

DRAFT Minutes
Regular Pacifica National Board OPEN Session
Teleconference Meeting
Thursday, February 18, 2021, 8:30 pm ET All
times are Eastern Time
(meeting notice appended to the end of this agenda)

Directors:

Wayne Bruce, WPFW, Listener – excused
Chris Cory, KPFA, Listener - p
Vanessa Dixon-Briggs, WPFW, Listener - p
Lynden Foley, KPFT, Listener -p
Jose S. Gutierrez, Jr., KAOS, Affiliate, absent
Heather Gray, WRFG, Affiliate - p
Julie Hewitt, WPFW, Listener - p
Sabrina Jacobs, KPFA, Staff - p
Wally James, KPFT, Staff - p
DeWayne Lark, KPFT, Listener, Vice-Chair
- p

Jim Osborne, KPFK, Listener - p
Ron Pinchback, WPFW, Staff- p
Ralph Poynter, WBAI, Listener- p
Sandra Rawline, KPFT, Listener - p
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-p
Nancy Sorden, PNB Secretary Protem
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 Protem

8:47

2. This is a continuation of the 2-4-21 meeting

A. Roll Call – Seating of Director Gutierrez - he is not present, so is not seated

B. Announcement of Permanent officers – the election is finished

Coordinating Committee:

Lynden Foley, KPFT
Alex Steinberg, WBAI
Polina Vasiliev, KPFK
Chris Cory, KPFA
Lawrence Reyes, KPFA
James Sagurton, WBAI
Vanessa Dixon-Briggs, WPFW

Governance Committee:

Tom Voorhees, KPFA,
Lawrence Reyes, KPFK,
Wally James, KPFT,
James Sagurton, WBAI,
Vanessa Dixon-Briggs, WPFW

Programming Committee:

Tom Voorhees, KPFA
Lawrence Reyes, KPFK
Wally James, KPFT
Ralph Poynter, WBAI
Jose Gutierrez, Affiliate
Ron Pinchback, WPFW

Finance Committee:

Elizabeth von Gunten, KPFK,
Lynden Foley, KPFT
Chris Corey, KPFA
James Sagurton, WBAI
Julie Hewitt, WPFW

Audit Committee:
Tom Voorhees, KPFA
Lawrence Reyes, KPFK
Sandra Rawline, KPFT
Ron Pinchback, WPFW

Personnel Committee:
Tom Voorhees, KPFA,
Ali Lexa, KPFK,
Sandra Rawline, KPFT,
Alex Steinberg, WBAI
Vanessa Dixon-Briggs
Heather Grey, Affiliate

Elections Committee:
Shawn Rhodes, WBAI
Andrea Turner, KPFA
Lawrence Reyes, KPFK
Sandra Rawline, KPFT
Vanessa Dixon-Briggs, WPFW

Strategic Planning Committee:
Chris Corey, KPFA
Beth von Gunten, KPFK
Lynden Foley, KPFT
James Sagurton, WBAI
Julie Hewitt, WPFW
Heather Grey, Affiliate
Alex Steinberg, WBAI
Sandra Rawline, KPFT
Polina Vasiliev, KPFK

Electors:

Ali Lexa, Andrea Turner, Chris Cory, Wayne Bruce, DeWayne Lark, Julie Hewitt, Heather Grey, Sabrina Jacobs, James Sagurton, Tom Voorhees, Lawrence Reyes, Jose Gutierrez, Jr, Lynden Foley, Elizabeth von Gunten, Alex Steinberg, Shawn Rhodes, Ralph Poynter, Ron Pinchback, Sandra Rawline, Vanessa Dixon-Briggs, Wally James, James Osborne

C. Excused Absences – Wayne Bruce was excused

9:09

D. Identify Timekeepers

topics – Lynden Foley

people – James Sagurton

E. Announcements

3. Agenda approval 5 min.

Sandra Rawline asked to offer a motion sent this afternoon re disbursement of the PPP funds received.

