GREATER AUSTIN AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (GAATN)
INTERLOCAL AGENCY

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 4, 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)
   Remote: Paul Hodge (Austin ISD); Indu Patikkal and Mark Stavis (City of Austin); Gary Weseman and Jeremy Cantu (Austin Community College); Steve Pyle (State of Texas DIR); Jaime Guerra and Harold Nall (University of Texas); Bo Kinsey (Travis County); Syd Falk (Bickerstaff, GAATN attorney); Frank Ammons, Carlos DeMatos, and Sarah Eichelberger (GAATN)
   A quorum was established at roll call.
   Members/staff joining after start of the meeting: Robert Saddler (LCRA) – joined at 1:35 p.m., Gunnar Seaquist (Bickerstaff) – joined at 1:49 p.m.
   GAATN Contractors (Remote): Chris Gonzales (BryComm)

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

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

4. **Network Manager's Update:**
   A. **Tech Committee Agenda Recap**
      a. **DR Tabletop Exercise**
         Frank reported that a disaster recovery tabletop exercise was held during the July Tech Committee meeting. He said that management is collecting survey responses from members, and asked members to complete the survey if they haven't already done so. He noted that management is going through the notes from the exercise and will look to bring some recommended updates to the DR plan to a future Tech meeting.
   B. **Project status report**
      Frank reported on the following recently completed jobs:
      - SRS Emergency repair of LCRA strands at Travis High – completed 8/3/26
      - C1N Emergency repair at 7000 Blk of Manor Road – completed 7/31/26
      - C1S Emergency repair at 5000 Blk of St. George's Green – completed 7/8/26
      - AISD D1N Oak Springs Elementary node decommissioning – completed 7/17/26
      - AISD D1N Brooke Elementary node decommissioning – completed 7/10/26
      - AISD C1N Wooldridge Elementary node decommissioning – completed 7/9/26

      Total Jobs Tracked = 70 (Active/planning = 62; Completed = 8)
   C. **Job budget report**
      Sarah reported that management is tracking 25 jobs totaling $3.1 million. The fund balance bottom line is $1.75 million.

D. GAATN quarterly financial report and fiscal year budget issues
Sarah reviewed the preliminary FY26 end of year financial report provided by Austin ISD. Overall, GAATN is expected to roll approximately $597k into the fund balance to bring the estimated FY27 beginning year fund balance to $2.67 million. She noted that the final FY27 report should be available for the next Board meeting.

E. Notification of Cost Avoidance Report
Sarah discussed the purpose of the cost avoidance report, which is completed every couple of years. She notified the members that they would be receiving their entity's spreadsheet to fill out and return. The new report is expected to be presented at the October Board Meeting.

5. Consent Agenda: Items Recommended from July 21, 2026 Technical Committee Meeting

A. Seeking approval for City of Austin Resource Recovery new site on C1N at Johnny Morris entity-specific project at no cost to GAATN
Jaime Guerra moved to approve consent agenda item 4A; Gary Weseman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Travis High School construction impact on GAATN SRS relocation project
Frank noted that this agenda item is just to inform members that the temporary relocation of SRS at Travis High School will be taking place soon, and they will see the 2-week and 1-week notices come through email via GAATN Alerts. He said that management was notified that the duct bank would be complete by the end of July. He said that this project was already approved at the May Board meeting, and this is just a notification to members that this is forthcoming.

B. Seeking approval to execute Interlocal Agreement between GAATN and City of Austin for GAATN permanent backup NOCC location, subject to final approval by GAATN legal
Syd reported that he had sent the final redlines of the draft ILA to Chad Shaw at City of Austin, and that Chad sent it on to the appropriate city departments for final approval. He said that Chad had mentioned getting it scheduled on an upcoming City Council agenda, but he hasn't heard anything further. Indu said she would inquire about the current status of the agreement.

C. Consideration of lawsuit Garcia V. Cook & Boardman LLC et al. and Bluebonnet Electric Coop's request for defense and contractual indemnity based on pole attachment agreement
This agenda item was discussed in executive session under Texas Government Code 551.071. Upon reconvening in open session, Dain Herbat moved to authorize staff and legal counsel to take necessary action in regard to an insurance claim involving Garcia V. Cook & Boardman LLC et al.; Jaime Gerra seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Executive Session: At 1:49 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 6C.

At 2:32 p.m., Chairman Herbat reconvened the GAATN Board Meeting in open session. Agenda Item 6C was the only item discussed. Any additional discussion held or action taken on agenda items discussed in executive session are included in the agenda item summary.

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

9. **Meeting and Action Items Summary:**
   Frank reviewed the following action items taken from this meeting:
   - Management will send out the Ring Priority Ranking sheets for each entity to update. These updates will be compiled to update the attachment to the DR Plan.
   - Management will send out the Cost Avoidance sheets for each entity to update. These updates will be compiled, and the new report will be presented at the October Board Meeting.

10. **Confirm date, time, and location for the next regular Board meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 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 2:35 p.m.