

Pacifica Radio Foundation, KPFT FM 90.1 LSB
Regular KPFT LSB Meeting, on 2017 June 14.
Minutes prepared by Joseph Davis, pro tem Secretary, Approved July 12, 2017
Location: Montrose Community Center; Houston, TX

Meeting convened by Chair Ted Weisgal.

No minutes of previous meetings were read or approved.

All original motions were notified in the Agenda posted by Chair Ted Weisgal.

Roll Call, P=Present, A=Absent, X=eXcused Absence

Listener Delegates		Staff Delegates	
Seat/Elected 2014	Seat/Elected 2016	Seat/Elected 2014	
P Bill Crosier	P Adriana Casenave	X Rhonda Garner	
P Anisa Faruqi	X Di Conkling	P Mike Lewis	
X Richard Hyde	P Elayne Duncan	P Clif Smith	
P Jerry Lynch	P Alexandra Hunter	Seat/Elected 2016	
P Susie Moreno	X Jim Krafka	P Robert Gartner	
P Susan Radwan	P Robert Mark	X Wally James	
P Jamie Rodriguez	P P. K. McCary	P Lars Headington	
X Deb Shafto	P K. C. Sinclair	Other/Ex-officio	
P Ted Weisgal	P Vaniecia Williams	P Obidike Kamau	
		P Nick Economidis	

1900: Meeting commences. (1900 is 7pm, some items are prefixed with time for sync with audio record.)

Chair asks the body for any objections to Joseph Davis serving as Secretary pro tem, hearing no objections (HNO), Joseph Davis is elected Secretary pro tem.

1905: Chair speaks to the resignation of Hank Lamb and his replacement by the next highest ranking candidate in accordance with Article Four, Section 10 of the Bylaws.

Casenave: Point of Order: As per previous procedures based on RONR, resignations are to be seated by the body, and open seats are to be filled by the body since only the body has the power to do either under the guidance of the Bylaws.

The chair sustained the point.

Chair asks for objections to accepting the resignation of Hank Lamb, and the seating of Lars Headington, Hearing no objections to either, the body accepts Hank Lamb's resignation and seats Lars Headington as KPFT Staff Delegate.

Chair speaks to the resignation of Don Cook and the next highest ranking Listener candidate Richard Hyde. The Chair contacted Mr. Hyde, and was informed he is unavailable until the August LSB

meeting.

Chair moves to excuse absences for Richard Hyde for June and July, motion passes.

Roll call:

15 members present, quorum at 13.

Chair moves to excuse absence of Di Conkling, passes HNO.

Chair moves to excuse absence of Jim Krafka, passes HNO.

Chair moves to excuse absence of Deb Shafto, passes HNO.

Chair moves to excuse absence of Rhonda Garner, passes HNO.

Chair moves to excuse absence of Wally James, passes HNO.

1912: Chair Weisgal relinquishes the Chair to Elayne Duncan to advocate for his motion. See RONR p394 line 24 to p395 line 26 to explain this and further change of Chair occurrences this meeting.

Weisgal, motion to move sections XI Unfinished Business and XII New Business before all remaining agenda items.

12 For, 1 Opposed, agenda is so modified.

Duncan relinquishes Chair to Weisgal

1916: XI.A. Town Hall Meeting: P.K. McCary, Clif Smith, Hank Lamb, Obidike Kamau
No status available. Postponing item for arrival of Obidike Kamau or member McCary.

1917: XI.B Program Council Election Status Report and relationship to LSB taking into account the LSB Duty (Bylaws/Article 7/G: “to work with station management to ensure that station programming fulfills the purposes of the foundation...”

Program Council to have 5 LSB members, 5 Listener members and 5 Programmers.

Staff: Sandy Weinman, Evan McHanahan(SP)

Listener: none

LSB: K. C. Sinclair, Lars Headington, Anisa Faruqi, Ted Weisgal, Jerry Lynch.

1918: Rodriguz :Propose PSA for on-air announcement, will do immediately.

1919: Arrival member Jerry Lynch

1920: Moreno: Proposes to distribute flyers in boxes for staff.

Chair asks for objections to PSAs and flyers as notice, none.

Chair: Should Program Council to report to LSB?

Robert Mark proposes: Five LSB members seated on Program Council can report on Program Council status.

1922: Moving to XII: New Business

1922: XII.A Underwriting: Affirming of Policy presented by Obidike Kamau and Brian Sanchez

Duncan: will email Underwriting policy (14 page document) to all LSB members.

Chair proposes subsidiary motion to postpone definitely to July 2017 LSB meeting. HNO approved.

Item XII.B

1924: Weisgal relinquishes Chair to Duncan

1924: XII.B Open Journal: Motion encouraging producers to devote extensive time to political issues. (TW)

1910: Weisgal, point of order: Asking to refer this issue to the Program Council is out of order because the Program Council does not yet exist.

Chair rules the motion is in order as the existence of the Program Council has been mandated by the PNB and while formative at present, it does exist.

Point of order is lost.

1937: Rodriguez: Amend by substitution: "Vote to reaffirm KPFT's commitment to progressive radio in an alternative facts world."

