

PACIFICA FOUNDATION RADIO

PACIFICA NATIONAL BOARD IN-PERSON MEETING (OPEN SESSION)

The Aris & Carolyn Anagnos Peace Center, Los Angeles, California

June 13, 2015 -- Draft Meeting Minutes

Twenty members were present, constituting a quorum: Teresa Allen (KPFT), Rodrigo Argueta (KPFK), Carolyn Birden (WBAI, arrived 9:53), Lydia Brazon (Chair, KPFK, arrived 9:57), Jim Brown (WPFW), Stephen M. Brown (WBAI, arrived 9:53), Adrianna Casenave (KPFT), Janet Coleman (WBAI, arrived 9:53), Benito Diaz (WPFW), Brian Edwards-Tiekert (KPFA), Jose Luis Fuentes-Roman (KPFA, arrived 11:00), Janet Kobren (Secretary, KPFA), Robert L. Mark (KPFT), Brenda Medina (Assistant Secretary, KPFK), Tony Norman (Vice-Chair, WPFW), George Reiter (KPFT), Cerene Roberts (WBAI), Robert Rabin (Affiliate-WVQR), Pete Tucker (WPFW), Margy Wilkinson (KPFA).

One member was excused: Janis Lane-Ewart (Affiliate-WFAI).

One KPFK Listener-Director seat was vacant.

Also present: John Proffitt (Pacific Executive Director), Jon Almeleh (Pacific Technical Director), John P. Garry III (Recording Secretary Pro-Tem), Berthold Reimers (WBAI General Manager) and members of the public.

This meeting was live-streamed from several websites, including KPFTX.org. The agenda and audio for this meeting can be accessed at <http://kpftx.org/archive.php>

[Audio Part 1 pnb150613a.mp3]

CALL TO ORDER (9:49)

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chair at 9:49 AM.

ROLL CALL (9:49)

An initial quorum of 15 was established.

TIMEKEEPER (9:52)

Medina volunteered to be the timekeeper for individual speakers and the agenda. A 90-second time limit for speakers was continued from the previous session.

## AGENDA (9:52)

Kobren **moved to amend**: Add an Affiliates Report. Action was deferred without objection until the arrival of the Chair [not subsequently acted upon].

## IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT (9:54)

The Executive Director reported. Discussion followed. Casenave **moved to extend** five minutes. Diaz seconded. **Passed** without objection. (10:25) Discussion continued.

## PUBLIC COMMENT (10:31)

Public comment was heard for seven minutes.

The Chair introduced Aris Anagnos, the owner of the Aris & Carolyn Anagnos Peace Center, who made brief comments. He converted a \$156,000 loan made to the Foundation in September, 2014 into a donation and signed a document to that effect (on file with the Chair).

Public comment continued at 10:42 AM.

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## V. PACIFICA NATIONAL OFFICE FINANCE REPORT (10:51)

The document "Financial Highlights, May 31, 2015" was distributed to the Board and the public. Edwards-Tiekert explained and summarized the report. Discussion followed.

Kobren **moved**: The balance of the recent KPFA major bequests shall not be allocated for unbudgeted items by the General Manager without LSB and NFC input and approval. Casenave seconded.

Roberts **moved to extend** five minutes. Second not recorded. **Passed** without objection. (11:22) Discussion continued.

Main motion **failed** by a roll call vote: Yes—5, No—13, Abstain—2.

Yes—Allen, Birden, Brazon, S. Brown, Kobren.

No—J. Brown, Casenave, Coleman, Diaz, Edwards-Tiekert, Fuentes-Roman, Medina, Norman, Rabin, Reiter, Roberts, Tucker, Wilkinson.

Abstain—Argueta, Mark.

Edwards-Tiekert **moved to extend** 15 minutes. Reiter seconded. **Passed** without objection.

Edwards-Tiekert **moved**: The PNB directs Executive Director John Proffitt to prioritize working with all units to make any and all cuts necessary to bring each unit into sustainability. Reiter seconded.

