GREATER AUSTIN AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (GAATN)
INTERLOCAL AGENCY

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 5, 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 1:30 p.m.
   The following announced as present at the start of the meeting:
   On site: Dain Herbat (Travis County), Syd Falk (GAATN Attorney)
   Remote: Paul Hodge (Austin ISD); Indu Patikkal and Mark Stavis (City of Austin); Gary Weseman and Jeremy Cantu (Austin Community College); Jaime Guerra and Harold Nall (UT-Austin); Steve Pyle (State of Texas DIR); Robert Saddler (LCRA); Frank Ammons, Sarah Eichelberger and Carlos DeMatos (GAATN)
   A quorum was established at roll call.
   GAATN Contractors/Members of the Public (Remote):
   Chris Gonzales (BryComm), Russ Brown (Zayo Communications)

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

3. **Review and approve the minutes for the regular Board Meeting of April 7, 2026:**
   Gary Weseman moved to approve the draft minutes as presented; Jaime Guerra seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Consent Agenda: Items Recommended at the April 21, 2026 Technical Committee Meeting AND Operational Contract Renewals**
   Jaime Guerra moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 4A-4E as presented; Steve Pyle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
   - **A. Recommended by Technical Committee: Seeking approval for route design of SRS/B2S/B1S relocation at AISD Travis High School GAATN supernode site**
     APPROVED ON CONSENT.
   - **B. Operational Contract Renewal: Seeking approval for third (3rd) 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, 2026 to June 30, 2027 with a $5 per hour cost increase**
     APPROVED ON CONSENT.
   - **C. Operational Contract Renewal: Seeking approval for third (3rd) of four (4) possible one-year renewals for AISD 23RFP042 GAATN Bentley Management agreement with Advanced 1 for a term of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 for an annual hosting fee of $40k**
     APPROVED ON CONSENT.
   - **D. Operational Contract Renewal: Seeking approval for third (3rd) 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, 2026 to June 30, 2027**
     APPROVED ON CONSENT.
   - **E. Operational Contract Renewal: Seeking approval for third (3rd) 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, 2026 to June 30, 2027**
     APPROVED ON CONSENT.

5. Board Chair Update – Discussion and possible action regarding:

A. Seeking approval to award agreement for GAATN Maintenance (AISD 26RFP043) to BryComm LLC for an initial contract term of two (2) years from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028 with three (3) possible one-year renewals with a first (1st) year annual base contract fee of $206k

Sarah reported that AISD issued the GAATN Maintenance RFP through the Bonfire procurement portal on February 13, with the solicitation closing on March 25. A pre-proposal meeting was held on March 3 with five vendors in attendance. Questions from that meeting were addressed and posted as Addendum 1 on March 6. The final deadline for vendor questions was March 10, and responses were posted as Addendum 2 on March 13. Three vendors—BryComm, JC Communications, and EARTC—submitted proposals by the March 25 deadline. An evaluation subcommittee of three Board members reviewed and scored all submissions. Sarah noted that BryComm received the highest overall score. She stated that the proposed annual base contract fee is $206,000 for Contract Years 1 and 2, increasing to $212,000 for Contract Years 3 through 5. Jaime Guerra moved to award AISD 26RFP043 GAATN Maintenance Agreement to BryComm LLC. Paul Hodge seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

B. Seeking approval for the GAATN Board Chair to execute agreement, pending final GAATN legal approval, between GAATN and Austin Transit Partnership (ATP) for Light Rail GAATN utility relocation 100% reimbursable project

Frank reported that this agreement between Austin Transit Partnership (ATP) and GAATN outlines the relocation of GAATN lines necessitated by the Light Rail project. He said the agreement provides for 100 percent reimbursement to GAATN for all relocation-related costs. Because the design is not yet finalized, this item seeks approval for the agreement only, not for the relocation project itself. Once the design is complete and GAATN's scope and costs are defined, the fully reimbursable project will be presented to the GAATN Board for approval. He noted that the agreement has been reviewed and negotiated by Syd and ATP, and Syd has approved the final version included in the handouts. Jaime asked if the agreement included reimbursement of legal fees for legal review; Syd said it doesn't and that parties typically bear their own legal costs for agreement review. Jaime asked if management expects more than one conflict with the project; Frank said that, although the main impact will be to UT infrastructure, there could be other conflicts to GAATN infrastructure. Syd said the agreement contemplates multiple work orders and any work orders would come to network management for approval. Robert asked what type of entity ATP is; Frank said it is a local government coop formed by City of Austin and Cap Metro for the design, planning, and construction of the Austin Light Rail project. Robert noted the recent issues with pole attachment applications and wondered how this project might affect those issues. Jaime Guerra moved to approve the GAATN Board Chair to execute the agreement, pending final GAATN legal approval, between GAATN and Austin Transit Partnership (ATP) for Light Rail GAATN utility relocation 100% reimbursable project; Steve Pyle seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

