

**Draft Minutes**  
Regular Pacifica National Board OPEN Session  
Teleconference Meeting  
**Thursday, May 6, 2021, 8:30 pm ET**  
All times are Eastern Time

Directors:

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Chris Cory – p  
Vanessa Dixon-Briggs – p  
Lynden Foley – p  
Jose Gutierrez  
Heather Gray – p  
Julie Hewitt – p  
Sabrina Jacobs – p  
Wally James – p  
DeWayne Lark – p  
Ali Lexa – p  
Thomas O’Rourke – p  
Jim Osborne – p  
Ron Pinchback – p  
Ralph Poynter – p  
Sandra Rawline – p  
Lawrence Reyes – p  
James Sagurton  
Andrea Turner – p  
Elizabeth von Gunten – p  
Tom Voorhees – p  
Alex Steinberg - p

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

1. Preliminary items 5 min.

- A. Call Meeting to Order – Alex Steinburg, Chair  
The meeting was called to order at 8:41 pm.
- B. Roll Call
- C. Excused Absences – Jose Gutierrez
- D. Identify Timekeepers  
items – Lawrence Reyes  
people – Heather Gray
- E. Announcements

2. Agenda approval 10 min.

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approve Minutes from [April 15](#) and [April 22](#) - 5 min

There being no amendments or corrections, both were approved as presented.

3b. Report Out from Closed session of April 29 - “The PNB met in closed session to approve the engagement letter from Rogers and Company to produce the 2020 audits.”

4. Pacifica-wide commemoration of Bob Fass (Dir. Steinberg)

See Appendix A

Alex Steinberg moved and Lawrence Reyes seconded.

There being no objection, the motion passed by acclamation.

5. Bylaws referendum vote report from the KPFK LSB

It was reported that the NDP referendum vote of the KPFK LSB failed.

6. iED Report & Q & A – Lydia Brazon

7. iCFO Audit Update – Anita Sims, iCFO

8. Committee Reports – 35 mins

a) Finance Committee – James Sagurton

**Motion:** *the NFC recommends that the PNB approve the PRA budget as presented.*

Lynden Foley moved. There being now objections, the motion was approved by acclamation.

b) Governance Committee – Lawrence Reyes

**Motion:** PNB Governance Committee Motion to correct a minor mistake

*Move to amend the approved AOI amendment timeline to replace "Last day members vote – 9/14/21 11:59 PM EST" with "Last day members vote – 10/15/21 11:59 PM EST".* Lawrence Reyes moved the amendment. There being no objection the amendment was adopted by acclamation.

12. Adjourn - the meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm

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## Appendix A

Motion on Bob Fass commemoration

On April 24, 2021, Bob Fass, a producer at WBAI in New York for over 60 years, passed away.

Among the historic achievements of this pioneer in the broadcast industry was the invention of free-form radio.

But that is hardly all. Bob Fass, like few others, channeled the spirit of the 60's cultural and social revolutions. He was at the center stage of many epochal events of that era, from the massive demonstrations against the War in Vietnam to the Trial of the Chicago Seven. He singlehandedly organized a spontaneous outpouring of thousands of people to come to Grand Central Station and to Kennedy Airport to make a political and cultural statement. And he did it with the only tool he had, WBAI Radio's microphone. He was the first to present to the world the great bard of our time, Bob Dylan. But he also provided a space for countless struggling artists and musicians who were completely unknown to the public. Among the musicians he featured when they were just starting out were Richie Havens, Joni Mitchell, Muddy Waters, Frank Zappa and Ramblin' Jack Elliott. He also gave time to Arlo Guthrie, and the poets Allen Ginsburg and Gregory Corso. It was through the exposure to Bob's late night audience that Jerry Jeff Walker's song, "Mr. Bojangles", became world famous. But perhaps most important of all, Bob provided a voice to the multitude of otherwise anonymous working people, what he called "the cabal", of late night listeners

Unlike many others from his generation Bob never compromised his principles. He was never seduced by

the lure of career and fame that ensnared so many others. Were we living in a fair and just society many more people would have heard of Bob Fass than of the dozens of parasitical billionaires whom the mass media find so fascinating.

The Pacifica National Board wishes to express its condolences to Lynn Tofte, Bob Fass's wife for many years, and other members of their family as well to the extended family of Bob's listeners. WBAI has been broadcasting tributes to Bob Fass since his passing on April 24.

Pacifica will also commemorate the life and work of the late and great Bob Fass by holding a series of special broadcasts to be made available to all the Pacifica stations and the Affiliates in the coming months.

### **Bob Fass, Presente!**

Submitted by Alex Steinberg

### **APPENDIX B**

From the Draft Minutes for the regular National Finance Committee meeting April 13, 2021.

**Motion:** (Lynden Foley) "To approve the PRA FY21 budget and recommend it to the PNB." (Passed without objection)

Find the full minutes [here](#).

====Meeting Notice====

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