Responding to a point of information from Roberts, the Chair ruled that the motion was different from the motion referred to the NFC yesterday. Medina **challenged** the ruling of the Chair.

The ruling of the Chair was **sustained** by a roll call vote: Yes—12, No—2, Abstain—6.

Yes—Allen, Argueta, Birden, Brazon, S. Brown, Coleman, Diaz, Edwards-Tiekert, Fuentes-Roman, Mark, Tucker, Wilkinson.

No—Mark, Medina.

Abstain—J. Brown, Casenave, Kobren, Norman, Rabin, Reiter.

Fuentes-Roman **moved to amend**: “and the Foundation’s endowment into compliance.” Birden seconded.

Roberts **moved to extend** seven minutes. Diaz seconded. **Passed** without objection.  
(11:49)

Responding to a request from a Member, the Chair ruled the amendment in-order for open session.

Amendment **failed** by a roll call vote: Yes—4, No—12, Abstain—4.

Yes—Bazon, Fuentes-Roman, Kobren, Roberts.

No—Allen, J. Brown, S. Brown, Casenave, Coleman, Diaz, Edwards-Tiekert, Mark, Medina, Reiter, Tucker, Wilkinson.

Abstain—Argueta, Birden, Norman, Rabin.

Main motion **passed** by a roll call vote: Yes—17, No—1, Abstain—1.

Yes—Allen, Argueta, Birden, J. Brown, S. Brown, Casenave, Coleman, Diaz, Edwards-Tiekert, Fuentes-Roman, Kobren, Mark, Norman, Rabin, Reiter, Tucker, Wilkinson.

No—Medina.

Abstain—Roberts.

Medina **moved** to hold a working lunch. Diaz seconded. **Failed** by substitution.  
Argueta **moved** a 30-minute lunch. Tieker seconded. **Passed** without objection.

The meeting recessed at 12:00 Noon and returned from recess at 12:51 PM. The Chair took

the gavel.

[Audio Part 3 pnb150613c.mp3]

## VI. PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE REPORT AND MOTIONS (12:51)

Argueta (Programming Committee Chair) brought the following motion to the floor:

### Motion #1 PROGRAMMING OPERATIONS

[Amended main motion included after amendments and debate]

Kobren **moved to amend**: “The use of audio-video live streaming on station websites for real-time coverage of actions and events that are news in the making.” Casenave seconded. No vote taken.

Diaz **moved**: There shall be public comment before any votes on programming issues. No vote taken. It was agreed that there would be seven minutes of public comment before each Programming motion vote.

Amendment **passed** on a roll call vote: Yes—15, No—2. Abstain—2.

Yes—Allen, Argueta, Birden, Brazon, J. Brown, S. Brown, Coleman, Diaz, Edwards-Tiekert, Kobren, Mark, Norman, Rabin, Reiter, Tucker.

No—Roberts, Wilkinson.

Abstain—Casenave, Medina.

Wilkinson **moved to amend**: Extend ED deadline to August 1, 2015. Edwards-Tiekert seconded.

Coleman **moved to amend**: Add “...the process and problems...” Roberts seconded.

Reiter **moved to extend** 20 minutes. Mark seconded. **Passed** without objection.

Edwards-Tiekert **moved** to suspend the rules, remove all remaining public comment periods, and allow everyone who wishes to speak for 90 seconds until the ranks of the people wishing to speak are exhausted. Wilkinson seconded. Rabin **moved to amend**: Two minutes per speaker. S. Brown seconded. **Passed** without objection. Diaz **moved to amend**: Allow everyone to speak now. Public comment shall be heard again wherever it appears in the agenda. Argueta seconded. **Passed** without objection.

New main motion:

Edwards-Tiekert (amended by Rabin and Diaz) **moved** to suspend the rules and allow all public speakers two minutes to speak. Everyone shall be allowed to speak now. Public comment shall be heard again wherever it appears in the agenda. **Passed** without objection.