C. Seeking approval for the GAATN Board Chair to execute license agreement, pending final GAATN legal approval, between GAATN and Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) for the TLC Redundant Pathway bore project

Frank reported that this draft license agreement between Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and GAATN is associated with the TLC Redundant Pathway bore project awarded to JC Communications at the September 9, 2025 Board meeting. He stated that the agreement is required because the project involves boring underneath the elevated railroad. The version included in the handouts uses the 2022 UPRR license agreement—previously negotiated between Syd and UPRR—as the starting template. This draft has been provided to UPRR, and management, together with JC Communications, is awaiting their response. He noted that due to the high-priority nature of this project, management is requesting Board approval of the draft agreement. He said that the final agreement must receive Syd's approval prior to execution by the GAATN Board Chairman. Dain Herbat moved to approve the GAATN Board Chair to execute the agreement, pending final GAATN legal approval, between GAATN and Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) for the TLC Redundant Pathway bore project; Gary Weseman seconded,

and the motion passed unanimously.

D. Seeking approval for the GAATN Board Chair to execute memorandum of understanding (MOU), pending final GAATN legal approval, between GAATN and Austin Transportation and Public Works (AT&PW) for overlash at Payton Gin

Frank reported that this draft MOU between GAATN and Austin Transportation and Public Works (AT&PW) concerns AT&PW's request to overlash to GAATN cable along Payton Gin Road. The request was initially presented at the November 4, 2025 Board Meeting, where the Board directed that a formal agreement be drafted to document the arrangement. He noted that Syd's final draft of the MOU is included in the handouts. He stated that the final agreement must be approved by Syd prior to execution by the GAATN Board Chairman. Dain asked if there were other overlashes on GAATN plant by AT&PW; Frank said yes there are historical overlashes from verbal agreements, but there are no formal agreements in place. Syd said this agreement is contemplated as a master agreement so that it may cover more than one location without needing to execute additional agreements. He noted that each new location would still require Board approval to be added to the master agreement. Dain asked if this agreement would include those historical verbal agreement locations; Syd said he had not yet discussed that with network management. Robert asked if GAATN is allowing overlashing; Dain said that GAATN has a long history of overlashing and an applicable policy. Dain requested that management bring the overlash policy to the next Board meeting for review. Syd noted that the agreement is reciprocal and would allow GAATN to overlash to AT&PW at agreed locations. Jaime asked Dain if he was referring to GAATN's tie-cable policy; Frank clarified that it's a tie-cable policy. Dain Herbat moved to approve the GAATN Board Chair to execute the MOU, pending final GAATN legal approval, between GAATN and AT&PW for the overlash at Payton Gin; Jaime Guerra seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

E. Entity development with GAATN network impact policy

Dain requested to postpone this agenda item to a later date.

F. SRS/B2S/B1S relocation at AISD Travis High School GAATN supernode site project costs

Frank reported that AISD is rebuilding Travis High School under its 2022 Bond Program while the existing campus remains operational. He noted that Travis High School is a GAATN supernode site, and AISD's bond-related reconstruction activities—including the Travis High project—have been discussed at the Board level since January 2024. He said that this agenda item is to review the costs associated with relocating GAATN's SRS/B2S/B1S supernode infrastructure at Travis High School. A temporary relocation for SRS will be required within the next 3–6 months at an estimated cost of $65,000. Permanent relocations for SRS, B2S, and B1S will be required within the next 12–18 months at an estimated cost of $280,000. He noted that the total estimated cost for both temporary and permanent GAATN relocations is $345,000. Robert asked if the project is reimbursable; Frank said that a lot of previous discussions have been about whether GAATN or AISD will fund this. Paul said that GAATN can't expect AISD to fund this, especially after what happened with the Convention Center NOCC, which he said set a precedent for these situations. Jaime agreed that GAATN should fund this project because AISD is a developer of their own property; he said it would be different if GAATN was just in the right-of-way and AISD was causing GAATN to reroute. Jaime also noted that the site will be improved and allow for entities to install powered equipment once completed. Paul noted that AISD has incurred costs for this new and improved data room and pathway for the GAATN reroute. Gary agreed that GAATN should fund this relocation. Dain said that without a policy, he doesn't see that GAATN has much of a choice in this matter. Paul said that there will likely be other bond projects that affect other GAATN supernode sites and that funding the GAATN relocation could be factored into those future projects. Jaime Guerra moved to approve SRS/B2S/B1S relocation at AISD Travis High School GAATN supernode site project at a cost not to exceed $344,368 to be funded from the GAATN MAC budget; Paul Hodge seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

