GREATER AUSTIN AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (GAATN)
INTERLOCAL AGENCY

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 1, 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 roll call:
   On site: Dain Herbat (Travis County), Syd Falk (GAATN attorney)
   Remote: Paul Hodge and Mike Lohrstorfer (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); Bo Kinsey (Travis County); Steve Pyle (State of Texas DIR); Robert Saddler (LCRA); Frank Ammons, Carlos DeMatos, and Sarah Eichelberger (COA/GAATN staff); Chris Gonzales (BryComm); Doug Wilson (JC Communications); Gunnar Seaquist (Bickerstaff/GAATN attorney) – joined at 2:32 p.m.

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

3. **Network Management Annual Service Level Agreement Evaluation:**
   Board members conducted the annual evaluation of the network management team's performance under the service level agreement between GAATN and the City of Austin. The team scored a 5 out of 5.

4. **Review and approve the minutes for the regular Board Meeting of August 4, 2026:**
   Dain Herbat moved to approve the draft minutes as presented; Gary Weseman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. **Network Manager's Update:**
   A. **Tech Committee Agenda Recap**
      - **GAATN Damage Analysis report**
        Frank reported that a damage analysis report covering the past five years was presented at the Tech meeting and is included in the handouts for Board members to review.
      - **Option to utilize 288-count fiber to accommodate developer project timelines**
        Frank reported that this was discussed at the Tech meeting, however, it was later determined that the additional cost would fall on GAATN, rather than the developer, so management did not pursue this option.

   B. **Job status report**
      Frank reported on the following recently completed jobs:
      - SRN Emergency Temporary Repair at 101 W. St. Johns Ave – completed 8/10/26
      - SRS Troubleshooting LCRA strands at Travis High School – completed 8/3/26
      - AISD A1N Rosedale Elementary node decommissioning – completed 8/28/26
      - Total Jobs Tracked = 82 (70 active/planning; 12 completed)

   C. **Job budget report**
      MAC: Management is tracking 30 jobs totaling $3.89 million. So far for FY27, 1 job has been completed, and no invoices have been received. The fund balance bottom line is $1.455 million, which includes the impact of the jobs that are on the agenda for approval today (Astound DB, C1S & C2S splice case

audits, pole audit, Cap Ex UTAC).
Maintenance: GAATN has been invoiced for 5 jobs, all repairs, totaling $52,648.

D. GAATN quarterly financial report and fiscal year budget issues
There was not a new report for review this month.

6. Consent Agenda: Items Recommended from August 18, 2026 Technical Committee Meeting
Jaime Guerra moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 6A and 6B as presented; Gary Weseman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

A. Seeking approval to apply GAATN's Material Surplus and Disposition Policy to disposable GAATN Maintenance Inventory Items

B. Seeking approval of GAATN-owned pole audit, in accordance with GAATN's Pole Attachment Policy, at a cost not to exceed $20k, to be funded from the FY27 GAATN MAC budget

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

A. FY2027 GAATN Board and Technical Committee Officer Elections
Jaime Guerra nominated Dain Herbat as Board Chair; Gary Weseman seconded the nomination. Steve Pyle nominated Gary Weseman as Board Vice-Chair; Jaime Guerra seconded the nomination. Steve Pyle nominated Jaime Guerra as Technical Committee Chair; Gary Weseman seconded the nomination. Gary Weseman nominated Steve Pyle as Technical Committee Vice-Chair; Jaime Guerra seconded the nomination. Steve Pyle moved to close nominations; Jaime Guerra seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Dain Herbat moved to re-elect all nominated officers; Jaime Guerra seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Seeking approval for Proposed 2027 GAATN Board and Technical Committee Meeting Dates
Sarah reviewed the proposed 2027 meeting dates, all of which occur on Tuesdays except for the December Board meeting/annual luncheon, which will be held on a Monday. Gary Weseman moved to approve the proposed 2027 meeting dates as presented; Jaime Guerra seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Seeking approval of splice case audit projects for C1S and C2S, in accordance with GAATN's Maintenance Policy, at a cost not to exceed $204k to be funded from the FY27 MAC budget
Frank reported that these projects were reviewed and recommended for approval at the August Tech meeting and are being brought for board approval in accordance with GAATN's Maintenance Policy/Procedure. He noted that the last comprehensive audits for C1S and C2S were completed in 2016, making them due for updated audits. Upon completion, the audit reports will be provided to Advanced 1 for incorporation into GAATN's Bentley database and will also be posted to the GAATN SharePoint site. Jaime Guerra moved to approve the splice case audit projects for C1S and C2S at a cost not to exceed $204k to be funded from the FY27 MAC budget; Steve Pyle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