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#### PUBLIC COMMENT (1:34)

Public comment was heard for 79 minutes. The speakers included KPFK programmers, past and current LSB Members, and a former Executive Director.

#### BOARD COMMENT (2:53)

Board members responded to public comment, prompting vocal opposition from some members of the public.

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#### VI—(Continued) PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE REPORT AND MOTIONS (3:08)

Wilkinson's Motion to Amend was brought to the floor and **passed** without objection.

Kobren **moved to amend** Coleman's motion to amend: Add "if any" after "problems." Roberts seconded. **Passed** without objection.

New amendment:

Coleman **moved to amend** (amended by Kobren): Add "and problems, if any."

Argueta **called the question** on the amendment. Debate ended without objection.

Amendment **passed** by a roll call vote: Yes—18, No—1, Abstain—0.

Yes—Allen, Argueta, Brazon, J. Brown, S. Brown, Casenave, Coleman, Diaz, Edwards-Tiekert, Fuentes-Roman, Kobren, Medina, Norman, Rabin, Reiter, Roberts, Tucker, Wilkinson.

No—Mark.

Birden **moved to amend**: The PNB directs that each National Board member who serves on a station Committee of Inclusion shall be responsible for a written report from the entire committee. Coleman seconded.

Reiter **moved to extend** 15 minutes. Argueta seconded. **Passed** without objection.

Roberts **moved to amend**: Add "...to provide a written report prepared by the committee." Kobren seconded. **Passed** without objection.

New amendment:

Birden **moved to amend** (amended by Roberts): The PNB directs that each National Board Member who serves on a station Committee of Inclusion shall provide a written report prepared by the committee. Coleman seconded. **Passed** without objection.

Amended main motion **passed** without objection.

Motion #1 PROGRAMMING OPERATIONS  
(amended by Birden, Coleman, Kobren and Wilkinson)

Whereas the Pacifica Bylaws require that each Local Station Board (LSB) "work with station management to ensure that station programming fulfills the purposes of the Foundation and is responsive to the diverse needs of the listeners (demographic) and communities (geographic) served by the station, and that station policies and procedures for making programming decisions and for program evaluation are working in a fair, collaborative and respectful manner to provide quality programming", be it hereby resolved that

The Executive Director (ED) shall be required to direct each station's General Manager (GM) to provide, by July 15, 2015, a written station programming report to their LSB and to the PNB that includes the following:

- the process and problems if any by which programs are evaluated, moved, removed, and added, including how audience support (financial and otherwise) is measured and incorporated
- the process and problems if any of producer development and training
- the process and problems if any which interns are integrated into station programming
- the process and problems if any which preemptions are decided upon and applied
- the process and problems if any which programs are made national
- the process and problems if any which themes and staffing of special national programs are identified
- the use of the internet in promoting station programming, including station website innovations, I-tunes, Tuned-in, tumblr, twitter, facebook, and blogs etc.

The Pacifica National Board (PNB) also requires that the ED direct each GM to obtain and provide a written report to their LSB and to the PNB, by August 1, 2015, from the station's Community Advisory Board that lists its membership, describes its functioning, and reprises all work done with regard to community needs assessments since March 2013; and further, that

The PNB directs that each National Board Member who serves on a station Committee of

Inclusion shall provide a written report prepared by the committee to their LSB and to the PNB, by July 15, 2015, that lists its membership, describes its functioning, and reprises work done this year.

These reports and any structured responses thereto, including minority reports, from local station boards shall be the basis for discussion on the PNB Programming Committee.

## Motion #2

The PNB Programming Committee recommends to the PNB that all action on the creation of "Program Councils" pursuant to a previous motion from the Programming Committee to the PNB, be held until after the Committee is able to receive and review information about station program operations (pursuant to motion passed by the Committee on 12/19/14) and provides recommendations to the PNB.

