

Report out for Pacifica National Board Executive Session of April 30, 2015

May 1, 2015

On Thursday April 30, 2015 the PNB met in executive session to discuss personnel matters involving individual employees in the course of debating the following motion:

Move that Kim Kaufman be removed from her position as a Director of Pacifica Foundation Radio, for conduct adverse to the best interests of the foundation, on the following charge and specifications:

Charge: Distributing confidential foundation records and information to non-members of the Pacifica National Board (PNB).

Specification 1: Kaufman conspired to transmit confidential records to Tracy Rosenberg, a non-PNB member who frequently launches public attacks on the Foundation based on purportedly confidential information.

[Rosenberg has since threatened to publish foundation check ledgers.]

Specification 2: Kaufman conspired to transmit confidential records to Summer Reese, a former employee of the foundation who is currently an adverse party to the foundation in two separate legal proceedings.

Specification 3: Kaufman discussed with both Reese and Rosenberg a confidential investigation of actions by a former employee, potentially breaching that employee's right to privacy and creating a cause of action against the Foundation.

The board concluded its deliberations in closed session and approved the motion by the following vote:

NO Teresa Allen, KPFT
YES Rodrigo Argueta, KPFK
NO Carolyn Birden, WBAI
YES Lydia Brazon, KPFK
YES Jim Brown, WPFW
NO Stephen Brown, WBAI
YES Adriana Casenave, KPFT
NO Janet Coleman, WBAI
YES Benito Diaz, WPFW
YES Brian Edwards-Tiekert, KPFA
YES Jose Luis Fuentes, KPFA
YES Janet Kobren, KPFA
NO Janis Lane-Ewart, KFAI Affiliate
NO Robert Mark, KPFT
YES Brenda Medina, KPFK
YES Tony Norman, WPFW
YES Robert Rabin (Siegal), WVQR Affiliate
ABSTAIN George Reiter, KPFT
YES Cerene Roberts, WBAI
YES Pete Tucker, WPFW
YES Margy Wilkinson, KPFA

FINAL VOTE: 14 YES, 6 NO, 1 ABSTAIN (Motion approved)

Submitted by Janet Kobren, PNB Secretary