

KPFK Local Station Board Governance Committee

Draft Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2015

The regular, monthly meeting of the KPFK LSB Governance Committee was held on Monday, September 14, 2015, 7:46 PM at the Aris and Carolyn Anagnos Peace Center, 3916 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City, CA 90230. Lawrence Reyes was elected and served as Chair. John P. Garry III served as Acting Secretary.

Seven members were present, constituting a quorum: Lydia Brazon (LSB), Bella De Soto, Israel Feuer, John P. Garry III, Michael Novick (LSB, arrived 8:00), Lawrence Reyes (LSB, arrived 8:00), John Wenger.

Two members were absent: Tej Grewall (LSB Chair), Brenda Medina.

Authority and Notice: The time and location of this meeting was established based on past practice of the Governance Committee and was noticed at the August 19, 2015 LSB Meeting. The meeting date was posted on the KPFTX.org Meeting Calendar on August 18, 2015 and on the KPFK.org Events Calendar on August 20, 2015. Automatic e-mail reminders from pnb@kpftx.org were sent to committee members on September 7, September 12, and the day of the meeting.

The meeting was **called to order** by the out-going Chair (Wenger) at 7:46 PM with a quorum of five.

EXCUSED ABSENCE REQUESTS (7:47)

None submitted.

MEETING AGENDA (7:47)

Unexcused Absences for Chipasha Luchembe and Lamont Yeakey (Garry)
Chris Condon Motions (Garry)
Election of Chair (Reyes)
Motion to Censure Chris Condon (De Soto)
Motion to Censure Kim Kaufman (De Soto)
Elections Update/LES (Brazon)
LSB Agenda (time certain 8:30)
Adjournment 9:00

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES (7:53)

Garry introduced the topic of the consecutive excused absences of Chipasha Luchembe and Lamont Yeakey. The Secretary (Garry) committed to e-mail both members and inform them of their respective situations.

CHRIS CONDON MOTIONS (7:58)

Garry introduced the topic. Discussion followed.

Garry **moved** that the four motions from Condon shall not be included in the 9-20-2015 Proposed LSB Agenda. **Passed** without objection (8:09).

ELECTION FOR COMMITTEE CHAIR (8:11)

Running unopposed, Lawrence Reyes was **elected** Chair by acclamation.

MOTION TO CENSURE CHRIS CONDON (8:14)

De Soto **moved to censure** LSB member Chris Condon. After discussion the motion to censure was withdrawn by the maker without objection.

MOTION TO CENSURE KIM KAUFMAN (8:23)

De Soto **moved to censure** LSB member Kim Kaufman. Discussion followed.

Brazon **moved to amend**: The motion shall be consistent with Robert's Rules of Order. Amendment **passed** by a show of hands: Yes—7, No—0, Abstain—1.

Amended Main Motion:

Kim Kaufman shall be censured for violating her oath of loyalty to KPFK and the Pacifica Foundation by holding a sign during a Labor Day event at the KPFK Outreach Booth, which caused potential harm to KPFK. This censure process shall be consistent with Robert's Rules of Order.

Motion **passed** by a show of hands: Yes—3, No—2, Abstain—2.

Brazon **moved to reconsider** the previous vote.

Motion to reconsider **passed** by a show of hands: Yes—6, No--0, Abstain—0.

Brazon **moved to table** the motion to censure Kim Kaufman.

Motion **tabled** by a show of hands: Yes--5, No—1, Abstain—1.

ELECTIONS UPDATE/LES (8:55)

Brazon reported. Discussion followed. It was agreed that the LES should be invited to report at all LSB Meetings. The Secretary committed to inviting the LES.

LSB AGENDA (9:00)

The proposed agenda for the September 20, 2015 LSB meeting was discussed and approved by the committee.

Meeting **adjourned** without objection at 9:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted by John P. Garry III, Acting Secretary
(these minutes have not been approved)

Appendix—Motions submitted by LSB Member Chris Condon

Motions from Chris Condon

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Confidential

In the matter of Reza Pour:

1. This matter is continued from the closed meeting of the KPFK LSB of September 2009 when we were obliged to vacate the meeting hall before concluding our business; and further continued from a scheduled closed meeting of October 2009 when members Pour, Radford, Larkins, prospective member Reyes, and organized by suspended member Johnston, boycotted the LSB meeting preventing quorum; and further continued from a scheduled closed meeting of November 2009 due to disruption by prospective member Reyes preventing the meeting from proceeding in coordination with a boycott by members Pour, Radford, Larkins, and Gluck seeking to prevent quorum.
2. This matter was brought to the attention of the KPFK LSB, and Delegate Assembly, due to member Pour's legal actions seeking criminal prosecution against an acting chair for seeking to maintain parliamentary order in the face of disruption by members Pour, Johnston and others at the July meeting of the LSB; and Member Pour's seeking a restraining order against member Condon based on fabricated allegations.
3. That such actions constitute; perjury, malicious prosecution, abuse of process, and harassment. Further, that such actions were taken as a part of an organized factional vendetta to "get Condon," involving members Pour, Johnston, Larkins, Radford and Gluck. Further that this organized factional vendetta at KPKF is part of an attack on the Pacifica Foundation, and its former iED, by JUC and JUC allies, network wide.
4. That the Pacifica Foundation has the unequivocal and absolute responsibility for protecting its volunteer members of governance from this kind of conduct, responsibility which will be discharged by the proposed measures, and bears potential liability for the conduct of these members, in part due to its failure to act in the past in the face of a highly visible pattern and practice of conduct.

Motion:

If by 2/3 vote: That Reza Pour be permanently removed as an KPFK LSB member and Delegate.