The provision of said feedback to the PNB will be a priority of the Committee and our expectation is that the report will be sent to the PNB by March 13, 2015.

Old Program Council Motion approved by 2012 PNB:

The PNB directs the executive director to set up Program Councils as management committees, at each station.

The composition of the committee shall consist of 1/3 staff, selected by stv election, 1/3 members of the LSB, also selected by an stv election, and 1/3 listeners, approved jointly by the LSB and the Program Director by a procedure satisfactory to both. Terms shall be for the maximum of 2 years, or for an LSB member, the term on the LSB, whichever is less.

The Program Councils shall serve to provide a collaborative nexus between the board, the listeners, the staff and the management of the station for the purpose of implementing the programming policies of the LSB and PNB. Specifically, they shall have the power to review programs and vet new programs, including for compliance with the mission, and recommend changes to schedules. They shall also provide for adjudication of programming issues arising between programmers and management, where no other means of doing so exists. They will set their own agendas in these regards.

Program directors will serve as non-voting ex-officio members of the Program Councils. The Programming Councils are charged with making recommendations to the Program Director. If the program director declines to act on such recommendations, he/she shall report his/her reasons and respond to dialogue on the issue from the Council. Such dialogue shall be made widely available to the listeners. If consensus cannot be reached on a course of action between the Program Director and a majority of the Council, the Council can appeal the decision to the GM with a vote of 2/3 of its members.

All meetings of the Program Council will be in public session, with the exception of those that are required to be in Executive Session by the Pacifica Bylaws. The Council shall determine by majority vote whether any given meeting must be held as an Executive session.  
(Passed in committee 7-0.)

Reiter **moved to substitute**: The PNB directs the ED to inform the GMs that they must establish Program Councils in their stations by August 1 in accordance with the procedure established in the PNB motion of 2012. Allen seconded. No vote taken.

Medina **moved to table** after the time-certain items: PRA, KPFK LSB Officers and KPFK GM speaks. **Passed** without objection. (3:51) [Programming Motion #2 was taken from the table during the next open session, June 14, 2015]

RECESS (3:51)

[Audio Part 6 pnb150613f.mp3]

#### IX. PACIFICA RADIO ARCHIVES (4:24)

J. Brian DeShazor (PRA Director) reported on PRA activities with the aid of a digital projection.

Roberts **moved to extend** 10 minutes (4:50). **Passed** without objection. Discussion followed.

[Audio Part 7 pnb1506138g.mp3]

#### X. KPFK GENERAL MANAGER (5:14)

Leslie Radford (KPFK General Manager) and Alan Minsky (KPFK Interim Program Director) reported on the station with the aid of a digital projection. Discussion followed.

[Audio Part 8 pnb150613h.mp3]

#### XI. KPFK LSB CHAIR AND TREASURER REPORTS (5:50)

Tej Grewall (KPFK LSB Chair) and Michael Novick (KPFK LSB Treasurer) reported. The document "RS-MonthlyPLAct For the Seven Months Ending April 30, 2015" was distributed to the Board. A sample membership fee waiver was also distributed to the Board. Discussion followed.

[Audio Part 9 pnb150613i.mp3]

It was agreed that the second programming motion would not be taken from the table and the Spanish language programming motion would be brought to the floor.

Edwards-Tiekert **moved** an adjournment time of 7:00 PM. Argueta seconded.  
Motion **passed** by a show of hands: Yes—15, No—3, Abstain—0.

#### SPANISH LANGUAGE TASK FORCE (6:26)

#### IMPLEMENTATION: MOVED BY SPANISH LANGUAGE TASK FORCE

[See amended text below amendments and debate]

Casenave **moved to extend** 15 minutes. Argueta seconded.  
Motion **passed** by a show of hands Yes—12, No—1. (6:44) Discussion continued.

The rules were suspended to allow for public comment for ten minutes without objection.

