

**GREATER AUSTIN AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (GAATN)  
INTERLOCAL AGENCY**

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Austin, Texas 78704

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

In accordance with Governor Abbott's declaration of the COVID-19 public health threat and action to temporarily suspend certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, a quorum of GAATN's Board of Directors will hold a Special-Called Board Meeting at 1:30 p.m., on September 15, 2020 by telephonic conference call. The public may call in to this meeting by calling 1-512-831-7858 and entering the following code: 555 308 160#

Anybody other than GAATN contractors wishing to make public comment during the meeting must register by emailing [gaatn@austintexas.gov](mailto:gaatn@austintexas.gov) prior to 9:30 a.m. on September 15, 2020. This meeting will be recorded and the audio recording will be available on GAATN's website after the meeting. A copy of the agenda packet will be available on GAATN's website at the time of the meeting.

At this meeting the subjects listed on the agenda attached as part of this notice will be considered and acted upon by the Board. In addition, such other routine business as is necessary to conduct, operate, and maintain the network in the best interest of the participants will be considered and acted upon. During any meeting of the Board, staff, consultants, and contractors may provide information to the Board members and Board members may ask questions of staff, consultants, and contractors; however, no deliberations or discussions between Board members regarding such information or public business shall take place unless notice of the subject is posted on a Board agenda as required by law.

Any other matters pertaining to GAATN, which may be brought before the Board by interested persons appearing before the Board, pursuant to the right of the public to information about the policies and decisions of the Board and its staff, will not be discussed and considered at this meeting although responsive explanation or information may be provided.

On this the day, September 11, 2020 a copy of this notice was posted on GAATN's website at [www.gaatn.org](http://www.gaatn.org). A copy of this notice was also furnished to each participant for posting and to the Travis County Clerk.

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Greater Austin Area Telecommunications Network (GAATN)

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September 15, 2020 1:30 p.m.

Via Teleconference at (512) 831-7858, Conference ID 555 308 160#

Members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so by dialing the Teleconference phone number above. Except during the Citizen Communication item, public dial in listeners will not be permitted to speak or otherwise interrupt the meeting. If an executive session is called under Item 5, members of the public who are dialed in to the Teleconference number above will not be able to hear that closed part of the meeting, but may remain on the Teleconference line until the Board returns to open meeting following the Executive Session.

**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call (Chairperson, 1 minute)**
- 2. Citizen Communications (3 minutes)**

You may address the Board for up to three (3) minutes on GAATN issues, whether those issues are posted on this agenda or not. If you inquire about a subject not on this agenda, then, by law, the Board cannot discuss the subject with you at this Board meeting and the Board Members cannot discuss the subject among themselves. The Board, however, may respond to your inquiry with a brief factual statement or state existing GAATN policy on the subject. In addition, after hearing you, the Board may place the subject of your inquiry on a future agenda.
- 3. Review and Approve the minutes for the regular Board Meeting of September 1, 2020 (5 minutes)**
- 4. Board Chairperson Update (Approximately 1 hour) – Discussion and possible action regarding:**
  - A. Review of proposal, and possible approval of funding, for construction of GAATN Backup Network Operations Control Center project at Austin Convention Center, under agreement with the City of Austin.
- 5. Executive Session (if an executive session is necessary, Board members and other authorized participants will use a different teleconference line not accessible to the general public; once the executive session is concluded, the meeting will resume on the Teleconference number given above): Adjourn for closed session, under one or more of Texas Government Code sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.089 and/or one or more sections 418.175 – 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):**
  - A. Construction, equipment, and product warranty claims;
  - B. Damage to GAATN fiber optic cables, equipment, hardware, and other property;
  - C. Contractual, tort or other legal or equitable claims by or against GAATN; or
  - D. The procedures and operations of the Board or the organization;
  - E. GAATN Management and Operation

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And/or to consider matters concerning:

- F. Real property purchase, exchange, lease, easements or value;
- G. Personnel;
- H. Security devices, security personnel or security procedures or protocols; or
- I. Issues involving GAATN physical plant detail made confidential by law
- J. Or other matters as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act

Reconvene for discussion and actions, if any, on matters considered in closed session.

- 6. Review of action items for network management from this meeting:**
- 7. Confirm date, time, and location for the next regular Board meeting on October 6, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. via Teleconference.**
  - A. Items to be added to the next Board Agenda: