

MINUTES

Local Station Board Meeting of February 12, 2017
Aris & Carolyn Anagnos Peace Center
3916 Sepulveda Blvd, Culver City, CA 90230
Local Station Board (LSB) Meeting

Call to Order / Opening Business 10:40 a.m.

- a. Roll Call Taken.** Present are KPFK LSB Members Grace Aaron, Kenneth Aaron (Treasurer), Jonathan Alexander, Sandy Childs, Roberta Eidman, Jaime Gomez (Chair), Ricardo Hernandez, Steve Kaiser, Maggie LePique, Ali Lexa, Barbara Marbach, Reza Pour, Dorothy Reik, Myla Reson, Adam Rice, Mansoor Sabbagh, Fernando Velazquez, Sabina Virgo (Vice Chair), and Lisa Wong. Also present are LSB Secretary Michael Adler, KPFK General Manager Leslie Radford; Sharon Brown and Ismal Parra.
- b. LSB Excused absence request: Stephen Frantz, Jan Goodman, Doug Kriegel, and Paul Song, have requested excused absences. Excused absence requests approved by consensus.
- c. Chair Recognition of Resigned Board Member: Sharon Brown.
Chair has ruled that Sharon Brown has resigned as a member of the KPFK Local Station Board, per Pacifica bylaws Article 4, Section 2A (Eligibility), as she holds an appointed office on the Los Angeles County Small Business Commission.

A motion was made and seconded to challenge the Chair's ruling that Sharon Brown has resigned. It was subsequently moved and seconded that there should be a total of four alternating presentations; two against and two for sustaining the Chair's ruling. A total of four presentations were made (two opposing the Chair's ruling and two in favor). The Chair read Pacifica bylaws Article 4, Section 2A (Eligibility) and reiterated the reason Ms. Brown is not eligible to be a member of the board, due to holding an appointed office on the Los Angeles County Small Business Commission.

The roll call vote was held to sustain the Chair's decision that Ms. Brown is deemed resigned from the LSB due to her accepting an appointed office: 12 yea; 4 nay; and 3 abstentions and the motion of the Chair is sustained. The following is a detailed summary of the results of the roll call vote: Yes to uphold Ruling of Chair= Grace Aaron, Ken Aaron, Jonathan Alexander, Sandy Childs, Roberta Eidman, Jaime Gomez, Maggie LePique, Ali Lexa, Barbara Marbach, Dorothy Reik, Myla Reson, Mansoor Sabbagh. No to uphold Ruling of the Chair=Ricardo Hernandez, Reza Pour, Adam Rice, Fernando Velazquez. Abstentions to uphold Ruling of Chair=Steve Kaiser, Sabina Virgo, Lisa Wong.

- d. Seating of New Board Member to replace Sharon Brown: Ismael Parra.
Mr. Ismael Parra was seated, welcomed to the board and gave a statement.
- e. Set Time and Date for Future Meetings as the 2nd Sunday, 10:30 a.m. March meeting will be on March 12th. It was noted that there may be exceptions for holidays and the like.
- f. Sabina Virgo and Steve Kaiser agree to be time keepers.
- g. A motion to approve the Local Station Board Minutes of 1/8/2017 was made and seconded and the minutes were approved by consensus.
- h. A motion to approve the Proposed Agenda was made and seconded and the agenda was approved by consensus.
- i. A motion to set Time Certain to recess the LSB to convene for Delegates Assembly at 11:45 a.m. was made, seconded, and passed by consensus.
- j. A motion to set Time Certain to Adjourn the LSB at 2:30 p.m. was made, seconded, and passed 8 yea, 3 nay, 7 abstain.

Public Comments 11:28-11:53

Public comments were heard by the Local Station Board.

Recessed for Delegates' Assembly.

***LSB recess for Delegates Assembly (see Appendix B.)
LSB reconvenes 12:38 p.m.***

PNB Committee Elections (STV if required)

Discussion regarding the PNB committees was held.

a. Elections Committee

Nominated: Myla Reason. Approved by consensus

b. Governance Committee

Nominated: Barbara Marbach, Ken Aaron. Approved by consensus

c. Personnel Committee

d. Audit Committee

Nominated: Dorothy Reik and Jaime Gomez. Approved by consensus.

e. Programming Committee

Nominated: Fernando Velazquez, Lisa Wong. Approved by consensus.

f. Affiliate Task Force

Nominated: Jaime Gomez, Adam Rice. Approved by consensus.

g. Archives Task Force

Nominated: Myla Reason, Roberta Eidman. Approved by consensus.