Casenave **moved to extend** adjournment one hour (until 8:15). Allen seconded.  
Motion **failed** by a show of hands (2/3 required): Yes—9, No—6, Abstain—3.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT (7:10)

Public comment was heard for 22 minutes.

#### SPANISH LANGUAGE TASK FORCE (CONT) (7:32)

Mark **moved to extend** five minutes. Diaz seconded.  
**Passed** by a show of hands: Yes—17. (7:33) Discussion continued.

Argueta **moved to amend**: 6. “a week” Edwards-Tiekert seconded.  
**Passed** without objection.

Edwards-Tiekert **moved to amend**: Strike out-dated language in the first paragraph and change deadline in 4. to October 1, 2015. Reiter seconded.

Amendment **failed** by a roll call vote: Yes—3, No—14, Abstain—2.

Yes—Allen, Edwards-Tiekert, Reiter.

No—Argueta, Brazon, J. Brown, S. Brown, Casenave, Coleman, Diaz, Fuentes-Roman, Kobren, Mark, Norman, Rabin, Roberts, Tucker.

Abstain—Birden, Wilkinson.

#### IMPLEMENTATION: MOVED BY SPANISH LANGUAGE TASK FORCE

1. Time: after 6 am and before 9 pm.

2. By the PNB June 2015 meeting to be fully noticed to all radio station managers and PDs.
3. New Spanish language programming committees to be develop right after, no later than 1 week after PNB meeting AT ALL radio signals. Managers have to make the call for the formation of such committees thru PSAs, websites and thru community forums and organizations.
4. To be implemented no later than Monday, August 31, 2015.
5. Be national, to say each radio station will have it
6. “a week in the Spanish language” at least 5 hours additional to existing Spanish Language programming (some radio signals do not have any).
7. New programming will vary according to the radio signal demographic and geographic, conditions, per example, in Los Angeles might be added to the existing strip of programming, in Washington (if no programming in Spanish is offered at this time) might have to be only at weekends (strips or blocks of programming) or at any given best day during the week, so each station will decide as long as it is after 6 am and before 9 pm.
8. Each radio have to develop a committee (collectives) in charge of such programming and report to the PNB’s task force as to guarantee that such programming will be permanent.
9. Brief introduction in English might be considered at certain signals.
10. Must take in account women, African descent communities, programming for youth and by youth, indigenous, activists, alternative music or art programming, environmental issues, political movements around the continent or the world etc. alternative Health programming, Chicano Mexicano programming as well as Puerto Rican, Caribbean, Central or south American issues, immigration issues, black liberation movements. white supremacy, gender, race, neo colonialism, culture/art, class struggle, etc. news from all over Latin America with stringers in the USA.
11. Pacifica outreach committees must develop in coordination with the Spanish Language task force, management and programming committees a well-prepared promotional plan for such new programming as to guarantee self sustainability as much as possible.
12. Management, LSBs and parties involved will develop community forums with their respective communities to get the word out.
13. IF there is any radio signal that needs programming because no collectives are formed yet, such programming can be elaborated and provided by other collectives from sister signals.
14. National meetings to be planned among Spanish language programmers to be in well coordination and maintain programs improving.

15. Every new programmer and volunteers MUST be totally willing to raise funds, work in collectives and be part of the National Association of Spanish Language programmers and volunteers which will be created to keep always good communications among the new and existing programs.

16. Existing programmers to provide workshops as needed for those collectives in need. The budget of each radio station will allocate funds for such purpose as well as for promoting new and existing Spanish Language programming.

Amended main motion **passed** by a roll call vote: Yes—18, No—1, Abstain—0.

Yes—Argueta, Birden, Brazon, J. Brown, S. Brown, Casenave, Coleman, Diaz, Edwards-Tiekert, Fuentes-Roman, Kobren, Mark, Norman, Rabin, Reiter, Roberts, Tucker, Wilkinson.

No—Allen.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM due to the expiration of time.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Kobren, Secretary  
John P. Garry III, Recording Secretary Pro-Tem

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