met in executive session from 3:27 PM to 4:24 PM in the same location.

Respectfully submitted by John P. Garry III, Secretary
(these minutes were approved on July 19, 2015)

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Appendix A—Approved Agenda

I. Call to Order / Opening Business (10 min)
   a) Roll Call
   b) Ground Rules for Communication
c) Excused Absence Requests  
d) Designate Timekeeper, establish time limit for speaking  
e) Agenda Approval  
f) Minutes Approval (8-20-2014 Unquorumed Meeting, 2-18-2015)  
g) Announcements  

II. Scheduling / Location / Announcement of Meetings (5 min)  
a) Governance Committee: Monday, April 13, 2015, 7:30 PM, The Peace Center  
b) Finance Committee: Tuesday, April 14, 2015, 7:30 PM, Radio Station KPFK  
c) LSB Meeting: Wednesday, April 15, 2015, 7:00 PM at The Peace Center  
d) Outreach Committee: April 16  
e) Personnel Committee: TBD  
f) Program Oversight Committee: TBD  
g) PNB Committee of Inclusion: TBD  

III. Implementation / Follow Up / Action Items (5 min)  
a) PNB Los Angeles In-Person Meeting Dates / Unionized Hotel(s)  

IV. General Manager Report Summary and Q&A (30 min)  
a) GM summarizes report (5 min)  
b) Board Q&A (15 min)  
c) Public Comment (questions to GM) (7.5min)  
d) GM responds to public comment (2.5 min)  

V. Hate Speech Motion (postponed from February 18, 2015--10 min)  
a) Public Comment III (7.5 min)  

VI. Committee and Task Force Reports  

Finance Committee Report (5 min)  
Governance Committee Report (10 min)  
   a) Strip Programming Motion (see Appendix)  
   b) LSB fundraising committee motion (see Appendix)  
GM Search Committee Report (0 min)  
Outreach Committee Report (0 min)  
Personnel Committee Report (0 min)  
PD Search Committee Report (0 min)  
Programming Oversight Committee Report (0 min)  
Town Hall Task Force Report (0 min)  

VII. Public Comment IV (during debate on pending motions) (7.5 min)  

VIII. New Business (0 min)  
IX. Old Business (0 min)  

X. Executive Session / General Manager Search Selection (60 min, time certain 3:00)  

XI. Adjournment of Executive Session--4:00 PM  

total 180 min
Motion from Governance (passed December 15, 2014, 3-1-1)

Whereas strip programming on KPFK occupies most of the drive time (peak) programming, the LSB and station management shall replace these strip programs with non-strip programs in order to open up the airwaves to many other voices and analyses. This shall be implemented within 60 days.

Motion from Governance (passed without objection on March 16, 2015)

Moved that the Local Station Board create a Fundraising Committee to develop a training program, strategy and implementation plan with annual goals for fundraising by the Local Station Board and its members.

Motion from Governance: KPFK On-Air Hate-Speech Prevention Policy Development Motion (passed 6-1-0 on March 16, 2015)

The KPFK LSB requests that station management report to the Board on or before the April 2015 LSB meeting on the station’s on-air hate-speech prevention policy. This report may be delivered orally or in writing.

If the LSB determines that the station lacks an effective, on-air hate-speech prevention policy, the LSB shall draft such a policy. The Governance Committee or a new On-Air Hate-Speech Prevention Policy Task Force shall draft the policy.

The assigned committee shall deliver drafts of the policy for review and discussion at the May and June LSB meetings. The final draft shall be voted on at the July LSB meeting. The approved policy shall be delivered to station management immediately thereafter.

Appendix B--PNB Committee Sign-Ups

Archives Task Force
Chuck Anderson
Aryana Gladney

Affiliates Task Force
None

Development Task Force
None

Spanish Language Programming Task Force
Lawrence Reyes

Technology Task Force
Steve Brooks