

## Draft Minutes

Regular Pacifica National Board OPEN emergency  
Session Teleconference Meeting  
**Sunday, May 30, 2021, 6:30 pm ET**  
All times are Eastern Time  
(meeting notice appended to the end of this agenda)

### Directors:

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Chris Cory, KPFA, Listener - exc  
Vanessa Dixon-Briggs, WPFW, Listener - p  
Lynden Foley, KPFT, Listener - exc  
Jose S. Gutierrez, Jr., KAOS, Affiliate - exc  
Heather Gray, WFRG, Affiliate - p  
Julie Hewitt, WPFW, Listener  
Sabrina Jacobs, KPFA, Staff - p  
Wally James, KPFT, Staff - p  
DeWayne Lark, KPFT, Listener, Vice-Chair - p  
Ali Lexa, KPFK, Staff - p  
Jim Osborne, KPFK, Listener - exc  
Ron Pinchback, WPFW, Staff- p  
Ralph Poynter, WBAI, Listener - p  
Sandra Rawline, KPFT, Listener  
Lawrence Reyes, KPFK, Listener - p  
Shawn Rhodes, WBAI, Staff - p  
James Sagurton, WBAI, Listener - p  
Alex Steinberg, WBAI, Listener, Chair - p  
Andrea Turner, KPFA, Listener - p  
Elizabeth von Gunten, KPFK, Listener - p  
Tom Voorhees, KPFA, Listener - p

### Others:

Lydia Brazon, Interim Executive Director  
Anita Sims, Interim Chief Financial Officer  
Polina Vasiliev, PNB Secretary - p  
Arthur Schwartz, Pacifica Counsel  
John Tatum, Parliamentarian p  
Marianne Edain, 2021 Recording Secretary - p

### 1. Preliminary items 5 min.

- A. Call Meeting to Order – Alex Steinburg, Chair  
The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm EST
- B. Roll Call
- C. Excused Absences – Chris Cory, Sabrina Jacobs, Jose Gutierrez, Lynden Foley
- D. Identify Timekeepers  
topics – Lawrence Reyes  
people – James Sagurton
- E. Announcements

### 2. Agenda approval 10 min. – the agenda was approved as presented.

### 3. Pacifica National Board Statement on Israel-Palestine 30 minutes

Lawrence Reyes submitted the motion. Alex Steinberg proposed a number of amendments, to which Mr Reyes agreed.

Ralph Poynter motivated the motion.

The amended motion was read. There being no objection, the motion passed by acclamation. The amended motion is attached as Appendix A.

4. Motion from Programming Committee 10 minutes

3 related motions were introduced, all concerning town halls. All 3 are attached as Appendix B.

The 1<sup>st</sup> motion was discussed and a motion was made to refer it back to the Programming Committee.

There being no objection, the motion passed by acclamation.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> motion was discussed and Alex Steinberg moved to refer it back to the Programming Committee.

There was a challenge to the motion to refer, and a vote was taken.

Voting yes were Vanessa Dixon-Briggs, Heather Gray, Wally James, Ali Lexa, Ron Pinchback, Ralph Poynter, Shawn Rhodes, James Sagurton, Beth von Gunten, Tom Voorhees, and Alex Steinberg.

Voting no were Thomas O'Rourke, Lawrence Reyes, and Andrea Turner.

There being 11 yes votes and 3 no votes, the motion to refer the original motion back to Committee passed.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> motion was discussed. There being no objection, the motion passed as presented, by acclamation.

5. Adjourn - 7:30 pm ET The meeting adjourned at 8:07 ET

====Meeting Notice====

**Sunday, May 30, 2021**

**Pacifica National Board**

**6:30 PM ET**

**Teleconference**

**Emergency Session:** Time sensitive issues.

**Purpose:** Special meeting on crisis on Palestinian crisis

**Committee Members**

**Agenda**

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**Appendix A PNB Statements**

submitted by Lawrence Reyes

Pacifica National Board Statement on Israel-Palestine

Article II of its Articles of Incorporation of the Pacifica Foundation define the purposes of the foundation as, among others (and with underscored emphasis added):

"(d) In radio broadcasting operations to engage in any activity that shall contribute to a lasting

understanding between nations and between the individuals of all nations, races, creeds and colors; to gather and disseminate information on the causes of conflict between any and all of such groups; and through any and all means compatible with the purposes of this corporation to promote the study of political and economic problems and of the causes of religious, philosophical and racial antagonisms.

"(e) In radio broadcasting operations to promote the full distribution of public information; to obtain access to sources of news not commonly brought together in the same medium; and to employ such varied sources in the public presentation of accurate, objective, comprehensive news on all matters vitally affecting the community.

Pursuant to its duties under the aforementioned charter to evaluate and speak out on international crises implicating the above purposes, the Pacifica National Board makes the following editorial statement.

