

Minutes March 16, 2024. KPFA LSB Delegate Assembly and Regular Meeting

Note: Due to technical issues, audio recording was not started until the beginning of item 7. An introductory audio segment was made after the meeting to state the names of LSB Members in attendance and the agenda items that had been covered.

1 Called to order,

2. Roll Call. KPFA Local Station Board Member Delegate Assembly and Regular meeting,

Present

Sharon Adams

Daniel Borgstrom

Donna Carter

Michael Cheng

Brian Crowell

Cheryl Davila

Fred Dodsworth

Donald Goldmacher

Zack Kaldveer

Lily Kimura

James Mcfadden

Elizabeth Milos,

Darlene Pagano,

Candice Schott

Mark Van Landuyt

Steve Zeltzer

Anthony Fest

Philip Maldari

Darlene Pagano

Richard Wolinsky

Frank Sterling

Leslie Howard

Carol Wolfley, Secretary

Christina Huggins, Treasurer

Sherry Gendelman, KPFA LSB Counsel

Excused Absences

Emma Auer

Catherine Tactaquin

3. Information and BALLOTS were sent for KPFA LSB Elections for Pacifica National Board Audit and Governance Committees., 1 minute

4. Approval of Agenda, motion to add an item regarding Gaza to the beginning of the meeting FAILED and the item was added to new business at the end of the meeting.

Motion to extend the time for nominee presentations to 2 minutes FAILED

5. Approval of January 5, 2024 KPFA LSB, no corrections to the minutes were made. A point of order was made which was not well taken.

6. Delegate Assembly

The process was renewed, nominations were confirmed and added for PNB Committees,

2 Seats for Audit Committee

2 Seats for Governance Committee

- Presentations were made by Nominees, 1 Minute each
- The deadline for ballots to be submitted was 1 pm. on March 16, 2024,

7. KPFA Local Station Board Reports, Report was made by KPFA Treasurer Christina Huggins and check in about the committee election.

8. Pacifica National Board, Reports were made by KPFA PNB Directors.

Upon request Zack Kaldveer and Carol Wolfley agreed to work on a letter of appreciation to KPFA management team and staff for their coverage of Gaza/Palestine. The following letter was written and sent to KPFA Management on April 1, 2024 from individual KPFA LSB Members. .

Dear KPFA Management Team & Staff,

We, members of the 2024 KPFA Local Station Board, (as individuals) want to express our deep appreciation for KPFA's penetrating, investigative, and in-depth coverage exposing the systematic oppression and genocide of the people of Gaza.

As board members, our duty is to help ensure that you have the resources and support needed to continue to provide the kind of urgently needed, objective, fact-based news this crisis and other cases of horrific large-scale violence being perpetrated in this country and across the globe demands.

We defend, respect, and support your editorial freedom and journalistic integrity at a time when independent media is at great risk.

KPFA has more than twice the membership of any other Pacifica station – in large part because we're the only Pacifica station with a full news department. Listener support, is evidenced by the thousands of responses about how much listeners value KPFA programming, Through member donations our station has been able to resist Pacifica's push for on-the-air commercial underwriting which would undermine our station's credibility with self-serving political and corporate pressures.

Zack Kaldveer, a KPFA Local Station Board member who is a Pacifica National Board Director, and Fatinah Judeh, a Palestinian-American woman with family in the west bank, co-authored an article published by Common Dreams entitled, *Media Malpractice: Blacking Out Genocide and Disenfranchising Palestinian Pain*. The piece makes the case for the importance of independent media and its role as a powerful check on the official narratives of their corporate counterparts.

We share this link: <https://www.commondreams.org/opinion/media-malpractice-gaza-genocide> in recognition of the work of KPFA staff to provide diverse, trustworthy, and contextualized coverage of Gaza that Americans deserve at a time when so many other media sources have so blatantly failed.

Thank you for your perseverance, and dedication to the kind of fact-based reporting integral to an informed citizenry.

With Best Regards,

Carol Wolfley
Zack Kaldveer
Lily Kimura
Christina Huggins
Donald Goldmacher
Brian Crowell
Fred Dodsworth
Mark Van Landuyt
Sherry Gendelman
Philip Maldari
Candice Schott
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Michael Cheng
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10 Time Certain Public Comments, began at 12 30

11 Under New Business a motion FAILED

KPFA LSB emergency resolution on Palestine

Whereas, KPFA LSB opposes the genocidal Israeli attacks on Gaza and the role of the US government in arming and funding Israel to carry them out. More than 30,000 people have been killed, including 12,000 children, almost 500 healthcare workers, 134 journalists, and more than are 80,000 wounded. 2 million people are expected to die of famine due to the FORCED STARVATION imposed by Israel in not allowing any significant aid to go thru the land borders.