If by majority vote: That Reza Pour be suspended from all votes, confidential matters, and privileges of office accorded to Delegates of the Pacifica Foundation and members of the KPFK Local Station Board, and that he is removed from all elected LSB and PNB committees, and any other governance positions he may hold within KPFK and the Pacifica Foundation as privilege of his election as a Pacifica delegate for a period of six months, for actions adverse to the best interests of the Pacifica Foundation.

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In the matter of Ian Johnston:

1. This matter has been continued from the closed meeting of the KPFK LSB of September 2009 where member Johnston was suspended for three months for “conduct unbecoming an LSB member.”
2. KPFK LSB Parliamentarian Goodman has suggested in a disputed ruling that the LSB lacks the authority to discipline members, or some such, despite a clear procedure outlined in RRO, and has asserted that such can only be undertaken by an Assembly of Delegates.

Change of Circumstances:

Suspended member Johnston has not complied with the terms of suspension by; attending one or more Programming Oversight Committee meetings (Chair, Gluck) as if he were a member in good standing, by abusive and frequent postings on LSB only lists as if he were a member in good standing, and most important by organizing the factional boycott of the October LSB meeting, preventing the body from obtaining quorum, obliging the newly seated LSB to deal with these matters now, at the expense of the business of the body, in suspense since Johnston’s actions in August.

Motion No. 1

That this Assembly of Delegates confirm or modify the prior disciplinary actions taken by the KPFK LSB.

Motion No. 2 (modification)

If by 2/3 vote: That Ian Johnston be permanently removed as an KPFK LSB member and Delegate.

If by majority vote: That Ian Johnston be further suspended from all votes, confidential matters, and privileges of office accorded to Delegates of the Pacifica Foundation and members of the KPFK Local Station Board, and that he is removed from all elected LSB and PNB committees, and any other governance positions he may hold within KPFK and the Pacifica Foundation as privilege of his

election as a Pacifica delegate for a period of six months, for actions adverse to the best interests of the Pacifica Foundation, and that such further suspension commence at the conclusion of the current suspension.

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In the matter of Leslie Radford:

1. That member Radford did participate in the planning and execution of disruption of the PNB meeting held in New York City in August, 2009, including the after the fact rationalization and justification of the disruption.
2. That member Radford did participate in the planning and execution of disruption of the just prior KPFK LSB meeting in July, 2009.
3. That member Radford participated in the planning and execution of the series of police reports and legal actions against Condon and willfully engaged in and in perjury, malicious prosecution, abuse of process, and harassment as part of an organized factional vendetta involving members Pour, Johnston, Larkins, Radford and Gluck. Further that this organized factional vendetta at KPFK is part of an attack on the foundation, and its former iED Grace Aaron, by JUC and JUC allies, network wide.
4. That the Pacifica Foundation has the unequivocal and absolute responsibility for protecting its volunteer members of governance from this kind of conduct, responsibility which will be discharged by the proposed measures, and bears potential liability for the conduct of these members, in part due to its failure to act in the past in the face of a highly visible pattern and practice of conduct.

Motion:

If by 2/3 vote: That Leslie Radford be permanently removed as an LSB member and Delegate.

If by majority vote: That Leslie Radford be suspended from all votes, confidential matters, and privileges of office accorded to Delegates of the Pacifica Foundation and members of the KPFK Local Station Board, and that he is removed from all elected LSB and PNB committees, and any other governance positions she may hold within KPFK and the Pacifica Foundation as privilege of her election as a Pacifica delegate for a period of not less than six months, for actions adverse to the best interests of the Pacifica Foundation.

KPFK Local Station Board Motion on 911 Programming and Mission Compliance

Motion from the Programming Oversight Committee (as amended on the motions of Radford, Gluck, and White): 911 Programming and Mission Compliance passed February 9, 2008.

Whereas: Except during fund drives, Public Affairs Programming on KPFK has appeared to

overwhelmingly accept the Official Story of 911, arguing from its assumptions, asserting the theory assigning culpability for these tragic attacks to Osama Bin Laden and Al-Qaida without question.

Whereas: The Official Story of 911 is found by many KPFK listeners to be a propaganda fabrication designed to provide a pretext for the unleashing of aggressive war in Afghanistan and Iraq, while hiding the activity of a private, extra-legal, and anti-constitutional network of officials in the United States government, high ranking military officers, and individuals within private corporations and political institutions, who actively prepared, promoted, organized, assisted, fomented, and/or passively enabled the September 11 attacks and the cover-up that followed.

Whereas: KPFK listener/sponsors have made repeated and long standing accusations of censorship of 911 Truth issues by programmers who have advanced the official propaganda fabrication, and against staff, management, and governance who support them. This has created an atmosphere of corrosive distrust, profoundly harmful to the process of building a creative multi-ethnic mix working together in a democratic and collaborative environment. Many hundreds of former listener/sponsors, or more, have left KPFK over this issue.

Be it Resolved Therefore:

1. That this conflict is not in the interest of KPFK, the Pacifica Network, programmers, staff, or governance. Management, staff, and programmers are urged to explore ways of providing redress for these grievances of 911 Truth and allegations of censorship, and to initiate outreach strategies to reach those former listener/sponsors whom this conflict has alienated.
2. Programming which consistently and unquestioningly advances the “official story” of 911 is not consistent with the Pacifica Mission and may be a breach of both the letter and spirit of the Mission.

Be it Further Resolved:

3. It is the view of the LSB that KPFK is an appropriate and important media for thorough examination of all sides of the 911 controversy and encourage “good radio” coverage by exploring comprehensively the many aspects of 911 with on-air voices expressing all sides.

Motion passed by a roll call vote. Ayes: 9 (Alexander, Anguiano, Gluck, Johnston, Larkins, Pour, Radford, Weatherwax, White) Nays: 1 (Feuer) Abstentions: 3 (Aaron, O’Brien, VanAken)
