

KPFT Governance Committee meeting

Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 7 pm CT (zoom)

Draft Minutes (drafted by Susan Young, March 18, 2026)

Convene: Committee Chair Debbie Smith went on the stream then convened the meeting at 7:03 pm; she asked if there were any objections to Susan Young serving as interim Committee Secretary for this meeting.

Roll Call: Interim Committee Secretary Susan Young took the roll, confirming quorum: Voting members (LSB) of the committee attending were: Rhonda Garner, PK McCary, Torry Mercer, Ron Stubbers, Susan Young. There was no objection to Rob Lee's request for an excused absence. Sean Kelly McPherson and Glen Etienne were absent. Community member Matthew Jenkins attended.

Permanent Committee Secretary: the Chair asked whether there were any volunteers to serve as permanent Committee Secretary. Susan Young offered to continue as interim secretary. There were no objections.

Agenda: the Chair read the agenda. Susan Young moved approval. There were no objections.

Minutes: the Chair asked that the minutes of the last meeting be considered at the next meeting. No objection.

Discussion re Future goals of the committee: Ron Stubbers suggested that the Committee carefully review the 2025 bylaws and recommend bylaw changes to the Pacifica Governance Committee. PK McCary expressed her belief that bylaws do not solve the moral shortcomings of the organization. She was asked to bring a list of specific recommendations to the committee. Rhonda Garner said she was not clear what the purpose of the committee should be.

Briefing re 2026 Election: Susan Young gave background about the schedule for the 2026 election and the new structure of direct member election both to the LSB and to the PNB. Critical concerns of committee members were threefold: promote membership strongly before the June 30, 2026 record date; provide extensive communication about the new board structures, candidacies and voting categories spelled out in the 2025 Bylaws; and extensive communication to learn about the candidates.

Report from the Inclusivity Task Force: PK reported that she had sent recommendations to cochair Michelle Lightman but has not heard back.

Next meeting: The committee was reminded that the next meeting of the committee will be 3rd Tuesday of May – May 19, 2026 at 7 pm CT by zoom.

Adjourn: Susan Young made a motion to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm (with compliments to Debbie Smith about job well done and general agreement that meeting was productive and non-confrontational.)