

KPFT Local Station Board Minutes
May 9, 2018
The Montrose Center
401 Branard, Houston, TX 77006

- I. Call to Order. 7:04pm
- II. Staff Recognition
K.C.: Patrick for sound board training on the first Saturday of the month; Bob Gartner for all that he does; Don Freeman, help me TW; Wendy, Markisha
- III. Roll Call Mia Culpa from the secretary...I was unable to find the binder I had with the answers to the following "ice breaking" question.

What is the most important item on this agenda?

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| 1. Adriana Casenave P | 19. Deb Shafto P |
| 2. Bill Crosier P | 20. KC Sinclair P |
| 3. Joseph Davis P | 21. Clif Smith P |
| 4. Elayne Duncan Absent | 22. Rita Washington P |
| 5. Anisa Faruqi P | 23. Ted Weisgal P |
| 6. Rhonda Garner P | 24. Vanecia Williams P |
| 7. Robert Gartner P | 25. Larry Winters (NV) A |
| 8. Wally James P | The point of order of only excusing eligible |
| 9. Jim Krafka P | individuals was raised by Adrienne LaViolette. |
| 10. DeWayne Lark P | The chair ruled against the point of order. |
| 11. Adrienne LaViolette P | Adrienne LaViolette appealed the decision of |
| 12. Mike Lewis P | the chair. The vote: 8-8. The chair was |
| 13. Jerry Lynch A | sustained. |
| 14. Matthew Moore P | Georgia Provost's request to resign was |
| 15. Susie Moreno P | accepted. Alan Alan Apurim was seated |
| 16. Rick Potthoff P | without objection to assume that seat. Wesley |
| 17. Georgia Provost A...Resigned | Bethune is next in line. |
| 18. Nancy Saibara-Naritomi P | |

Agenda Approval

Item XI: Executive Session Agenda, will be addressed after Public Comment

XIII. Agenda approved as amended.

Item XIII A: General Manager Evaluation will be addressed after minutes approval. Vote 9-6.

Minutes Approval

- A. April 11 Ted Weisgal, secretary
- B. April 11 Executive Session
- C. April 18 Adjourned April 11 meeting
- D. April 18 Executive Session of April 11 meeting

XIII.A. General Manager Evaluation...

LaViolette: Whereas Article 7 Section 3 of the Pacifica Foundation Bylaws states that it is the LSB's responsibility "To prepare an annual written evaluation of the station's General Manager.", and Whereas Friday April 27th does not seem convenient for several Programmers (as evidenced by Mr. Lamb's and Mr. Weinmann's emails to the LSB) and Whereas it is important to ensure that all voices be heard and that the LSB is not disenfranchising anyone from participating in the process. I move that any Programmer or staff who wishes to provide feedback to the LSB for the purposes of evaluating the interim General Manager may do so in writing (if they so please) or in person at this LSB meeting directly after Public Comment in Executive Session.

IV. Consent Items A. Governance (KC, PK, Elayne): Attendance Subcommittee Report Rita Washington, chair

KC Sinclair passed the gavel to Rita Washington to make the following motion:

1. Motion to grant Jim Krafka an excused absence for 1/24/18 by suspending Special Rule Article I, Section 1, in order to prevent any board member from being removed due to shaky practices and records. [Requires 2/3 vote]

Point of Order Adrienne LaViolette There is no special rule. Joseph Davis: this is dilatory.

Point of Order/Ted Weisgal: Bill Crosier is speaking to the amendment without introducing the amendment. Sustained by Rita Washington.

Bill Crosier moves to amend all absences because of a death in the family or for hospitalizations. Rita Washington, acting chair, ruled this motion out of order (a violation of the Pacifica Bylaws).

2. Motion to approve, as an LSB, this attendance record and for the attendance record to be updated after every LSB meeting and shared (by the LSB chair) with the call of the meeting.

3. Motion requiring the current and former LSB secretary ensure the minutes and recordings are posted to kpftx.org for all 2017-2018 LSB meetings. Recordings must include the roll call.

This process should be completed by July 1, 2018 or new LSB members will be chosen to complete the task.

4. Point of Order: Chair's Ruling Special Rule Article I, Section 1 is not suspended, nor has it ever been, as the original motion was out of order. [no vote necessary]

K.C. Sinclair reassumes the position as chair.

