

Draft Minutes
Regular Pacifica National Board OPEN Session
Teleconference Meeting
Thursday, April 1, 2021, 7:30 pm ET
All times are Eastern Time
(meeting notice appended to the end of this agenda)

Directors:

Chris Cory, KPFA, Listener - p Vanessa Dixon-Briggs, WPFW, Listener - p Lynden Foley, KPFT, Listener - p Jose S. Gutierrez, Jr., KAOS, Affiliate Heather Gray, WRFG, Affiliate - p Julie Hewitt, WPFW, Listener - p Sabrina Jacobs, KPFA, Staff - p Wally James, KPFT, Staff - p DeWayne Lark, KPFT, Listener - p Ali Lexa, KPFK, Staff - p Thomas O'Rourke, WPFW, Listener- p	Jim Osborne, KPFK, Listener - p Ron Pinchback, WPFW, Staff - p Ralph Poynter, WBAI, Listener - p Sandra Rawline, KPFT, Listener, Vice-Chair - 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
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Others:

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

1. Preliminary items 5 min.

The meeting was called to order at 8:35

A. Roll Call

B. Excused Absences – Jose Gutierrez

C. Identify Timekeepers

topics – Julie Hewitt

people – James Sagurton

D. Announcements

Report out from Closed Session of 3/31/2021

The Pacifica National Board met in closed session to approve the extension of the FJC loan for 18 months on the positive recommendation of the auditor.

2. Agenda approval 5 min. – the agenda was approved as amended.

A motion concerning expenditure of PPP funds submitted by Lynden Foley was added as new business.

A motion to schedule a special meeting to discuss proposed bylaw amendments submitted by Lawrence Reyes was added.

3. Approve Minutes of the Open Session of March 25, 2021 3 min.

This matter was overlooked and will be addressed at the next meeting.

4. Motion on special rule for submitting motions to PNB meetings. (See appendix) 10 minutes

The following motion was proposed:

Whereas it is good practice for all members of the PNB to have the opportunity to review motions that will be introduced prior to a meeting,

Be it resolved that the PNB adopt a special rule that mandates that any motion submitted by an individual to be included in the agenda shall be sent to the PNB Secretary no later than 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting and any motions coming from a committee be submitted to the PNB Secretary no later than 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

It was proposed to amend the motion to require 24 hours' notice rather than 48 hours. The motion to amend passed with 9 yes and 8 no. The underlying motion passed as amended with 14 yes and 2 no votes.

A motion was proposed in defense of Asian American communities.

MOTION: Pacifica Stands with Asians and Asian American Community Against Racist Attacks & Xenophobia

Whereas, there are escalating attacks on Asians and Asian Americans in the US, including massacres and physical and verbal attacks on Asian people and,

Whereas, former President Trump's rhetoric, blaming China for the pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus, has exacerbated the attacks on Asians in the U.S., and

Whereas, there is a long history in the U.S. of systemic discrimination and racist legislation that has prohibited Asians from citizenship and human rights and,

Whereas, the growing economic crisis has been used by racist and fascist forces to blame immigrants, including Asians and,

Whereas, this has been combined with a constant negative coverage of China in the media, with both Democrats and Republicans supporting the military encirclement of China in a growing trade war which could lead to a military conflict between two nuclear powers and,

Whereas, the above-mentioned China-bashing has led to growing xenophobia and the blaming of Asians and Asian Americans for the economic crisis in the United States and,

Whereas, Pacifica was established as a voice for the defense of human and civil rights and,

Whereas, Pacifica has also stood against wars around the world and against militarization and xenophobia including against Russia and China and,

Whereas, our network must stand for human rights and against the dangerous and deadly explosion of attacks on Asians and Asian Americans,

Therefore, RESOLVED that

The Pacifica National Board condemns the attacks on the Asian Community and Asian people in the United States and opposes China-bashing and xenophobia by politicians of both parties and will endeavor to provide history and education on the fight for human rights in the US and the causes of racism and xenophobia against Asians and Asian Americans and lastly Pacifica will provide a platform for the voices of Asians and Asian Americans who are organizing to defend their communities and educate the public about these issues.

It was moved to postpone the vote on this matter for one week. There were 7 yes votes and 9 no votes. The motion failed.

Alex called for a vote on the underlying motion. That motion passed with 20 yes votes and 0 no votes. 10:09

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

Lydia reported on personnel changes. Her report was cut short for lack of time.

6. iCFO Audit Update – Anita Sims, iCFO 10 min.

Anita provided a very quick report, listing positive actions, and said that the auditors are hard at work and expect to meet their reporting deadlines. The expectation is that all financial reports will be up to date by summer.

7. Committee Reports – 30 min

10:24

Lawrence presented a proposed article of amendment to the Articles of Incorporation This will be posted for 30 days.

Polina reported that the proposed article had been forwarded as received to the national elections supervisor, who will be in charge of creating carts.

After 30 days, the PNB will vote, then LSBs, and then the membership.

Lawrence moved that the PNB schedule a special meeting on 4-15-21 to discuss the agreement with NDP and the associated timeline.

10:30

The meeting was continued until 4-7-21, at which time and date today's agenda will be continued, including a motion by Lynden.

There being no objection, the meeting was suspended, to be continued in 1 week, and was adjourned to the closed session.

10:35

Meeting Notice

Pacifica National Board Regular monthly meeting.

Polina Vasiliev

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