G. GAATN Backup NOCC Relocation

Frank reported that, as reported since the March Board and Technical Committee meetings, management and BryComm are technically ready to migrate from the temporary NOCC location in

the TLC parking garage to the permanent NOCC space within the newly renovated TLC building. He noted that at the February 10, 2026 Board meeting, GAATN management was directed to postpone the relocation until the NOCC ILA is fully executed. He stated that on April 29, 2026, network management met onsite with COA CIO Kerrica Laake and DCIO Indu Patikkal to conduct a walkthrough of the new NOCC room. Paul asked if the air conditioner has been repaired in the temporary location; Carlos said it is being worked on. Paul said they responded to an outage there recently and it was not working. Frank asked Paul if the unit caused the outage; Paul said he was uncertain because they also had an issue at City Hall.

H. Permanent GAATN Backup NOCC agreement

Syd reported that he had not yet heard back from the city attorney since they had an exchange about insurance requirements. Frank reported that the city attorney recently contacted him requesting information to finalize the draft interlocal agreement for the permanent Backup NOCC. Indu said she is in contact with the deputy city attorney to ensure this agreement moves forward quickly without delay.

I. Financial Services Provider Agreement with Austin ISD

Syd stated that he has not yet received any feedback from AISD on the draft service level agreement. Paul said that, due to budget cuts, AISD had to cut the deputy superintendent position before it was hired. He said he is looking for guidance from his supervisor on next steps. Dain requested this standing agenda item be removed from the Board agenda and Paul agreed.

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

Frank reported that GAATN management and BryComm have been holding bi-weekly meetings with Austin Energy's pole attachment services group to address tickets and violations that are delaying GAATN and GAATN-entity project pole applications. He noted that, on April 29, 2026, he and Indu met with the Austin Energy Director and the Program Manager overseeing the pole attachment group. Indu reported that they established the recurring meeting cadence. She said that they were informed that there was a COA department for Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs who was responsible for notifying comms when they needed to move on AE poles, but that department was dismantled. She said they have located the people from that group and are working to determine if they can resume sending those notifications. Dain said that was exciting news and to let him know if she needed any help.

6. Network Manager's Update:

A. Project status report

Frank reported on the following recently completed jobs:

- C1S Emergency Repair at 6812 S. Congress completed 4/22/26 – cable knocked down by unknown vehicle.
- AISD C1N Pecan Springs Elementary School node re-installation – completed 4/17/26.

Total Jobs Tracked = 72 (55 active/planning; 17 completed)

B. Job budget report

Sarah reported that management is tracking 35 budget-impacting jobs for FY26. So far, 18 jobs have completed and $586k has been invoiced. $2.39 million remains encumbered for the 17 pending jobs. The fund balance bottom line is $1.58 million.

7. Executive Session: There was no executive session held.

8. Update Roll Call (only if executive session called): There was no updated roll call.

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

Sarah reviewed the financial report provided by AISD for the month ending March 31. She asked members to review the full report and to reach out if they have any questions.

10. Meeting and Action Items Summary:

Frank listed the following action items taken from this meeting:

- For the next Board meeting, add agenda item for GAATN tie-cable policy for discussion regarding entity overlashing.
- For the next Board meeting, add agenda item for previous situations where GAATN entities have required GAATN to relocate.

11. Confirm date, time, and location for the next regular Board meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. at City of Austin Permitting and Development Center 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr, Room 1208, Austin, TX 78752 and via Microsoft Teams Videoconference.

The next meeting details were confirmed; the meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.