B. Development (Teresa Allen, reporting for the committee): I move that KPFT initiate a Legacy Campaign (put KPFT in your will) and meet with interim GM or interim ED to discuss requirements.

VII. Standing and Special Committee Reports. [30]

A. CAB Chair and Membership Approval

B. VIIA . CAB Chair and Membership Approval

B. ARDC Chair and Membership Approval

C. Budget Approval (Finance Committee)

D. Questions and Answers

V. Public Comment.

Speakers were selected at random. Each person was granted 4.5 minutes

Sarah E.: Listen to the public that's outside your sphere. You voted to remove Larry Winters. Why is he still here creating chaos? You need to be more inclusive and to have more voices from people of color.

The removal of Night Sounds and Indymedia was really bad, chaotic, and dysfunctional.

Ray Hill: Sincere appreciation and sympathy to members of the LSB. I was on the first board but sent to prison. I love KPFT and as the GM invented queer radio. You are not the programming committee. I started the Prison Show. It will be remembered as the most innovative program in the history of public radio. This show is made up of all kinds of people, black, white brown, gay straight. The show is important, and I say that having been off the show for five years.

Lisa Blalock: My show was taken off in an irregular way. William Crosier was the IED when Larry Winters called me a "fucking nut;" attacking me for my Asperger's. Rhonda Garner yelled at me "the meetings over" and all kinds of mean things. I was scared. Rhonda Garner and Deb Shafto, I've lost my faith in you. These meetings are kept secret. There is racism and discrimination. Indy Media got removed after they supported me.

Vinisha Patel: Support the work of your committees. I know there has been hard work. I know the MSRC has done good work. Bill Crosier tried to look up my arrest record when I was running for the board. I'm disgusted by Bill Crosier. You should bring back Obidike Kamau. I was on the MSRC and chaired it. Bill Crosier is now revealing who is testifying to the MSRC. He should be removed for defying confidentiality.

Nick Cooper: Mistake was made in firing Obidike Kamau. We give lots of chances for promoting white supremacy. Obidike Kamau was only given a little time to prove himself and then a hasty and lousy decision by Bill Crosier. I've been to lousy meetings with Larry Winters. They are indicative of decisions

to pull shows hastily. Whether its getting out of the Iran Nuclear Deal or quick decisions, I'm not impressed by the Pacifica way of doing things.

Danny Sneed: The Prison Show...I have a lot invested in that show. That show was important to me when I was in prison. When I got out I got to know David Collingsworth. We were in DC trying to ban the box (denying ex-prisoners the right to vote). He got me on the show to talk about being a vet who is an ex-prisoner. The prison experience was horrible. The only connection was the radio show and letters. People in prison don't know about the politics of KPFT.

Judy Emerson: For the next fund drive I suggest that one of the premiums be Zora Neale Hurston's "The Last Cargo." It's about the way the last prisoner was treated and how, in his dialect, he talks about getting freedom. We should honor this author and people who are part of the legacy of slavery. We need to raise up people in housing projects with literature like this. I also want to speak up for Obidike who's firing had no substance.

Wendy Schroell: I work for the station hired by Obidike Kamau and now hang in with Larry Winters. We need you to sell raffle tickets for the truck. We've sold \$8500 and we hope for \$30,000. Forward the link to people so they can buy tickets. We're having a car show and lots of Art Cars are stepping up.

Jay Wilson: I'm graduating from TSU this year. I run an organization called AIM. When you have subversivness it marginalizes you. The factionalism hurts me. When people speak under fear, that's harmful. I could listen to NPR but I wouldn't get the craftsmanship of KPFT.

Pat Hartwell Harper: Garlin Harper is on death row. He doesn't want his name on the air and it has been on the Prison Show. People from the Prison Show have been taking license numbers. Hank Lamb played a role in the firing of Obidike Kamau. Hank Lamb could have spoken to the MSRC but, oh woe is me, he couldn't make it. This body has a job to do: Get rid of Larry Winters.

The body moved to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION AND THE HALL WAS CLEARED OF VISITORS.

The Executive Session adjourned 10:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ted Weisgal,
Secretary, KPFT LSB