

Draft Minutes
 Regular Pacifica National Board OPEN Session
 Teleconference Meeting
 Thursday August 5, 2021, 10:00 pm ET
 (TO BE HELD AFTER THE CLOSED SESSION)
 All times are Eastern Time
 (meeting notice appended to the end of this agenda)

Directors:

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

Others:

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

TOTAL TIME: 75 MINUTES

1. Preliminary items 5 min.

A. Call to order

In the absence of chair Alex Steinberg, the meeting was chaired by Secretary Polina Vasiliev. The meeting was called to order at 11:20 pm

B. Roll Call

C. Report-out from closed session 7/29/21:

“The Pacifica National Board met in closed session to discuss confidential matters regarding personnel and legal issues.”

D. Report-out from closed session 8/5/21

The Pacifica National Board met in closed session to discuss personnel, proprietary, and legal matters of a sensitive nature.

E. Excused Absences – excused were Jim Osborne, Tom Voorhees, and Alex Steinberg

F. Identify Timekeepers

people – Heather Gray
 topics – Lawrence Reyes

2. Agenda approval 10 min.

It was moved that the PNB Programming chair be allowed to present a motion on behalf of the Programming committee. The motion passed by acclamation.

It was reported that the Elections committee has not been meeting. It was proposed that the PNB chair ask the Elections committee chair to convene that committee. Lawrence Reyes agreed to convene the Elections committee, but declined to chair it.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

3. Approve Minutes of the Open Sessions of July 15 and July 29, 2021 5 min.

The minutes of both meetings were approved, with 1 correction noting that Julie Hewitt was excused from both the open and closed meetings of July 15.

4. iED Report & Q & A – Lydia Brazon 10 min.

Lydia Brazon discussed the recent fund drives and national fundraising. She listed the long-overdue tasks now completed, and pointed out that this opens the foundation to grant eligibility.

5. iCFO report - Anita Sims, iCFO - 10 min.

Anita Sims followed up on the financial tasks completed, and reported that they were starting on 2022 budgets.

There was discussion of potential grants and the need for the various units to coordinate.

There was discussion of WBAI's fundraising model and a request for a report on its success.

6. Committee Reports

a) Audit - 20 min – not prepared to report.

b) Finance - 10 min – James Sagurton reported that the Finance committee has begun looking at a draft KPFK budget.

c) Governance Committee - 5 min– no report.

d) Personnel - 5 min –Sandra Rawline – nothing new to report.

e) Programming - 5 min – Nancy Saibara-Naritomi, chair of the PNB Programming committee reported that the Programming committee had passed a motion at its meeting of 7-25-21. She asked that the PNB ratify that motion, with some changed language.

There being no objection, the amendment passed by acclamation.

The underlying motion was put to a vote.

Voting yes were:

Vanessa Dixon-Briggs, Jose Gutierrez, Heather Gray, Julie Hewitt, Thomas O'Rourke, Ron Pinchback, Lawrence Reyes, James Sagurton, and Beth von Gunten

Voting no were

Sabrina Jacobs, Ali Lexa, Sandra Rawline, Shawn Rhodes, and Andrea Turner

There being 9 yes votes and 5 no votes, the motion passed.

The hour growing late, the balance of the agenda was postponed until the next meeting.

f) Strategic Planning - 3 min

g) development task force -

h) Technology task force - 5min

7. Unfinished business

8. New Business

9. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12:21 am.

Meeting Notice

Thursday, August 5, 2021

8:30 PM ET

Pacifica National Board

Teleconference

Purpose: Regular meeting of the PNB. Some of the meeting will be in executive session.

Committee Members

Alex Steinberg

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Posted: 06/29/2021 - 3:46 PM

APPENDIX:

Motion from the Programming Committee:

Whereas, in order for a station’s breaking news to be timely,

Be it resolved that the PNB Programming Committee recommends that each station’s management organize and deputize a volunteer “Pacifica in the Streets” team, with a list of the team members and their contact information shared among the team, and that the list be placed in the master control room, allowing the board operator and board engineer to verify the “Pacifica in the Streets” team members, before allowing a 1 minute breaking news broadcast. The board operator shall decide how the breaking news shall be presented, pre-empting a cart or a music break, checking with the (i)PD/(i)GM.

The PNB Programming committee recommends that the PNB instruct the EC to work collaboratively with the GMs to address this goal, with input from the news departments and producers, and that the ED report progress to the PNB monthly.