D. Seeking approval to execute Agreement between GAATN and TxDOT for Cap-Ex UTAC 100% reimbursable project in an amount not to exceed $445k, subject to final approval by GAATN legal
Sarah reported that this agenda item is seeking approval for the Board Chair to execute the agreement between GAATN and TxDOT for Cap-Ex UTAC, which is a 100% reimbursable project. She noted that this TxDOT standard utility relocation agreement was provided to Syd for review. She noted that design review and approval for the project itself will be brought to the September Tech and October Board for approval. Dain Herbat moved to approve the execution of the agreement between GAATN and TxDOT for Cap-Ex UTAC 100% reimbursable project in an amount not to exceed $445k, subject to final approval by GAATN legal; Steve Pyle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

E. Seeking approval for additional funding for Sabine joint duct bank with Astound at a cost not to exceed $132k to be funded from the FY27 MAC budget

Frank reported that this agenda item seeks approval to reimburse Astound for additional costs incurred during the construction of the joint duct bank at 4th and Sabine, completed on May 11, 2026. He noted that the Board previously approved the agreement between GAATN and Astound on 12/5/23, at a not-to-exceed amount of $50k, with GAATN responsible for 25% of the construction cost. In 2024, GAATN paid Astound $34,366, representing its 25% share of the original quote. Astound has since reported that actual project costs more than quadrupled between the 2023 estimate and the 2026 completion. According to Astound, the increase is primarily due to additional requirements mandated by the City of Austin—including depth, approach, tree protection, and proximity to the rail line—as well as changes in contractors during the project. He noted that the backup contractor invoice included in the handouts is from Wise Communications; however, payment will be made to Astound. He said that management is conducting due diligence and seeking clarification from Astound regarding specific invoice line items, particularly the sales tax charges. As a result, the final amount owed may be lower than the current estimate of $132k. He stated that since the agreement requires GAATN to remit additional funds within 30 days of receiving an invoice from Astound, management is presenting this agenda item now to ensure timely payment once clarification is complete. The remainder of this agenda item was discussed in executive session under Texas Government Code 551.071. Upon reconvening in open session, Dain Herbat moved to approve additional funding for the Sabine joint duct bank with Astound at a cost not to exceed $132k to be funded from the FY27 MAC budget; Jaime Guerra seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

F. GAATN property damage claim for damage to SRN at St. Johns Avenue on 8/9/26
This agenda item was discussed in executive session under Texas Government Code 551.071. Upon reconvening in open session, there was no additional discussion held or action taken.

G. Consideration of lawsuit Garcia V. GAATN 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, there was no additional discussion held or action taken.

H. Discussion of appropriateness of GAATN's insurance policies
This agenda item was discussed in executive session under Texas Government Code 551.071. Upon reconvening in open session, Dain Herbat moved to instruct GAATN legal (Bickerstaff) to engage outside counsel to review GAATN's insurance policies and compare them to GAATN's contractual obligations; Steve Pyle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

8. **Executive Session:** At 2:32 p.m., Chairman Herbat adjourned the GAATN Board 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) for Agenda Items 7E, 7F, 7G, and 7H. At 3:24 p.m., Chairman Herbat reconvened the GAATN Board Meeting in open session. Agenda Items 7E, 7F, 7G, and 7H were discussed in executive session. Any additional discussion held or action taken on Agenda Items discussed in executive session are noted in the Agenda Item summary.

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

10. **Meeting and Action Items Summary:** There were no action items taken from this meeting.

11. **Confirm date, time, and location for the next regular Board meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. at LCRA Dalchau Service Center 3505 Montopolis Drive, Building A, Room A502/503, Austin, TX 78744, and via Microsoft Teams Videoconference.**
The next meeting details were confirmed; the meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.