GREATER AUSTIN AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (GAATN) INTERLOCAL AGENCY

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 1, 2025, 1:30 p.m.
LCRA Red Bud Center
3601 Lake Austin Blvd., Rm 225, Austin, TX 78703
Teams Videoconference link provided 72 hours prior to meeting on homepage of www.gaatn.org
Remote audio-only option for public access: (512) 831-7858, Access Code: 732 919 512#

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:**
   GAATN Board Chairman Dain Herbat called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
   The following announced as present at the start of the meeting:
   Paul Hodge, on behalf of Austin ISD (remote)
   Mark Stavis, on behalf of City of Austin (remote)
   Dain Herbat, on behalf of Travis County (on site)
   Steve Pyle, on behalf of State of Texas DIR (remote)
   Jaime Guerra, on behalf of UT-Austin (remote)
   Robert Saddler, on behalf of LCRA (remote)
   Mike Lohrstorfer, on behalf of Austin ISD (remote)
   Bo Kinsey, on behalf of Travis County (remote)
   Harold Nall, on behalf of UT-Austin (remote)
   Syd Falk, GAATN attorney (remote)
   Gunnar Seaquist, GAATN attorney – joined 1:43 p.m., left 2:49 p.m. (remote)
   Frank Ammons, on behalf of GAATN (remote)
   Sarah Eichelberger, on behalf of GAATN (remote)
   A quorum was established at roll call.
   GAATN Contractors:
   Chris Gonzales, on behalf of BryComm (remote)

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

3. **Review and approve the minutes for the regular Board Meeting of March 11, 2025:**
   Syd Falk requested a re-wording of Agenda Item 4E for clarification. Dain Herbat moved to approve the draft minutes as amended by Syd; Jaime Guerra seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

4. **Consent Agenda: Operational Contract Renewals AND Items recommended at March 25, 2025 Technical Subcommittee Meeting**
   Jaime Guerra moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 4A – 4F as presented; Steve Pyle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
   A. **Recommended by Tech Subcommittee - Seeking approval for COA new node at 2400 Grove Blvd. entity-specific project at no cost to GAATN**
      APPROVED ON CONSENT.
   B. **Operational Contract Renewal - Seeking approval for second (2nd) of four (4) possible one-year renewals for AISD 23RFP040 GAATN Legal Services agreement with Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado and Acosta for a term of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 with a $5 per hour cost increase**
      APPROVED ON CONSENT.
   C. **Operational Contract Renewal - Seeking approval for second (2nd) of four (4) possible one-year renewals for AISD 23RFP042 GAATN Bentley Management agreement with Advanced 1 for a term**

of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 for an annual hosting fee of $40k
APPROVED ON CONSENT.

D. **Operational Contract Renewal - Seeking approval for third (3rd) and final of three (3) possible one-year renewals for GAATN Maintenance agreement (AISD 21RFP063) with BryComm LLC for a term of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 with BryComm LLC for an annual base contract fee of $248k**
APPROVED ON CONSENT.

E. **Operational Contract Renewal - Seeking approval for second (2nd) of four (4) possible one-year renewals for AISD 23RFP041 GAATN Moves, Adds, and Changes (MAC) agreement with BryComm LLC for a term of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026**
APPROVED ON CONSENT.

F. **Operational Contract Renewal - Seeking approval for second (2nd) of four (4) possible one-year renewals for AISD 23RFP041 GAATN Moves, Adds, and Changes (MAC) agreement with JC Communications for a term of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026**
APPROVED ON CONSENT.

5. **Board Chairperson Update – Discussion and possible action regarding:**

A. **Fiscal Manager Service Level Agreement with Austin ISD**
Syd said that, as he reported in the last meeting, he provided the City of Austin network management service level agreement to the Austin ISD legal department to see if it would be agreeable to use it as a template for the fiscal manager agreement. Paul said he had not heard anything from them, but he would follow up.

B. **GAATN Backup NOCC Relocation**
Frank reported that, since the last meeting, the NOCC Subcommittee met to review the final design set and Jaime provided comments to the architect CBRE. He said that management is currently awaiting pricing from the general contractor which is expected sometime this week. Frank said that, regarding the fiber routes to the new NOCC, A2N and SRS will be brought into the temporary NOCC location by April 9. A1N and SRN are scheduled to be completed and brought into the temporary NOCC in May.

C. **Temporary and permanent GAATN Backup NOCC agreements**
Syd said that, as he reported in the last meeting, he sent a concise MOU draft for the temporary NOCC to the two attorneys at the COA whom he is working with, but he has not heard back from them yet.

D. **Property damage claim for damage to SRS at 1211 E. Oltorf Travis High School on 3/8/25**
This agenda item was discussed in executive session under Texas Government Codes 551.071, 551.089, and 418.181. Upon reconvening in open session, no additional discussion was held, and no action was taken.

6. **Network Manager's Update:**

A. **Project status report**
Frank reported on the following upcoming and recently completed projects:

- A2N TLC Backup NOCC Relocation – scheduled to complete 4/2/25
- SRS TLC Backup NOCC Relocation – scheduled to complete 4/9/25
- A2N Splice case audits – ongoing through 5/1/25
- ACC A2N Sanchez Building splice – completed 3/31/25
- COA A2N 5th Street parking garage to PEC – scheduled to complete 4/14/25
- C1N Emergency repair at 11107 Plains Trail gunshot – completed 3/13/25
- SRS Emergency repair conduit at 1211 E. Oltorf Travis High School – completed 3/8/25
- B1S Emergency repair at Nuckols Xing/E. St. Elmo gunshot – completed 3/5/25
- B1S Emergency repair at 9038 Nuckols Xing gunshot – completed 3/3/25

- Total FY25 jobs tracked = 96; Active/planning = 48; Completed =48

B. Job budget report

Sarah reported that management is tracking 49 budget-impacting jobs totaling $3.67 million. So far for FY25, 21 of those jobs have been completed and $1.17 million has been invoiced. GAATN has recovered $217k in project reimbursements and damage recoveries. The fund balance bottom line is $1.2 million.

7. **Executive Session:** At 1:43 p.m. Chairman Herbat adjourned the GAATN Board of Directors Meeting for closed session, under Tex. Gov't Code sections 551.071, 551.089 and 418.181 ("H.B. 9"), 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 Item 5D.

   At 2:49 p.m., Chairman Herbat reconvened the GAATN Board Meeting in open session. There was no further discussion or action taken on Agenda Item 5D.

8. **Update Roll Call (only if executive session called):** An updated roll call was taken, and all members re-confirmed their presence; a quorum was re-confirmed.

9. **Discussion and possible action regarding the financial report and current fiscal year budget issues**
   Sarah reviewed the GAATN Financial report provided by AISD for the month ending February 28, 2025. She asked members to send her any questions.

10. **Meeting and Action Items Summary:** Frank noted that he took two action items from executive session.

11. **Confirm date, time, and location for the next regular Board meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 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 date, time, and location for the next regular Board meeting were confirmed; the meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.