Whereas, KPFA LSB concurs with the ample evidence brought forth by South Africa at the International Court of Justice, of the Israeli governments clear intent to commit genocide and that this is a direct violation of the Genocide Convention and demands that Israel and the US as signatories to this convention abide by the ICJ ruling and stop this genocide. The current bombings, decimation of all infrastructure, forced displacement of

Palestinians, and outright denial of water, food, medicine, electricity, fuel, and humanitarian aid being carried out by Israel are genocidal and must stop. All US military aid to Israel must end immediately. That the U.S. has vetoed numerous UN Security Council resolutions calling for a ceasefire which makes it directly complicit in genocide.

: Whereas, This war is not an “Israel/Hamas war” as US mainstream media continues to affirm. It is a war against the Palestinian people and is the outcome of decades of imperialist domination and settler colonialism, funded significantly by the US which has given it political cover at the UN via its UN Security Council veto power to continue its apartheid government, its illegal settlements and its ethnic cleansing and now outright genocide of Palestinians with impunity. US mainstream media has also given an ample platform to the false equation of anti-Zionism with antisemitism, and to the effort to criminalize the non-violent international movement led by Palestinian civil society and trade unions for boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel which demands full equality and civil rights for Palestinians in Israel, an end to the occupation, and the right of return for the millions of Palestinians in refugee camps or imprisoned in Gaza and in the Palestinian diaspora.

Whereas, world-wide, anti-war and anti-imperialist movements in the US, Europe, Latin America, Asia, Africa and the Middle East are organizing resistance to US militarism and Israeli occupation. This includes massive protests by young US Jews in unprecedented numbers in solidarity with Palestinian rights and survival, and against the U.S. government’s pro-war stance in Gaza and congressional members with cozy relationships with U.S. weapons industries

Whereas, In the US and the Bay Area, rank and file labor activists have been confronting the bureaucratic forces and undemocratic leadership in organized labor and instead voting for ceasefire statements and organizing in solidarity with Palestine and with their counterparts in Palestine.

: Whereas, the role of independent media in this ongoing and appalling genocide is crucial in establishing the real extent of US complicity in the establishment of the Apartheid state of Israel such as the funding by the American Federation of Labor since the 1920s of the supremacist Histadrut trade association in Israel that displaces Palestinians from both land and labor. The role of US labor bureaucracy as the arm of US foreign policy has been well documented as it relates to US intervention in Chile and other countries but its role in Palestine continues to be hidden from our listeners and US voters. Although, more journalists have been killed in Gaza in 6 months than during the entire Vietnam war, US media organizations have continued to keep silent, imposing a false “neutrality” standard which should not stand where a genocide is concerned.

: Therefore, be it resolved that: The KPFA LSB expresses its commitment to peace and justice to demand an end to the illegal blockade by Israel, and for the implementation of full-fledged emergency humanitarian aid be allowed thru the borders to prevent a major famine of the 2 million people in Gaza and to prevent a new Nakba. The KPFA LSB supports the current upsurge in activism in solidarity with Palestine and supporting nationwide coverage live in the US, Europe and the Arab and Muslim world, to break the information blockade on truthful news and analysis in this country, and

Be it further resolved that: We also call on Pacifica stations and affiliates to air a daily report based on material from Electronic Intifada, (<https://electronicintifada.net/>) which features uncensored reports from on the ground, as an essential counter to the lies and distortions heard on corporate-dominated commercial and public media that fall in line with US government and other propaganda efforts justifying billions in weapons and war crimes.

Be it further resolved that: We speak to and counteract the false equation of anti-Zionism with antisemitism, and to the effort to criminalize the non-violent international movement led by Palestinian civil society for boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel, and

Be it further resolved that: We support the demands for full equality and civil rights for Palestinians in Israel, an end to the occupation, and the right of return for the millions of Palestinians in refugee camps or imprisoned in Gaza and in the Palestinian diaspora, and Finally be it further resolved that: We demand an end to US aid to Israel, we support the Boycott Divestment and Sanctions movement against the Apartheid government of Isreal and we call on the AFL-CIO to break its ties with Histradut and all universities and pension plans to divest from Israeli bonds.

FAILED

There was a motion to extend time for discussion by 10 minutes. PASSED. Several LSB on the stack remained after 10 minutes had passed. Orders of the Day were called to end the meeting as time certain. The Chair ruled to exhaust the stack and after the members had spoken a vote was taken and the motion above

FAILED

12 The meeting was adjourned.

Note: The following KPFA Delegates were elected to Pacifica Committees

Audit:

Sharon Adams

Cheryl Davila

Governance:

Michael Cheng

Anthony Fest