

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

6800 Burluson Road, Building 312, Suite 265
Austin, TX 78744

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In compliance with Chapter 551 (Open Meetings Act) of the Texas Government Code, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Directors of GAATN will be held at 1:30 p.m. on October 1, 2024, at LCRA Dalchau Service Center at 3505 Montopolis Drive, Austin, TX 78744, Building A, Room A502/503. As required by Government Code sections 551.127(c) & (e), the GAATN officer chairing the meeting will be physically present at the meeting location; other GAATN Board members may attend in person or remotely. This meeting will have a remote public attendance option via a Microsoft Teams videoconference or an audio-only conference call; the information for both options will be published on the homepage of the GAATN website (www.gaatn.org) at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting. A copy of the agenda packet will also be made available for viewing or downloading on the homepage of GAATN's website at the time of the meeting. This meeting will be recorded, and the audio recording will be available on GAATN's website after the meeting.

At this meeting, the topics listed on the agenda attached as part of this notice may be considered and acted upon by the Board. The Board may not consider or act upon any matters not posted as agenda items. The Board may receive comments from the public, but may not discuss, consider, or act on such comments unless they relate to posted agenda topics; for comments not regarding posted agenda topics, the Board may provide a brief responsive explanation or information, but has no obligation to do so.

On this day, September 27, 2024, a copy of this notice was posted on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the Austin ISD Headquarters at 4000 S. IH-35 Frontage Rd, Austin, TX 78704, which is accessible to the public during normal business hours. Austin ISD is the fiscal manager for GAATN. A copy was also provided to each GAATN member entity for posting, including the Travis County Clerk. This notice and agenda was also posted on GAATN's website at www.gaatn.org.

Frank Ammons
Network Manager
Greater Austin Area Telecommunications Network (GAATN)

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October 1, 2024, 1:30 p.m.

LCRA Dalchau Service Center

3505 Montopolis Drive, Austin, TX 78744, Building A, Room A502/503

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: 499 822 619#

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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 from 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 3, 2024 (5 minutes)**
- 4. Consent Agenda Items recommended by the Technical Subcommittee at the September 17, 2024, Meeting**
 - A. Seeking approval for change order for GAATN Backup NOCC Decommissioning A2N fiber re-route in an amount not to exceed \$40k
 - B. Seeking approval for A2N new node for UT and COA at Austin Convention Center 5th Street Garage entity-specific projects at no cost to GAATN
- 5. Board Chairperson Update (Approximately 45 minutes) – Discussion and possible action regarding:**
 - A. Seeking approval for the first of four possible renewals of AISD 24RFP005 GAATN Underground Locating contract with USIC for a term of February 1, 2025, to January 31, 2026, with a 3% per locate cost increase per renewal year
 - B. Seeking approval for the first of four possible renewals of AISD 24RFP006 GAATN Property Insurance to Brown & Brown Insurance Agency with a renewal term of November 1, 2024, to October 31, 2024, and to choose one of six Hartford Inland Marine Property policy options
 - C. GAATN Fiscal Manager duties and formation of service level agreement
 - D. GAATN Damage Claims Procedure
 - E. GAATN Backup NOCC decommissioning
 - F. Seeking approval to adopt Backup NOCC Subcommittee recommendation to pursue new GAATN

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Backup NOCC location at City of Austin site

- G. GAATN Backup NOCC relocation, subcommittee update, and agreement negotiation
- H. Property damage claim against ABF Freight for damage to B1S at Metcalfe Road on 8/20/24
- I. Property damage claim against JD Abrams/Lone Star Paving for damage to C1N at IH-35 and Rutherford on 9/20/21

6. Network Manager's Update (10 minutes)

- A. Proposed GAATN Backup NOCC Decommissioning Cutover Schedule
- B. Project status report
- C. Job budget report
- C. Texas Open Meetings Act training requirements due October 1 reminder
- D. GAATN November 4, 2024, Board meeting & luncheon

7. 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 Tex. Gov't Code sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.089 and/or one or more of 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): Construction, equipment, and product warranty claims;

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

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

8. Update Roll Call (only if executive session called)

9. Discussion and possible action regarding the financial report and current fiscal year budget issues

10. Meeting and Action Items Summary (5 minutes)

11. Confirm date, time, and location for the next regular Board meeting on Monday, November 4, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. at LCRA Dalchau Service Center 3505 Montopolis, Bldg. A, Room A502, Austin, TX 78744, and via Microsoft Teams Videoconference.

- A. Items to be added to the next Board Agenda:
 - Board and Technical Subcommittee luncheon
 - Open Meetings Act training by GAATN legal