

KPFT Local Station Board, Minutes
April 11, 2018
The Montrose Center
401 Branard, Houston, TX 77006

I. With a quorum present the meeting was called to order by KC Sinclair at 7:13pm

II. Staff Recognition. Joseph Davis: Markisha; KC Sinclair: Patrick Hoyt; Matthew Moore: Volunteer Trainers for

III. Roll Call (with either present or the name of the committee(s) to which you belong

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| 1. Adriana Casenave P | 15. Jerry Lynch P |
| 2. Bill Crosier A Excused | 16. PK McCary P |
| 3. Joseph Davis Governance | 17. Susie Moreno P |
| 4. Elayne Duncan A | 18. Rick Potthoff MSRC |
| 5. Nick Economidis Resigned | 19. Deb Shafto A |
| 6. Anisa Faruqi Outreach, Development | 20. KC Sinclair MSRC |
| 7. Rhonda Garner MSRC | 21. Clif Smith P |
| 8. Robert Gartner MSRC | 22. Rita Washington P |
| 9. Alexandra Hunter Resigned | 23. Ted Weisgal Governance, MSRC, Finance |
| 10. Wally James P | 24. Vaniecia Williams P |
| 11. Jim Krafka P | 25. Larry Winters (NV) |
| 12. DeWayne Lark P | Seated Georgia Provost to replace Nick |
| 13. Adrienne LaViolette P | Economidis |
| 14. Mike Lewis P | |

Motion by Joseph Davis to excuse all legitimate absences (not Vaniecia Williams who arrived after this motion was introduced) with the Special Rule in place. Passes 11-2

IV. Agenda Approval

Ted: The consideration of three motions to be added to the agenda after Public Comment at 8:30. Passed

Adrianna: Moved to go into Executive Session after public comment to address the three motions. Passed

Rick: After Minutes Approval to add to the agenda a change of the time and day of meetings. Passed.

Joseph: Moved to Approve the agenda as amended.

Matthew Moore: I move to add to the agenda immediately after agenda approval the following:

“I respectfully move that up to \$1500 as needed be made available to the KPFT MSRC for the purposes of purchasing job site services to assist the effort of hiring a General Manager. The invoices will be sent to the business manager. The aim is to reach a pool of candidates as broad as possible which will require the use of paid job sites. Each site has an approximate entry price of \$250 and the requested sum will allow the MSRC to select 3-4 of the most impactful sites to be used in addition to free job sites and the Pacifica/KPFT websites.” **Passes unanimously.**

Adrianna: Point of Order...Must first go to Finance to determine if funds are available. Sustained by KC.

Joseph Davis: To suspend Article III Section 8.

Jim Krafka: Amendment...any excess funds will be returned immediately. Fails.
Adriana Casenave: Add “up to” after \$1500 and “invoices will be sent to the business manager as needed”. Passed Unanimously.

V. Minutes Approval: The following (A-K) were approved with corrections (as noted).

- A. August LSB 8/9/17
- B. September LSB 9/13/17 Approved. Adrienne received an excused absence.
- C. October LSB 10/11/17
- D. Financial Crisis Meeting 11/6/17 Chair KC Sinclair ruled that this was not an official meeting. Her ruling was appealed and sustained 11-6.
- E. November LSB 11/8/17
- F. Bill Crosier Trial 11/10/17
- G. Robert Mark Trial 12/1/17
- H. December 12/13/17
- I. January Delegates Session 1/10/18
- J. January LSB 1/24/18
- K. March 2018.

VI. Consent Items.

None

VII. Public Comment

1. Vinisha Patel Adams: Saw KPFT as an open space where people of color could speak freely. This is not the case. People of color have been run off the prison show. With Dr. Kamau there was freedom but not under Duane Bradley and not under Larry Winters who has not attended one LSB meeting. IndyMedia talked about the gag rule being lifted by the LSB and then we were kicked off the air.
2. Nick Cooper: There is suppression at KPFT. It's totalitarian radio. When people talk about issues that are legitimately news of the station and you are kicked off the air that creates an atmosphere of suppression. The LSB must address this.
3. Sairahy Garcia: I'm a community organizer and this at KPFT is suppression of the voices of people of color. IndyMedia was the only show to cover Standing Rock and one other key issue. KPFT is trying to silence my people.
4. Angela Sanchez de Bravo: I've listened to KPFT most of my life. I was a member of the board until I had to get a paycheck. There is suppression of ideas at KPFT. I was a member of the collective of IndyMedia. Service on the board was a waste of time. This station used to be about relevant stuff. Not now. Why are you here? People will leave this station as donors unless this is addressed.

PK McCary: This is my transition time. I will no longer be a member of the KPFT LSB. The hardest decision I've ever made was to be on this board. When I decided to leave this board, I started walking better. The toxicity here gets into your pores. I've been shamed and been told that I was racist. This station belongs to the members and it has potential power. We voted to reinstate Dr. Kamau and we got rid of the gag order. Now we have a people in management who told people to not give. This station belongs to all of us. I've always had the members back. We can develop programs for all races, for children and elders. This will be my last meeting as a member of the board but will stay on as Treasurer and a member of committees. I know I'm

disappointing members of the board by not remaining. I will do something else for KPFT. Peace.

5. Rachel Clarke: Thank you for lifting the gag order. IndyMedia shared information about policies and we lost our show as did another programmer who is on the board. The LSB should be about making policies that allow free speech.6Pat Hartwell: This is not the first or last time I will speak to this board. Let me define Fascism. It is centralized control and that's what we have at KPFT under Bill Crosier and Jerry Sumrall. I will not speak to his phony name. There is the poem about people not speaking out because I was not one of them and then when they came for me there was no one to speak for me. When I was taken off the Prison Show, I received an email from Rhonda. Now she's been removed. How is that for irony?
6. Nancy Saibara-Naritome: Thank you to PK for what you've done. I wanted to tell you to stay and still go. There is toxicity at KPFT. These meetings are not announced. That is a violation of the bylaws. We will miss KPFT.
7. Evan McClanahan: I'm a Lutheran minister and on the HD3 station. My show is about big issues and I approach things as a Christian. I've written to the big people at KPFT and haven't heard back. I want to be on the Program Council. I hope they'll move me to the main channel.
Jim Sheridan: I work with the Galveston Bay Foundation that will happen on April 18 and we welcome you to volunteer.
8. Matthew Moore: We will have people from KPFA in the conference room on Saturday at 3pm.
9. Akua Holt: This week, 50 years ago, Dr. King was killed. Dr. King could not speak in Houston twice because of stink bombs. Winnie Mandela died this week. We did not report it. KPFT is off the tracks. The sound of Texas is not working. KTSU has 350,000 members. We're not doing the right thing. We are watching history pass us by. NPR is carrying Pacifica archives. Not us.
10. After polling the body, Chair K.C. Sinclair took a vote of the body to determine if there would be an Adjourned Meeting next Wednesday, April 18 beginning at 7pm. Passes 10-9.
11. Adjournment 10:03pm.
12. K.C. Sinclair announced that Ted and Susie are responsible for refreshments in May.

Respectfully submitted,
Ted Weisgal
KPFT LSB Secretary