

Minutes for the regular National Finance Committee meeting November 26, 2024.

Meeting convened at 8:33 PM (ET) a quorum being present, the Chair and Secretary being present.

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Attending: Lynden Foley, Kamau Harris, Christina Huggins, R. Paul Martin (Secretary), Steven Meeks, Darlene Pagano (Chair), Myla Reson, Minerva Sanders, Susan Young also attending was Executive Director Stephanie D. Wells.

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Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Agenda Approval
4. Minutes Approval , Nov 12, and Nov 19, 2024 (5)
5. ED Report, Stephanie Wells (10)
6. Presentation & Review of Pacifica National Office FY25 budget (25)  
Stephanie Wells
- 8 Vote to approve or decline approval of PNO budget to PNB (15)
- 9 Motion to bring to the PNB, along with the PNO budget, a process for instituting Central Service payments in FY 2025 15  
(Christina Huggins) See appendix below
10. Return to topic of Central Services. Current Formulas (45)
  - a) Review Revenue Accounts
  - b) National Office payments and needs
  - c) CS current payments per unit, Unit shortages
  - d) Change/unify formula on Revenue,
  - e) Change/unify formula on CS %
  - f) Test options on PNO and units for consequences.

Items to Schedule for upcoming NFC agendas; as needed?

A NFC Communications with PNB and LSBs. Information sharing

B Discussion of usefulness of Maestro vs Zoom

11. Motion to Adjourn at estimated time of 10:35 PM (ET)
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Roll call 8:33 PM (ET)

The Secretary called the roll.

Agenda Approval 8:37 PM (ET)

**Motion:** (Darlene Pagano) “To approve the agenda.” (Passed without objection)

Minutes Approval , Nov 12, and Nov 19 2024 8:39 PM (ET)

**Motion:** (Darlene Pagano) “To approve the minutes of the November 12, 2024, NFC meeting.”  
(Passed without objection)

**Motion:** (Darlene Pagano) “To approve the minutes of the November 19, 2024, NFC meeting.”  
(Passed without objection)

ED Report, Stephanie Wells 8:40 PM (ET)

The Executive Director told the committee that the report she’d given the committee last week was still the active one, with a couple of additions. The committee discussed the report with her.

Presentation & Review of Pacifica National Office FY25 budget 8:48 PM (ET)

The Executive Director presented the draft FY25 National Office budget to the committee.

The committee discussed the National Office draft FY25 budget proposal.

Vote to approve or decline approval of PNO budget to PNB 9:20 PM (ET)

**Motion:** (Susan Young) “To approve the draft FY25 National Office budget and send it to the PNB.” (Passed without objection)

Motion to bring to the PNB, along with the PNO budget, a process for instituting Central Service payments in FY 2025 9:22 PM (ET)

**Motion:** (Christina Huggins) “The Pacifica National Finance Committee urges the Pacifica National Board to pass the following motion regarding FY25 Central Service Fees.

“Whereas the Pacifica National Board, (PNB) has passed budgets for the 2025 fiscal year for KPFA, KPFK, KPFT, WPFW, WBAI and the Pacifica Affiliates:

“Therefore be it resolved that the PNB hereby directs the Pacifica Executive Director to communicate to all division management and members of the National Finance Committee that the Central Services Formula for the fiscal year of 2025 will be the amount designated as projected Central Service revenue from each station as specified in the PNO FY25 Proposed Budget sent November 19, 2024, and as specified in the divisions’ PNB approved FY25 budgets, (for KPFA, KPFK, KPFT, WPFW, WBAI and the Pacifica Affiliates).

“And be it further resolved that the FY25 division projected budgeted funds for Central Service Fees will be divided into 12 monthly payments or 24 bi-monthly payments for the fiscal year of 2025 and that Pacifica management is hereby authorized to provide direct oversight to division management to ensure timely payment for all FY25 budgeted Central Service Fees.” (Postponed to the next meeting)

The Committee discussed the motion.

**Motion:** (Susan Young) “To postpone this motion to the next meeting.” (Passed 4 for, 3 against, 2 abstentions)

The Committee discussed the motion.

Return to topic of Central Services. Current Formulas 9:51 PM (ET)

Committee members discussed Central Services formulas.

Review Revenue Accounts 9:53 PM (ET)

The committee discussed Central Services formulas and Major Donors with the Executive Director.

**Motion:** (Darlene Pagano) “To adjourn.” (Passed without objection) 10:14 PM (ET)

Adjourned 10:14 PM (ET)

Submitted by R. Paul Martin, Secretary