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## APPROVED MINUTES

### KPFK Local Station Board

Meeting of January 19, 2022

( via Zoom)

**I. Call to Order 6:04 PM** Michael Novick presiding. Ralph Hawkins is Secretary. The Chair calls for roll to be taken.

**Delegates present:** Grace Aaron, Christina Avalos, Allan Beek, Jose Benavides, Fred Blair, Sandy Childs, Marisol Cruz, Bella De Soto, Eric C. Jacobson, Evelia Jones, Ai Lexa, Barbara Marbach, Michael Novick, Oye Oyeyipo, Myla Reson, Lawrence Reyes, Ziri Rideaux, Paul Roberson, Oscar Ulloa, Polina Vasiliev, Beth von Gunten, Harvey Wasserman, and Carlos Zavala.

**Absent:** Rob Macon is excused.

**Also present:** Miquel Calçada, KPFK General Manager.

**II. Land-Back Acknowledgement:** Read by the Chair.

**III. Compartment:** The Chair spoke to the issue of public comment to be limited to 90 seconds or to be posted. The Chair requests volunteers to act as hosts. The Chair appoints Bella to host the zoom, Marisol to act as timekeeper.

### **IV. Approval of Agenda**

Chair entertains motion to approve the meeting agenda. Bella De Soto so moves. Myla Reson moves to amend the Agenda and Harvey Wasserman seconds as follows:

“Whereas, in the 2021 Delegates election at KPFK, 4 KPFK Delegate candidates, Robert Payne, Nancy Pearlman, Will Ryan and Adam Wolman were disqualified by the National Election Supervisor (NES), after the end of voting, and after the tabulations in that election had begun; and

The above disqualification effectively revoked the written ballot of the voters, violating [California Corporations Code 5513\(d\)](#), and the Pacifica Bylaws allowing members to vote for Delegates; and

Whereas Pacifica bylaws, Article 4 Section 6, [see below] defines the power of the election supervisor to disqualify candidates, limiting said disqualification criteria to violating the fair campaign provisions laid out in the Bylaws, and

Whereas the 4 disqualified candidates were not accused of violating the Fair Campaign Provisions at all, but rather, at best, they were accused of violating Corporations Code §6338 (that is, they were being accused of having their names on an endorsement postcard, the other side of which included a solicitation for funds to ensure the membership's majority vote yes decision was represented in court, in the action filed by the Pacifica Foundation against New Day Pacifica; and

Whereas one of the above four candidates, Will Ryan has since died;

Furthermore,

Whereas the National Election Supervisor (NES) is limited to disqualifying candidates in good faith and this disqualification was not done in good faith, based on the following:

- 1) When the publication of the tally was done, the NES did not even put said candidates names on the tally, indicating that they had even run;
- 2) At the same time that the NES disappeared said candidates from the final tally, she removed the names of all of the candidates from the website, so that it was virtually impossible to know whether they had even run as candidates; and no reason was given for the disappearance for weeks;

Therefore, be it hereby resolved that the 3 remaining disqualified 2021 KPFK Delegate candidates be reinstated as candidates and the KPFK Delegate vote, including the votes for the three remaining Candidates be tabulated and certified by the independent vendor Simply Voting, and published by Pacifica by February 1, 2022.

Therefore be it further resolved: If, after re-tabulation the results show that the above 3 candidates were among the 9 highest vote-getters in the election, then the 3 lowest vote-getters, seated on the KPFK-LSB (based on the vote which excluded the above 3 candidates) be replaced by the higher vote-getters, and the lower vote-getters serve as alternates, should a vacancy occur in the future.”

Roll call vote taken: 9 yea, 13 nay. The motion fails. Motion to Adjourn by Harvey Wasserman: 6 yea, 15 nay, and 1 abstention. The motion fails. The Chair calls for any further objections, and hearing none, declares the Agenda approved.

**V. Pacifica Mission Statement & Membership Appeal:** Pacifica Statement is read by the Chair. Appeal for support of the station made by Bella De Soto.

**VI. Consideration of Previous Motions** The Chair calls for one Officer and one Director to attend the Report to the Listener scheduled for broadcast on Monday Jan 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 10 PM. Bella de Soto volunteers.

**VII. Dates and Times for Future Meetings** The Chair proposes setting LSB meetings for the year, to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Grace Aaron suggests the Wednesday meetings be set for the next two months only at which time the future schedule can be reconsidered. The Chair concurs, in the interest of continuing with the Agenda.

**VIII. Approval of Minutes**

The Chair entertains a motion to approve minutes of the Board covering the past two years. So moved by Allen Beek. Hearing no objections, the minutes are approved for posting to the Archive. The Chair notes that the Board may make corrections to the minutes at any time in the future.

The Chair notes he has appointed Fred Blair to the Board, replacing Rocio Rivas who has resigned to pursue public office. Rocio is invited to speak and she thanks the Board for the opportunity to serve and pledges to remain involved with the station.

**IX. General Manager's Report & Discussion**

GM Miquel Calçada reports on results of the recent fund drive and his hope to reach a break-even point for the station budget by year's end. Elements include indeterminate personnel costs, and transition to a new phone system that is underway and will result in significant savings. Changes to the program grid are being made to stabilize the schedule and thereby increase donations during the next fund drive. The GM expresses interest in pursuing grant money or underwriting.

Questions from Board members and listener comments are entertained for the GM to respond.

**X. Meeting Recessed 7:47 PM**

Chair declares recess for Board members to reconvene as the Delegates Assembly. LSB meeting is set to resume Sunday Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 AM.