

KPFT Local Station Board Minutes
April 18, 2018
(Adjourned Meeting from April 11, 2018)
The Montrose Center
401 Branard, Houston, TX 77006

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair KC Sinclair at 7:07pm
- II. Staff Recognition
 - None
- III. Roll Call

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

In a motion brought forward by the chair, PK McCary's resignation was accepted without objection and Nancy Saibara-Naritime was seated.

Joseph Davis moved to excuse all eligible absences. Passed

Deb Shafto moved to suspend the Standing and Special Rule to excuse Wally James. The motion, requiring a 2/3 vote, was defeated 7-4.

Matthew Moore raised the following point of order -

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After input from the body, the chair moved this point of order to Executive Session.

Adrienne LaViolette appealed the decision of the chair. The chair's decision was sustained

IV. Agenda Approval. It was pointed out that this meeting was a continuation of the April 11 meeting and did not need approval.

V. Minutes Approval: The December minutes were approved.

The March minutes were corrected to add the name of the author: Ted Weisgal and approved.

The April public session minutes were postponed until the May meeting.

A. September LSB 9/13 [TW,AC] (sent to a subcommittee in February meeting)

B. Financial Crisis Meeting 11/6 [MM] (postponed from March meeting)

C. December LSB 12/13 [PM] (postponed from March meeting)

D. March LSB 3/14 [TW] Approved

E. April LSB 4/11

F. April LSB 4/11 ES [

*Approval of the April regular and executive session minutes were postponed until the May meeting.

The body voted to go into Executive Session to review the motions passed April 11.

Matthew Moore raised a point of order that the decision to recommend three candidates to serve as the interim General Manager. The chair opened the floor for debate. The chair did not sustain the point of order.

Matthew Moore raised his previous point of order regarding the three nominations for Interim General manager.

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Adrienne LaViolette appealed the decision of the chair. The body sustained the ruling of the chair, 9-7.

The body agreed to end Executive Session at 7:58pm

VI. Rick Potthoff's Motion:

I move the KPFT LSB change its monthly meeting date from Wednesday to Thursday or Tuesday.

The current unpaid iGM has been unable to attend the meetings on Wednesday nights due to the fact he has therapy session he leads on that date. The LSB should show the iGM we intend to meet him halfway.

Rhonda: I move a substitute motion that the GM appoint someone from the management team to represent him at the LSB meeting. The chair ruled this motion out of order, stating it violates the bylaws.

Joseph Davis moved to postpone consideration of this motion to the May meeting so Rick can find out if Larry Winters is available on another night of the week. Approved without objection.

VII. Consent Items.

None

VIII. Standing and Special Committee Reports.

A. CAB Chair and Membership Approval

KC reported on the email from CAB chair Maryann Martinez, requesting background information of the CAB members. KC requested the presence of the CAB members and received a letter but not their presence.

Adriana moved to postpone approval of CAB membership until it reports in person to the board. Passes.

B. Budget Approval (Finance Committee)

Chair PK McCary provided a written report. DeWayne Lark emailed a copy of the April 10 report to the LSB. The committee will meet again on April 25. The approval of the budget was postponed.

C. Questions and Answers

Concern was raised by Adrienne La Violette about the funds passed last week for funds to search for a future General Manager.

A request was made for the status of the Program Council. DeWayne Lark informed the body that he has not moved on this council because of the current climate at KPFT, with the temporary iGM. Deb Shafto indicated that she would talk with management about their receptivity for such a committee.

Wendy Schroell reported that the Development Committee has a '77 Chevy Pickup that is being raffled off. She gave each board member raffle tickets to sell for \$5 or to return them. She is providing us with 20 tickets each.

The MSRC will be taking reports from people on the performance of the iGM on April 27.

IX. Public Comment.

PK McCary: Wasn't going to talk until she met people who love our shows but did not know about the disparity of ethnic programs. You represent the people and the people deserve the best from you. You may hear from me in the future.

Pat Hartwell: I've spoken to this board before and you look whiter than you did last week. You take one step forward and two steps back. Getting rid of PK is sad. I've been around KPFT for a long time and now I don't care. You just sit there like logs. The station is going downhill and its going to be gone unless something drastic happens. It's sad that you can't get rid of the guy who can't get his name straight. And then there's the backstabbing by that guy over there (pointing to Bill Crosier). But it's all on you and you've lost the community which is predominantly a city made up of people of color. You've lost the prisoners on death row. The Prison Show is made up of white people. Now that show doesn't matter. You have allowed that by doing nothing. When we lost the students of color to create their own on-line radio show. You did nothing until

I raised the issue of the Nazi salute. You need to get rid of some of your members because they do nothing. You don't serve the people of Houston who deserve to be served. We don't know how many people listen to KPFT, about 5,000 vs. 230,000 on KTSU. Maybe we should be copying them. No one in this room cares. And I don't care either. It's something I have been involved in since the 1970's but I don't care anymore.

Anonymous: My intent was to observe. I listen during the early afternoon... Politics Done Right, Ecology, Blues Shows, Houston Jazz Spotlight, Arab Voices, Democracy Now in the morning. We were curious, and we don't have a lot of money, but we donate and are invested. We live in Conroe. We expected to see more diversity on the board. We think there should be more youth voices. We're both teachers. Because of infighting you may end up discovering a way to find respect. If you don't truly listen, you will have problems.

KC Informed the guests about our committees and the opportunity to run for the board later this year.

X. Pacifica National Board and Committee Reports

At the last PNB meeting what happened? **Bill Crosier.** The PNB settled the debt due to the

Empire State Realty Trust. **DeWayne Lark:** In 18 months we will face bankruptcy. **Joseph Davis:** I voted for the loan and was the only KPFT rep to do so. **Adriana Casenave:** I believed that the foundation should give ourselves the opportunity to restructure. The idea of the loan was to restructure but I voted against the loan. One faction told us that if I did this the sky would fall. I was the only board member who did not get loan documents.

Sam Agarwal has said he will resign on May 4. That is being negotiated with Tom Livingston at this time. Agarwal is not attending the National Finance Committee Meetings. The PNB settled on payments for the loan. WBAI has relocated and the PNB signed the papers. They will have a new transmitter. **Adriana** said we have secrecy issues related to personnel matters. **Bill** is concerned with secrecy too. The loaner, FJC, knows what is going on. The PNB is doing most of its work in secrecy. The building next to KPFA is about to be sold. **DeWayne** is concerned with the amount of money being paid to the ED. **Adriana:** Because the PNB Personnel Committee was limited to one member of the majority faction, the decision to hire Tom Livingston was shrouded. Regarding the Metropolitan Neighborhood Network proposal, we never got a clear proposal. This matter may or may not be dead.

XI. Interim General Managers Report. (Larry Winters)

He provided a written report.

XII. Unfinished Business

A. Weisgal: I move that the KPFT Local Station Board meet in a quasi-committee of the whole to discuss the current financial challenges facing the Pacifica Foundation including especially the court judgement calling for a payment of \$1.8 million plus legal fees to the Empire State Realty Trust and as a result of said discussion advise our four members on the Pacifica National Board on what actions they should take. Failed.

A. Weisgal: Motion that the KPFT Local Station Board endorses the encouragement of Congress to support a budget that addresses human needs.

Passed

XIII. New Business

None

XIV. Rick Potthoff moved Adjournment. The body approved. The meeting adjourned at 10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ted Weisgal
Secretary, KPFT LSB