Vote to amend by substitute motion, 14 For, 2 Opposed. Motion substituted.

Motion passed with no objection.

Motion as passed **Vote to reaffirm KPFT's commitment to progressive radio in an alternative facts world.**

1937: Arrival P. K. McCary

Item XII.C

1940: XII.C Open Journal: Motion encouraging producers to reopen phone lines to members of the community. (TW).

1957: Casenave: amend by substitution in entirety: "The KPFT LSB supports the Interim General Manager, Obidike Kamau, and all his decisions about programming."

Item XII.C tabled until after public comment

1959: Duncan relinquishes Chair to Weisgal for Public comment.

1947: Arrival Obidike Kamau

2000: Begin Public comment.

Support expressed for current format of Open Journal.

Request for some kind of general call in show on a daily or weekly basis.

Avocation to increase membership.

Disappointment at failure to address a recent Nazi Salute by board member, citing previous Chair DeWayne Lark (a black man) who was called “boy” by another member at a 2015 LSB meeting, and the lack of corrective action by LSB to hold persons to account for extreme offensive behavior.

Report that the previous ‘boy’ comment incident was in fact acted on by the 2015 LSB with a suspension and ordering of the offending member to attend sensitivity training.

End of Public comment.

2025: Weisgal relinquishes Chair to Duncan

Item XII.C resumed from table

2025: Chair rereads amendment, no debate requested, going to vote.

Vote on substitute motion 12 For, 1 Opposed.

Without further objection, motion is passed.

Motion as passed: **The KPFT LSB supports the Interim General Manager, Obidike Kamau, and all his decisions about programming.**

Duncan relinquishes Chair to Weisgal having completed XII.C

Item XII.G

Nick Economides reads the entirety of motion XII.G

2031: Chair asks for objections to any sections to resolve separately.

Hunter: Objection to item XII.5.6 “Each LSB member will be expected...”

Casave: Objection to item XII.5.4 “A list of local station board members...”

Chair: Motion to close debate, 4 For, 0 opposed, debate closed.

Chair calls for voice vote on motion XII.G less items 5.4 and 5.6, the remaining motion text is approved.

Motions on 5.4 and 5.6 to resolve objections from the original motion.

Debate on objections to 5.4

2040: Mark moves to amend by substituting the word “recognition” for word “list” in item 5.4.

Chair calls the vote on the motion to amend 5.4 by changing ‘list’ to ‘recognition’.

Motion is amended, amended motion passes as revised item 5.4.

Debate on objections to 5.6

2049: Chair moves to close debate on item 5.6, motion passes.

2050: Voice vote to include section 5.6, motion fails, 5.6 to be omitted.

2050: Mark: amend item "7" 5.7 replaced "6" 5.6, approved HNO.

Begin passed motion XII.G

Fund Drive Motion: The Local Station Board of KPFT hereby moves the following:

- 1. The KPFT Local Station Board affirms that the KPFT General Manager should develop a fund drive schedule with pledge revenue goals for each fund drive aligned with the annual KPFT "Listener Support" budget.**
- 2. The KPFT Local Station Board recommends that a fund drive committee be formed by the General Manager 60 days or more before each regular fund drive to organize and leading each fund drive. The fund drive committee should include at least 5 individuals with an appointed Chairperson. Such committee may consist of KPFT staff, KPFT Local Station Board members, or volunteers.**

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FUND DRIVE COMMITTEE WILL BE TO:

- 1. Establish general "pitch" and "promotion" guidelines, including selecting appropriate premium items and providing on-air staff with appropriate and consistent "pitching points."**
- 2. Meet with individual programmers (in person, by telephone or e-mail) to plan a pitch and promotion strategy specific for each show.**
- 3. Work with the Development staff to solicit and schedule challenge funds, as well as donations from third parties that may be offered as premium items.**
- 4. Schedule on-air "pitch assistance" as well as volunteer phone staff to support and staff the drive.**
- 5. Provide necessary training to KPFT staff, volunteers and others assisting with the fund drive. The Chairperson of the committee will furnish to the KPFT General Manager, the Executive Director and the KPFT Local Station Board a written summary of the fund drive results within ten (10) days after the conclusion of the fund drive.**

SUCH REPORT SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. The fund drive goal and final results;**
- 2. The total pledges received, average pledge amount and the number of pledges received for each KPFT program;**
- 3. Identification of KPFT staff, whom, in the committees' opinion, demonstrated exemplary support and diligence with the pledge drive;**
- 4. A recognition of Local Station Board Members volunteering for at least one phone shift during the drive, or otherwise contributing to the planning or execution of the fund drive.**
- 5. The KPFT Local Station Board recommends that the KPFT General Manager work with the KPFT technology and development staff to: (1) enable credit card pledge transactions and member database system (a.k.a. "MemSys") updates for pledges received between the hours of 6am and 10pm on weekdays and 8am to 5pm on weekends during the fund drive to be entered immediately as pledges are received; and (2) to facilitate a process for "thank you" gifts to be processed and mailed directly from "pledge central" whenever possible after credit card**

transactions are approved.