Pacifica has and was founded on a policy of equality for all human beings. The treatment of Palestinians as second class citizens goes against the principles of Pacifica. Criticism of the policies of the Israeli government is not anti-semitism. We oppose those efforts to silence journalists and people in the United States who speak out against the policies of the Israeli government in regard to the human and labor rights of Palestinians

Pacifica as well is against the use of war and militarization against peoples in the world including the Palestinians in the Occupied territories and in Israel. Pacifica opposes the continued US supported military aid to Israel which amounts to nearly \$4 billion and condemns the war crimes of the Israeli government in bombing hospitals, schools and public infrastructure as well as homes.

The Israeli government has also targeted journalists including their murder. The bombing of the offices of Al Jazeera, the AP and many other news offices in Gaza is also a war crime and an overt effort to silence the coverage of their illegal actions. It has been condemned by the International Federation of Journalists IFJ and many other organizations. Pacifica stands with the many journalists who are putting their lives and safety in danger for covering these events.

We also support the call by the Palestinian Federation of Trade Unions GAZA for a worldwide labor and economic boycott of Israel and oppose efforts by politicians and government agencies in the United States to prohibit such boycotts as well as loyalty oaths to Israel in order to get contracts. This attack on the democratic rights of the people of America is again an attack on the principles of Pacifica.

We also oppose the media monopolies such as Facebook, Zoom and Youtube in censoring voices including Universities' classes critical of the policies of Israel and even university programs that cover these issues. These corporate media tech giants of censorship are yet another reason for the independent voice of Pacifica stations and Network.

Last, the Pacifica National Board urgently calls upon President Biden and his administration to bring these ongoing oppressive acts including the use of excessive lethal military force by the Israeli government to an immediate and enduring halt .

We recommend that a public service announcement be prepared for all stations at Pacifica to raise these issues and concerns to our members, listeners and the public.

Additional links:

<https://twitter.com/afp/status/1393446177345990657?s=21>

<https://www.facebook.com/1559901027613381/videos/921803851994236>

<https://www.haaretz.com/middle-east-news/.premium-death-to-arabs-palestinians-need-protection-from-israel-s-racist-jewish-thugs-1.9747860>

[https://www.phillytrib.com/religion/radical-rabbis-followers-rise-in-israel-amid-new-violence/article\\_def23-a146-523b-8521-61202660ae71.html](https://www.phillytrib.com/religion/radical-rabbis-followers-rise-in-israel-amid-new-violence/article_def23-a146-523b-8521-61202660ae71.html)

<https://chomsky.info/20141002/>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1COLkFAzn6iO6Ud4jgVfquyp53qTgdgJS/view>

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/americas/-israel-s-attacks-on-palestinians-qualify-as-state-terrorism-/2239676>

<https://lithub.com/gazas-largest-bookstore-has-been-destroyed/>

## **Appendix B – 3 related motions**

TODAY SUNDAY MAY 23, 2021 -- 3 MOTIONS approved by PNB PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE  
SUPPORTED BY PNB Directors LAWRENCE REYES, RALPH POYNTER, THOMAS O'ROURKE

### **#1 MOTION on Stations' Town Halls ON THE AIR:**

Whereas the Town Halls allow the community to voice their needs and concerns, and that not all of the Public have internet access, and when there is a health concern in meeting in person, be it moved :

All stations' Town Hall Meetings shall be on the station's air, for at least 2 hours, on a week-end, or week-day, aiming for the optimal time for the maximum Listener participation, announced by 2 carts, one in English and 1 in Spanish, scripted by the LSB and edited/approved by the PNB, and these Town Hall carts shall be aired at least 8 days in advance, at least 4 carts per day.

The Spanish translation shall air after the English version, or the Town Hall is bi-lingual for approximately 4 hours.

### **#2 MOTION -- NATIONAL TOWN HALLS :**

Whereas town hall forums allow the community to voice needs and concerns, and in order to give a greater connection to the entire Pacifica community, be it moved that a national town hall meeting shall be conducted at least twice a year for 2 hours on a week-end, or week-day, aiming for the optimal time for the maximum listener participation, announced by 2 carts, one in English and one in Spanish, scripted by the PNB.

These carts shall air at least 8 days in advance, at least 4 carts per day. The Spanish translation of the town hall shall air after the English version, or the national town hall shall be bi-lingual for approximately 4 hours.

**#3 MOTION --** The PNB programming committee decided to allow public comment and recommends a cart about this meeting be aired at least 1 week before the meeting, at least 4 carts per day !

WHEREAS AN IMPORTANT VOTE ON THE PACIFICA REFERENDUM BY THE MEMBERSHIP WILL COMMENCE JUNE 7, 2021, AND TO HELP THE MEMBERSHIP BE ABLE TO ASK QUESTIONS AND COMMENT, TO MAKE AN INFORMED VOTE, BE IT MOVED THAT THE PNB SHALL VOTE TO HAVE A NATIONAL TOWN HALL, AT ALL 5 STATIONS, SIMULTANEOUSLY JUNE 6, 2021, SUNDAY, 6 pm EST, 5 pm CST, 3 pm PST OR 5 pm EST, 4 pm CST, 2 pm PST OR 4 pm EST, 3 pm CST, 1 pm PST



