

Draft Agenda
Regular Pacifica National Board Open Session
 Teleconference Meeting
Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:30 pm ET
All times are Eastern Time
(meeting notice appended to the end of this agenda)

Directors:

Grace Aaron, KPFK, Listener	Ralph Poynter, WBAI, Listener
Robin Collier, KCEI, Affiliate	Sandra Rawline, KPFT, Listener
Chris Cory, KPFA, Listener	Lawrence Reyes, KPFK, Listener
Vanessa Dixon-Briggs, WPFW, Listener	Shawn Rhodes, WBAI, Staff
Lynden Foley, KPFT, Listener	Eileen Rosin, WPFW, Listener
Jan Goodman, KPFK, Listener	James Sagurton, WBAI, Listener
Heather Gray, WRFG, Affiliate	Nancy Sorden, WPFW, Listener
Sabrina Jacobs, KPFA, Staff	Alex Steinberg, WBAI, Listener
Wally James, KPFT, Staff	Akio Tanaka, KPFA, Listener
DeWayne Lark, KPFT, Listener	Polina Vasiliev, KPFK, Staff
Ron Pinchback, WPFW, Staff	Tom Voorhees, KPFA, Listener

Others:

Lydia Brazon, Interim Executive Director
 Anita Simms, Interim Chief Financial Officer
 John Tatum, Parliamentarian

Item # Description	Time
1. Preliminary items	5 min.
A. Call to Order by Alex Steinberg, Chair	
B. Roll Call	
C. Excused Absences	
D. Identify Timekeepers	
2. Agenda Approval	5 min.
3. Minutes Approval – Approve June 4, 2020 Open Session Minutes	3 min.
4. iED Report & Q & A – Lydia Brazon	10 min.
5. Committee Reports	
a) Finance Committee – James Sagurton, Chair	20 min.
Motion on Expense Cuts	10 min.

Motion as amended: "The NFC recommends that the PNB adopt the following motion: 'Whereas: Currently the National Office has over \$500,000 in outstanding payables. We owe NETA \$206,000 currently as of June.

KPFK was unable to make its payroll in mid April. About \$45,000 had to be taken from an Affiliate Program bank account to make that payroll.

KPFK is at least 5 months in arrears on its Central Service payments. It currently owes \$184,000 in Central Service payments. The KPFK Business Manager stated on May 14th that up to the end of April 2020, KPFK listener support had declined by 11%, its total income had gone down by 22%, although its payroll had increased by 5%.

The KPFK Business Manager stated that this decline had very little to do with the Coronavirus epidemic as these numbers are mostly from before the lockdown.

In the last 2 months KPFK's income has declined precipitously. KPFK is currently bringing in only half the income necessary to meet its expenses. This means that KPFK is not able to make Central Service payments currently, is backlogging bills and is having trouble meeting its own payroll. KPFK's monthly expenses are about \$300,000. KPFK's income has only been \$150,000 per month for the last 2 months.

It is unclear as to whether Pacifica will receive any emergency stimulus loans or if there will be any other significant influx of revenue sufficient to make up for the heavy loss of KPFK Central Service payments.

Compounding this is the fact that every station, with the exception of KPFA, is seriously in arrears in its Central Service payments, with the possible exception of KPFT.

We have no reserves. If our financial situation deteriorates any further we may be forced to sell one of our buildings.

Therefore, be it resolved that significant expense cuts be made at KPFK as soon as possible. These cuts should be at least 30%. Expenses must be less than income as there are no resources to cover any shortfalls.

Further, all units (including the National Office) that have expenses that exceed income on a regular basis should provide a plan to the NFC, the PNB, the Management Team and the iED to decrease expenses within 1 week. If a station's expenses are exceeding its income by 10% the plan should show a decrease of 10%.

As KPFK is currently running a \$150,000 per month deficit, it is absolutely urgent that expense cuts be made immediately at that station. Other fundraising plans should be encouraged, but they would not be able to cover shortfalls of that magnitude. Thus substantial expense cuts are unavoidable."

b) Motion on NETA

10 min.

Motion as amended: "The NFC recommends that the PNB pass the following motion: 'Whereas Pacifica is entering a crucial period of its financial history and Whereas accurate, timely, and independent accounting is necessary to weather this upcoming year and Whereas our loan approval will likely hinge on the above, Be it hereby resolved that Pacifica, it's officers and its directors, should prioritize

payments to NETA second only to payments to its staff for the remainder of NETA's contract and until all liabilities are paid. That any General Manager who does not give NETA view only privileges to their bank statements be suspended until they do."

Governance Committee – Lawrence Reyes, Chair

10 min.

Motion: The PNB approves a special rule which would allow Committees to set time limits for agenda items and speakers.

6. Report on the Affiliate Program – Ursula Rudenberg

15 min.

7. Motion on Special Rule Limiting Agenda Approval to 20 minutes – Alex Steinberg

10 min.

Be it resolved that the Pacifica National Board adopts the following special rule governing future meetings of the Pacifica National Board:

The time set for agenda approval shall be 20 minutes.

8. Motion on the formation of a Task Force to Produce the next Pacifica Town Hall – Alex Steinberg

Be it resolved that a Task Force of PNB Directors shall be formed to plan and produce the next Pacifica Town Hall in conjunction with LSB Members, staff and volunteers as needed.

9. New Business

10. Adjourn

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Pacifica National Board

Teleconference

Emergency Session: Committee Reports, financial matters, Review of 2018 Audit (if ready), iED Report, unfinished business, etc. Meeting called by Alex Steinberg, Grace Aaron, James Sagurton.

Purpose: Committee business, finance matters, policy issues.

**Committee
Members**

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