6. The Local Station Board recommends to the General Manager that a 1 or 2-day fund drive be scheduled in late December to encourage and take advantage of late tax-deductible year end giving. As respects points 1. and 2. above, a late December fund drive of 1 to 2 days in duration or less shall not be considered a regular fund drive.

End passed motion XII.G

Item XII.H

2051: Weisgal relinquishes the Chair to Duncan for item XII.H

2051: XII.H PSAs: Motion encouraging the announcement of LSB committee meetings X number of times, X number of days before said committee meetings. Motion to use the technique of filling blanks to determine X. (TW).

Casenave: Report to Pacifica Foundation on September 2012 from Corporation for Public Broadcasting showed a failure in announcing meetings. Pacifica Foundation then acted to correct. The problem is not a lack of corrective measure, but applying the corrective measure Pacifica has already issued.

Casenave to forward Pacifica CPB compliance rules to Obidike Kamau.

2103: Weisgal asks to withdraw motion XII.H. Hearing no objections from the body, the motion is withdrawn.

Item XII.I

2103: XII.I Fundraising motion to encourage the LSB to make outgoing calls to lapsed members and other potential donors from KPFT by the end of July. (TW).

2103: Weisgal withdraws motion XII.I before seconding, motion fails to reach floor.

Duncan relinquishes Chair to Weisgal

Item XII.J

2103: XII.J Motion to establish a Community Partners committee of KPFT's LSB, to work with management to review community partners to ensure they are not detrimental to the social responsibilities of the station. (BC).

2110: Subsidiary motion to postpone definitely until the July 2017 LSB meeting, show of hands, passes.

Item XII.K

2113: XII.K Motion from iGM Obidike Kamau to affirm agreement with The Montrose Center based upon his report (see VIII and original proposal developed by former Development Director, Robin Lewis, that was a part of the May agenda. Motion will be distributed after a meeting with the Montrose Center's Development Director Kent Loftin on June 6.

2114: Kamau: Free space for 1 LSB monthly meeting, all others are payable.

Subsidiary motion to postpone definitely until the July LSB meeting, passes HNO.

Item XII.L

Item XII.L Folio: Motion requesting from management a status report regarding a Program Guide, its budget (if any) and where we go from here. (RG)

Chair assuming motion for report next month.

2120: XII..M Jerry Lynch: I move that we meet in A Committee of the Whole to discuss the overall balance of programming and use as the start of our conversation the great success of the Amy Goodman event and what is happening in the world every day. I suggest that this is a golden moment for KPFT which should not be missed. We should advise management to adjust the programming to include more political content. Further, I say that it is important that there be an easy to follow schedule such as talk/politics from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM M-F. and music the rest of the time. There is no substitute for an understandable schedule. I suggest that KPFT announce, with as much detail as possible (names of guests or topics), what is going to be on during the latter part of the day. Telling people to go to the web is no substitute.

2122: Chair call for voice vote to enter committee of the whole, the nays carry.

Motion XII.M fails.

Item XII.N

2123: Weisgal relinquishes Chair to Duncan.

2123: XII.N: N. Broadcast or Stream LSB Meetings: Article Six, Section 7: In view of this article in the Pacifica Foundation Bylaws: "The Board shall make reasonable efforts to broadcast or webcast all its public meetings, and committee meetings, whether such meetings are in-person or telephonic," what steps should we take? An Informal Discussion. (TW)

2134: Discussion complete, item XII.N completed.

2134: Duncan relinquishes Chair to Weisgal.

2135: IGM report, Obidike Kamau

Printed report handed out.

Two programmer's meetings last month at SHAPE community center.

Planning another programmers meeting early to mid July.

No intention to interfere with programmers.

Support of call-in shows, seems to be 'going by the wayside' the way things are.

Open Journal magazine type show with tight schedule.

Appreciates LSB vote of confidence.

Brought in iGM from KPFK, Christine Blodale, sharing fund-drive strategies.

2141: Some shows will be pre-empted for pledge drive.

Forming grant writing committee.

Thousandaire proposal, \$84 monthly support.

2144: Chair asks to expedite report for time.

Voices not scripted, strong community content.

Voices highly successful, filled thru early September.

Branding campaign led by member McCary.

First major fund drive under iGM Kamau, goal of \$250k, \$16k per day.

2149: CAB report

2150: Terry LeFey reporting for CAB.

March, April and May meetings.

Survey principal tool to get listener feedback.

Town Hall meeting in discussion.

Members: Maryann Martiniz, Timothy Odau, Craig Lightner, Stuart Snow, Terry LeFey

2153: Casenave: CPB requirement for CAB to be independent, LSB accepts membership.

2155: Chair refers this issue to Governance Committee.

2157: Finance report, Nick Economides

Currently 15% below budgeted revenues.

Significant balance due to Pacifica in central services and loan payments.

From NFC meeting, Pacifica can no longer allow missed central services payments.

March 31 is most recent financial data on KPFT.

2200 Motion to adjourn, 6 For 7 Opposed

2215: Meeting adjourned.

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