

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

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 6, 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

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MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** GAATN Board Chairman Dain Herbat called the meeting to order. The following announced as present at the start of the meeting:

On-site: Dain Herbat (Travis County)

Remote: Paul Hodge (Austin ISD), Mark Stavis (City of Austin), Gary Weseman (Austin Community College), Steve Pyle (State of Texas DIR), Jaime Guerra (UT-Austin), Robert Saddler (LCRA), Mike Lohrstorfer (Austin ISD), Dr. Brian Gardner (City of Austin joined at 1:35pm, left at 2:33pm), Syd Falk (GAATN's attorney), Frank Ammons (GAATN), Carlos DeMatos (GAATN), Sarah Eichelberger (GAATN)

A quorum was established at roll call.

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 December 2, 2025:**

Gary Weseman moved to approve the draft minutes as presented; Dain Herbat seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Board Chair Update – Discussion and possible action regarding:**

A. Discussion and possible action regarding proposal for GAATN National Joint Utility Notification System (NJUNS) Ticket backlog at a cost of \$85k to be funded from FY26 GAATN MAC

Sarah reported that, as previously discussed at the November and December Board and Technical meetings, management obtained quotes from GAATN's maintenance vendor, to address the remaining aged NJUNS ticket backlog identified by AE. She said the proposal includes a consolidated quote for GAATN tickets and individual quotes for entity-specific tickets; each entity received their quotes in December. She noted that GAATN's remaining backlog consists of 302 tickets, with an estimated cost of \$84,000 to be funded from the FY26 MAC budget. BryComm anticipates completing the backlog around May 2026. She said that any additional traffic control costs will be reviewed by management and approved under the network manager's spending authority or presented to the Board if they exceed that limit. Gary Weseman moved to approve the GAATN NJUNS ticket backlog proposal at a cost not to exceed \$85k; Steve Pyle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding Travis County tie cable requiring GAATN CapMetro crossing agreement entity-specific project at no cost to GAATN

Frank reported that this item was reviewed at the December Technical meeting. Travis County is undertaking an entity-specific project that involves a crossing over a CapMetro railroad, which requires GAATN to secure a new license agreement with CapMetro. He noted that GAATN currently holds two license agreements with CapMetro—one for Travis County and one for UT—both paid by GAATN and reimbursed annually by the respective entities. He said that management is requesting Board direction to authorize GAATN management and legal counsel to negotiate a license agreement with CapMetro for the Travis County crossing. The final agreement will be brought to the

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Board for approval. Dain Herbat moved to direct management and GAATN legal to negotiate a license agreement with Cap Metro for this entity-specific project; Jaime Guerra seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

C. GAATN Backup NOCC Relocation

Frank reported that, as reported at the December Board and Technical meetings, progress on the permanent NOCC location remains on schedule. He said that BryComm will soon begin installing racks and ladder trays. He noted that migrating the transport rings from the temporary site to the permanent facility will require a temporary tie cable to support entity cross-connects. Management anticipates completing the migration in February. Entities are encouraged to contact management for assistance with relocation planning.

D. Permanent GAATN Backup NOCC agreements

Syd reported that he previously sent the COA attorney Chad Shaw the draft ILA for the permanent NOCC space. He said that he will reach out and send him a reminder.

E. Financial Services Provider Agreement with Austin ISD

Syd reported that he previously sent Paul with AISD the draft agreement for financial services. Paul noted that he would follow up with the CFO and hopes to have a response back soon.

F. GAATN NJUNS tickets and Austin Energy Pole Applications

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

5. Network Manager's Update:

A. Project status report

Frank reviewed the following upcoming and recently completed jobs:

Completed:

1. C1N repair ACC strands at Daffan/Johnny Morris – completed 12/3/25

Total Jobs Tracked: 58 (43 active/planning, 15 completed)

B. Job budget report

Sarah reported that management is tracking 32 jobs totaling \$2.9 million. So far for FY26, 15 jobs have been completed and \$138k has been invoiced. The fund balance bottom line is \$1.6 million.

C. Notification of GAATN Maintenance RFP to be issued in January/February 2026

Sarah reported that management and GAATN legal are finalizing the Maintenance RFP, and it is expected to be issued either February 3rd or 10th. She noted that Jaime volunteered to be on the RFP evaluation subcommittee; Paul and Dr. Gardner also volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

- 6. Executive Session:** At 1:48 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 Item 4F.

At 2:32 p.m., Chairman Herbat reconvened the GAATN Board Meeting in open session; Agenda Item 4F was the only item discussed. Any additional discussion held or action taken on items discussed in executive session will be noted in the agenda item summary.

- 7. Update Roll Call (only if executive session called):** An updated roll call re-confirmed a quorum.

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

Sarah reviewed the overall financial report provided by AISD for the month ending November 30, 2025.

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

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- 10. Confirm date, time, and location for the next regular Board meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 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 2:37 p.m.