Public Comments #2 12:52 p.m. – 1:09 p.m.

Public comments were heard by the Local Station Board.

Reports

a. Directors Reports

Directors' report was presented.

b. Treasurer Report

Treasurer's report was presented.

c. Q&A for Directors and Treasurer

Q&A was held. Directors responded to LSB questions.

d. General Manager Report (see Appendix C)

General Manager presented her report.

e. Q&A for GM

The Q&A for the GM was held.

f. Strategic Planning

Adam Rice reported on strategic planning.

g. Outreach

Reza Pour reported on Outreach.

Closing Business

a. Meeting adjourns at 2:11 p.m.

Appendix A - Required Notices

Proper notice of this meeting was posted on the KPFK Calendar and at the Pacifica Calendar as required.

Appendix B – DELEGATES ASSEMBLY MINUTES

KPFK Delegates Assembly Meeting of February 12, 2017

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Call to Order / Opening Business 12:03 p.m.

- a. **Roll Call:** Present are KPFK LSB Members Grace Aaron, Kenneth Aaron (Treasurer), Jonathan Alexander, Sandy Childs, Roberta Eidman, Jaime Gomez (Chair), Ricardo Hernandez, Steve Kaiser, Maggie LePique, Ali Lexa, Barbara Marbach, Reza Pour, Dorothy Reik, Myla Reson, Adam Rice, Mansoor Sabbagh, Fernando Velazquez, Sabina Virgo (Vice Chair), and Lisa Wong. Also present are Michael Adler (Secretary) and Ismael Parra.
- b. Seating of New Delegate: Ismael Parra to replace Sharon Brown
- c. Approve Proposed Agenda.
Moved and seconded. Approved by consensus.
- d. Approve 12/11/16 and 01/08/17 Delegates Assembly Minutes.
Moved and seconded. Approved by consensus.
- e. Approve STV Tellers: Fred Blair and John C. Garry
Approved by consensus.

Election of 2017 Pacifica National Board (PNB) Directors Listener Election to replace Sharon Brown

- a. **Nominations**
 1. Mansoor Sabbagh
 2. Reza Pour
- b. Candidate Statements
Each candidate presented a statement to the LSB.
- c. Board Questions of Candidates
LSB Q&A of candidates was conducted.
- d. Teller Instructions/Voting
Tellers provided LSB with Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) system instructions, since there is only one position. LSB members may also write in a candidate.
- e. Chair announces results:
Mansoor Sabbagh: 14 votes
Reza Pour: 4

Blank: 1
Not voted: 1
Mansoor Sabbagh: Elected.

Adjourned Delegates Assembly and returned to LSB Meeting 12:37p.m.

Appendix C – General Manager’s Report to LSB

Report to the Local Station Board

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PERSONNEL

There are no personnel changes to report.

BUDGET AND FINANCES

As anticipated, January was a difficult month. We have managed barely to stay current with our bills and make the settlement payment. As indicated on the payables report, we have delayed some bills on our payment schedule until this fund drive.

There has been no progress on budget approval, and the amount of the monthly Central Services fees is waiting on PNB approval. According to the National Office we are current on our Central Services fees from October 2015.

Letters acknowledging 2016 charitable donations are at the printer and will be mailed this week.

We have reissued checks and provided explanations as necessary to replace those refused by the bank during the December-January holds on our operating accounts. The hold was lifted on January 10.

We have less than \$30,000 remaining to pay on the settlement agreement. We paid about \$9560 for premiums in January.

The operating bank account balance is \$76,709.72 as of February 10. The income statement through December is attached.

OPERATIONS

In late January, we had signal problems. The chief engineer’s explanation follows:

On Friday January 20, we started to take some audio hits on our on-air transmissions, not on the Internet.

I drove to Mount Wilson, in heavy rain, and found that the road had been closed at the 5000 foot level, because of the snow shower; I had to leave.

On Saturday January 21, I drove to the transmitter site through the ice and snow. At that time, the signal sounded normal; there was no rain or snow falling. The STL signal looked normal and the Comrex (via Internet) was normal. I set the STL to be the primary audio source. About an hour after I left the transmitter, the audio started to take some hits, for a short time.

