GREATER AUSTIN AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (GAATN) INTERLOCAL AGENCY

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 7, 2026, 1:30 p.m.
LCRA Red Bud Center
3601 Lake Austin Blvd., Rm 225, Austin, TX 78703
Videoconference: Link available at least 72 hours prior on www.gaatn.org
Audio-only: (512) 831-7858, Access Code: 230 186 971#

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:**
   GAATN Board Chairman Dain Herbat called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. The following announced as present at the start of the meeting:
   On site: Dain Herbat (Travis County), Syd Falk (GAATN's attorney)
   Remote: Paul Hodge (Austin ISD), Indu Patikkal (City of Austin), Steve Pyle (State of Texas DIR), Jaime Guerra (UT-Austin), Robert Saddler (LCRA), Mike Lohrstorfer (Austin ISD), Mark Stavis (City of Austin), Harold Nall (UT-Austin), Frank Ammons (GAATN), Carlos DeMatos (GAATN), Sarah Eichelberger (GAATN)
   A quorum was established at roll call.
   GAATN Contractors (Remote): Doug Wilson (JC Communications), Chris Gonzales (BryComm)

2. **Citizen Communications:** There were no citizen communications.

3. **Review and approve the minutes for the regular Board Meeting of March 3, 2026:**
   Dain Herbat moved to approve the draft minutes as presented; Steve Pyle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Consent Agenda: Items Recommended at the March 24, 2026 Technical Committee Meeting:**
   Jaime Guerra moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 4A and 4B; Steve Pyle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
   A. **Seeking approval for City of Austin new node C1N Austin Resource Recovery North Service Center entity-specific job at no cost to GAATN**
      APPROVED ON CONSENT.
   B. **Seeking approval for change order for underground extension for SRN Permanent Repair at Cameron & 290 at an additional cost not to exceed $58k to be funded from GAATN MAC budget**
      APPROVED ON CONSENT.

5. **Board Chair Update – Discussion and possible action regarding:**
   A. **Seeking approval for GAATN fund balance transfer and associated FY26 budget line-item increases**
      Sarah noted that this fund balance request is typically presented to the Board at this time of year, when MAC contractors are better able to project their invoicing for active jobs through the end of the fiscal year. She presented a proposed fund balance transfer of $500,000 to supplement the FY26 Moves, Adds, and Changes (MAC) labor and fiber line items. The proposed transfer would increase the MAC labor line item by $471,000 and the MAC fiber line item by $29,000, resulting in a remaining fund balance of $1,579,457. Dain Herbat moved to approve the GAATN fund balance transfer not to exceed $500,000 as presented. Jaime Guerra seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
   B. **GAATN Interlocal Agreement**
      This agenda item was discussed in executive session under Texas Government Code Section 551.071. Upon reconvening in open session, Dain said that the Board directed GAATN legal to begin drafting recommended updates to the GAATN ILA. Dain also asked all members to send Syd any suggestions

or comments that they would like to see addressed in the ILA.

C. GAATN Backup NOCC Relocation

Frank said that management remains in a holding pattern since they've been directed not to move forward with the cutover until the agreement for the permanent space is executed.

D. Permanent GAATN Backup NOCC agreement

Syd reported that he received a status update from the City of Austin attorney. The attorney has a revised draft nearly ready for Syd's review, pending a discussion regarding insurance requirements. Syd expects to have that discussion within the next few days and anticipates receiving the revised draft within the next week. Dain asked Mark about placing the agreement on the City Council agenda. Mark and Indu will determine the appropriate timing for adding it to the Council agenda.

E. Financial Services Provider Agreement with Austin ISD

Paul said that AISD is still in a holding pattern until the new Deputy Superintendent over finance and technology is hired.

F. GAATN Post Inspection Violations/National Joint Utility Notification System (NJUNS) tickets and Austin Energy Pole Applications

This agenda item was discussed in executive session under Texas Government Code Section 551.071. Upon reconvening in open session, there was no additional discussion held or action taken.

G. Network Manager's Update:

A. Project status report

Frank reported on the following job statuses:

- GAATN jobs expected to be completed by June 30 include: A1N Input/Output at TC REB; A2N at TC REB; TLC Redundant Pathway underground bore; B1S permanent repair at Bluff Springs; and SRN permanent repair at Cameron and 51st.
- AISD C1N Pecan Springs Elementary node re-installation is scheduled for completion on April 17.
- Total jobs tracked: 71 (55 active/planning; 16 completed).

B. Job budget report

Sarah reported that management is tracking 35 jobs totaling $2.97 million. So far for FY26, 18 jobs have completed and $555k has been invoiced. GAATN has recovered $56k in damage claims and project reimbursements. The fund balance bottom line is $1.57 million. Dain asked about the remaining $718k encumbered for the NOCC relocation, Sarah said that was for the permanent space terminations and finish out, the redundant pathway projects and the final billing for A1N and SRN primary pathway. She noted that management is expecting a change order of about $35k for the South 1st Bridge conduit reclamation.

C. GAATN Maintenance RFP issued February 13, closed March 25

Sarah reported that three submissions were received for the Maintenance RFP. The evaluation subcommittee is currently reviewing and scoring the proposals. Their recommendation will be presented at the April 21 Tech Committee meeting for consideration and for a recommendation to the Board to award the agreement to the highest-ranked proposer.

H. Executive Session: At 1:57 p.m., Chairman Herbat adjourned the GAATN Board of Directors Meeting for closed session, under Tex. Gov't Code section 551.071, to seek legal advice or to preserve confidentiality as permitted by law (including but not limited to pending, anticipated or contemplated litigation concerning) regarding Agenda Items 4B and 4F.

At 3:50 p.m., Chairman Herbat reconvened the GAATN Board Meeting in open session. Agenda Items 4B and 4F were the only items discussed. Any additional discussion held or action taken on agenda items discussed in executive session will be noted in the agenda item summary.

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I. **Update Roll Call (only if executive session called):** An updated roll call re-confirmed a quorum. Jaime Guerra left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

J. **Discussion and possible action regarding the financial report and current fiscal year budget issues:** Sarah reviewed the financial report for the month ending February 28, 2026. She asked members to review and send her any questions.

K. **Meeting and Action Items Summary:** There were no action items taken from open session.

L. **Confirm date, time, and location for the next regular Board meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. at LCRA Red Bud Center 3601 Lake Austin Blvd., Room 225, Austin, TX 78703, and via Microsoft Teams Videoconference.**
The next meeting details were confirmed; the meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.