

Draft Agenda - *Public Version*
Pacifica National Board Session
Teleconference Meeting
Thursday, October 19, 2023, 8:30 pm ET
All times are Eastern Time
(*meeting notice appended to the end of this agenda*)
Directors:

Teresa J. Allen, KPFT, Listener Adriana Casenave, KPFT, Listener Jim Dingeman, WBAI, Listener Vanessa Dixon-Briggs, WPFW, Listener Fred Dodsworth, KPFA, Listener William Foster Jr., Affiliate Sue Goodwin, WPFW, Staff Heather Gray, WRFG, Affiliate Donna Grimes, WPFW, Listener Julie Hewitt, WPFW, Listener Evelia Jones, KPFK, Listener	Ali Lexa, KPFK, Staff Marianne Martinez, KPFT, Listener James McFadden, KPFA, Listener Darlene Pagano, KPFA, Staff Shawn Rhodes, WBAI, Staff James Sagurton, WBAI, Listener Sharonne Salaam, WBAI, Listener Akio Tanaka, KPFA, Listener Beth von Gunten, KPFK, Listener Egberto Willies, KPFT, Staff
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Others:

Stephanie Wells, Executive Director
Arthur Schwartz, Pacifica Counsel
Nancy Sorden, Secretary

1. Preliminary Items – 5 min.
 - A. Call to Order by Chair
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Report-out from the executive session of October 5, 2023 meeting of the PNB:
The PNB met in closed session to discuss a confidential contractual matter.
 - D. Excused Absences
 - E. Identify Timekeepers
2. Agenda approval for the open portion of the agenda – 5 min.
3. Approve minutes of open sessions – 5 min.
4. Report from NES on Recently Concluded Elections – 15 min.
5. KPFK LSB Committee Elections Issue (aka Ad Hoc Investigative Committee) – 30 min.
6. ED Report and Q & A – 20 min.
 - a. Update on CABs at Pacifica Stations
7. General Counsel Report and Q & A – 10 min.

8. Unfinished business – 5 min.

- a) Protocol for Members to Voice Concerns about Staff, from 7/20/2023
- b) Cleaned up version of Underwriting motion from 11/17/2022

9. New Business – 20 min.

Motions forwarded to PNB Secretary and PNB at least 48 hours prior are presumed to be included here.

- Any motions sent after, if voted onto the agenda as an amendment.
- a) Motion from Jim Dingeman on 10/19/2023 (see Appendix)

10. Motion to Move into Executive Session at time certain of 10:30 pm – 1 min.

11. Agenda approval for executive portion of the agenda – 5 min.

12. Approve minutes of closed sessions – 5 min.

13. General Counsel Report and Q & A – 15 min.

14. ED Report and Q & A – 15 min.

15. Confidential Disciplinary Matter – 10 min.

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17. Unfinished Business – 5 min.

18. New Business – 1 min.

19. Discuss what from this session may be shared with LSBs in closed session – 5 min.

20. Report-out for kpftx.org and for reading at the next open session – 3 min.

21. Rise and report (includes reading the report-out) – 1 min.

22. Adjourn at a time certain of 12:00 am ET.

APPENDIX

===== **FOR OPEN SESSION** =====

5. KPFK LSB Committee Elections Issue (aka Ad Hoc Investigative Committee)

Motion passed at July 20, 2023 meeting (in executive session)

Whereas KPFK Delegate Eric C. Jacobson, KPFK representative on the national Elections Committee, was wrongly removed from the Committee roster and excluded from a Committee

meeting at the direction of KPFK Secretary Pro Tem Kim Kaufman, on the basis that he was supposedly no longer a Delegate, which he contests; and

Whereas Mr. Jacobson was subsequently restored to his seat on the Elections Committee upon the intervention of Pacifica General Counsel; and

Whereas Mr. Jacobson, elected by KPFK Listeners to represent them on the KPFK Local Station Board, was wrongly removed from the LSB roster and excluded from an LSB meeting on the basis of the assertion of KPFK then-Secretary Pro Tem Kim Kaufman, Chair Harvey Wasserman and others, that he is supposedly no longer a Delegate, which he contests; and

Whereas Mr. Jacobson was provided neither warning, nor notice, nor opportunity to appeal the ruling locally, nor any other measure of due process, and was referred by the KPFK LSB Chair to the PNB for resolution of the matter; and

Whereas elections to replace Mr. Jacobson on the national Elections Committee and to fill other national committee seats have since begun and are now underway, excluding him and denying him participation as a candidate or nominator, or as a voter; and

Whereas such charges would be serious at any time, they are particularly so during Pacifica's long delayed national elections, with an elected seat on the national Elections Committee in question, with Pacifica's elections practices already under the scrutiny of the Court, and with Pacifica having been warned to adhere to the bylaws throughout;

Therefore be it resolved that the PNB shall schedule an executive session at a time to be determined, but no later than August 10, 2023, to hear and resolve the matter.

Be it further resolved that in it's [sic] duties of care, compliance, and fidelity, and to minimize the risk of further liability, the PNB hereby suspends the KPFK LSB elections to national committees, currently underway, until Mr. Jacobson's status as a Delegate is resolved and the correct KPFK roster is verified.

8a. Discussion on Protocol for Members to Voice Concerns about Staff

Sample website content that would be required on every unit's webpage:

Members who wish to voice concerns about staff or programs can send an email to concerns@pacifica.org. Station staff report to the General Manager, who reports to the Executive Director, who reports to the Pacifica National Board. Concerns about staff are generally personnel issues which should be handled by management rather than elected delegates or directors. Management will routinely monitor emails sent to concerns@pacifica.org and ensure that the appropriate actions are taken. Concerns about Pacifica policy can be sent to the LSB (insert station's LSB email) or to the PNB (pnb@pacifica.org) as appropriate. Delegates serve as volunteers and will take up your concerns as time and priorities permit.

9a. Motion from Jim Dingeman

Whereas, the current outbreak of warfare in the Middle East cries out for the Pacifica Foundation to use this opportunity to engage in mass education with the American and global public of the conflict; and

Whereas, in Article II of the Pacifica Articles of Incorporation, the mission statement states: "(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 Foundation 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."

Be it resolved that the Pacifica Foundation will organize and broadcast several days of full all-day programming with adequate publicity to serve the public interest in exploring the full context and complexities with all points of view expressed to fully understand the issues raised by the Arab/Israeli/Palestinian conflict.

This will be jointly planned throughout the network and the affiliates and will be must-carry programming.

The spirit of this would be the same ethos that animated the teach-in movement in 1965 to educate the public on the Vietnam war.

===== *FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION* =====

MEETING NOTICE:

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Pacifica National Board

Purpose: The second regular meeting of the month. Part of the meeting may be closed.

Nancy Sorden

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Teleconference

Committee Members

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