On Sunday January 22 during a heavy rain shower, we were taking audio hits again. I worked on the STL (microwave) transmitter at the studio and replaced two cables, to increase the transmitted power. The on-air signal improved and returned to normal for the rest of the evening.

On Monday January 23 the signal again was distorted. I was told that an automobile wasn't able to get to the mountain top safely, but I was able to get a ride with a friend of KPFK, in a four wheel drive rugged truck.

There were high levels of interference with the STL signal. Tests revealed that there was interference on our microwave channel. I went to the Comrex Internet feed. The audio was again normal for the rest of the day.

On Thursday January 26 again work up to audio hits. Went to the studio to check than end and drove to the mountain. Found that the STL was clear but the Comrex feed was taking digital hits, so put the STL on the air.

On Friday January 27 once more woke up to a noise on-air signal. Went to the studio and then to the transmitter. Had to force the STL to the transmitter because the Comrex had been on the air and it was distorted. Went back to the studio, because after I left the mountain, the noise started again.

On Saturday January 28, again noise in the morning, but cleared up as the morning went along. Removed the audio feed to the Comrex to for only the STL on the air. It has been quiet ever since.

Apparently the Orban stereo processor has been trying to switch back to the Comrex audio feed, without any human intervention. There is supposed to be a remote control to switch the audio in the Orban processor but it isn't working. There was hardware at the transmitter for a proper audio remote controlled audio selector, but it had never been installed; it will be very soon. The STL signal has resulted in excellent audio since I disabled the Comrex. The interference to the STL has not reappeared.

It is my conclusion that we suffered from two different problems during this period. Our Internet DSL is provided by AT&T from their central office on the mountain. It would appear that during heavy rain and morning clouds their digital signal as compromised and would not provide us with an error-free stream. There also was interference on our microwave STL frequency with caused similar digital audio hits.

I worked yesterday (February 6) with two technicians who service the Mount Wilson telephone central office for AT&T. At that time, the DSL lines (which are underground), which provide the Internet to the Comrex, were in normal condition.

--Stuart Landau

We have completed transferring the Studio A phones to Telepacific and will be dropping the Jive Communications expense next week.

We have a problem with flying ants and have signed an agreement with Terminix to handle those and provide monthly treatment for pests in the break room.

PROGRAMMING

The Interim Program Director sorted out the program grid to make the 4:00p.m. slot available for "This Is Happening." In the process, we lost Strategy Session with Antonio Gonzales. The remaining programmers and producers have been remarkably patient, flexible, and understanding.

We aired Inauguration coverage from Democray Now! and from our sister station WBAI in Washington, D.C.

Our news department has provided actualities from the inauguration protests, the Women's March, and the ICE sweep protests.

FUND DRIVE

We have a strong start to our fund drive. As I write this, we're averaging \$28,802/day, \$6,302/day over our budgeted goal and \$3,802/day over what we're asking our listeners for.

We have contracted with Christine Blodale to produce 2.5 hours of all-pitch programs, and we are replaying some of her more successful programming from her employment at KPFK. We have the option to contract more hours.

Although there have been gaps especially in the morning, the phone room has overall has had enough, and sometimes more than enough, volunteers, thanks to Adam Rice, Community Relations Coordinator, volunteer Beth Kempf, and the current students from the People's School of Broadcasting, who've made the calls that have brought the volunteers in. And I want to thank all those phone room volunteers who have come in, especially those who've been away and have come back.

OUTREACH, FUNDRAISING, DEVELOPMENT

Our media sponsorships for the month include the Jazz Bakery, Haiti at a Crossroads, the LA Women's March, the Pasadena Playhouse, the Pan African Film and Arts Festival, 626 Golden Streets, the Brazilian Carnival Celebration, Live Nation, and The Barclay.

We tabled the Kingdom Day Parade. KPFK was also represented at two NoDAPL protests and the L.A. Women's March.

We've resumed the People's School of Broadcasting and have about nine active participants. And I invite you to go to Cuba with KPFK in May, a benefit for the station in conjunction with HeTravel.com, with thanks to Cary Harrison.

We have completed our portion of the annual CPB report.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Radford
General Manager, KPFK
10 February 2017