Motion: Whereas the PNB was not consulted about the disbursement of the 1st PPP loan and whereas the 1st PPP loan/grant was not distributed equitably we hereby move that all further disbursements from the 2nd PPP funds be halted until a plan for these expenditures is presented by the iED and approved by the PNB.

We respectfully request a report showing the full disbursement of the 1st PPP loan/grant.

We also respectfully request that both reports be presented to the full PNB no later than 2/25/2021.

Respectfully submitted by Directors Foley, James and Rawline (KPFT~Houston)

It was pointed out that the issue is whether to add this to the agenda. Several speakers object to the underlying motion but are constrained only to object to its addition to the agenda.

Lynden asked to expedite the motion because the first PPP grant includes payroll on 15th. The matter is urgent. Half of the \$1.2 mil has already been disbursed. Need to discuss the allocation before the next payroll.

The motion to move this issue to the top of the agenda failed the required 2/3 vote. 9:26
yes: Lynden Foley, Wally James, Ali Lexa, Jim Osborne, Sandra Rawline, James Sagurton, Beth von
Gunten.
no: Vanessa Dixon-Briggs, Julie Hewitt, DeWayne Lark, Ron Pinchback, Ralph Poynter, Lawrence Reyes,
Shawn Rhodes

The following motion passed at the NFC meeting, and is proposed for adoption by PNB:

Motion: "That the central services formula be based on 15% of total revenue of the stations calculated quarterly. All revenue is to be included in the calculations; however the cost of air conditioning for Pacifica Radio Archives shall be deducted from KPFK's revenue, and the tower, studio and office rent for all stations shall be deducted from their revenue."

There being no objection, the motion passes.

4. Committee Reports – 60 mins

a) Audit Committee – Eileen Rosin 3 min. No report.

b) Coordinating Committee – Chris Cory 5 min The committee met the first Monday of the month, put together an agenda. The next meeting will be next Wednesday, 6:00 Eastern time.

c) Finance Committee – James Sagurton 20 min.- The report consisted of motions passed by the finance committee. These have been on the agenda several times, but have been postponed. James Sagurton reads the motions:

1. *The NFC recommends to the PNB the approval of the Affiliates Program FY21 budget*

There being no objections, the motion was approved

2. *The NFC recommends to the PNB the approval of the WPFW FY21 budget with an assumption sheet and a narrative to be appended before it's sent to the PNB*

3. The NFC requests that the PNB pass the following motion: *In order to promote transparency and accurate and timely accounting it is resolved that all units will provide NETA with view only access to all of their credit and debit card accounts for verification or review.*

There being no objections, the motion was approved.

9:34

4. The NFC requests that the PNB pass the following motion: *In order to promote transparency and accurate and timely accounting it is resolved that all units will provide NETA with a monthly list of outstanding accounts payable for verification or review, said list to be delivered by the 7th day of the following month.*

An amendment was proposed, to add “and a monthly check register.”

There being no objections, the amendment was approved.

The new language of the motion is:

In order to promote transparency and accurate and timely accounting it is resolved that all units will provide NETA with a monthly list of outstanding accounts payable and a monthly check register, for verification or review, said list to be delivered by the 7th day of the following month.

There being no objections, the motion was approved as amended.

9:48

5. The NFC requests that the PNB pass the following motion: *In order to promote transparency and accurate and timely accounting it is resolved that all units will provide NETA with view only access to all of their credit and debit card accounts for verification or review.*

The being no objections, the motion was approved

10:04

6. *The NFC recommends to the PNB the approval of the WBAI FY21 budget.*

There being no objections, the motion was approved.

7. **Motion:** *"That the central services formula be based on 15% of total revenue of the stations calculated quarterly. All revenue is to be included in the calculations; however the cost of air conditioning for Pacifica Radio Archives shall be deducted from KPFK's revenue, and the tower, studio and office rent for all stations shall be deducted from their revenue."*

There being no objections, the motion was approved

10:31

The meeting adjourned at 10:33

