

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

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 7, 2021 1:30 p.m.

LCRA Service Center at 3505 Montopolis, Austin, Texas 78744

Building A, Room A502/503

Teams Videoconference link provided 72 hours prior to meeting on homepage of www.gaatn.org

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MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

GAATN Board Vice-Chair Gary Weseman called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. The following announced as present at the start of the meeting:

John Kohlmorgan, on behalf of Austin ISD (remote)

Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College (on site)

Steve Pyle, on behalf of State of Texas DIR (on site)

Bo Kinsey, on behalf of Travis County (remote)

Ruben Reyes, on behalf of City of Austin (remote)

Jaime Guerra, on behalf of UT-Austin (remote)

Harold Nall, on behalf of UT-Austin (remote)

Anthony Breckenridge, on behalf of City of Austin (remote)

Syd Falk, GAATN outside general counsel (on site)

Carlos DeMatos, on behalf of GAATN (on site)

Sarah Eichelberger, on behalf of GAATN (remote)

A quorum was established at roll call.

Robert Saddler, on behalf of LCRA – joined at 1:42 p.m. (remote)

Members of the public:

Wayne Wedemeyer (remote)

Chris Gonzales, on behalf of BryComm (remote)

Doug Wilson, on behalf of JC Communications (on site)

2. Citizen Communications: There were no citizen communications.

3. Review and Approve the minutes for the regular Board Meeting of August 10, 2021

Jaime Guerra moved to approve the draft minutes as presented; Steve Pyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. Consent Agenda Items – Items recommended for approval at the August 24, 2021 Technical Subcommittee Meeting and Operational Contract Renewals

Jaime Guerra requested that Agenda Item 4B be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion of the funding source. Jaime Guerra moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 4A and 4C; Steve Pyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- A. Seeking approval for second of three possible one-year renewals of GAATN Property Insurance (AISD 20RFP025) with Alamo Insurance Group DBA Brown & Brown San Antonio for the term of November 1, 2021 through October 31, 2022 with an annual premium of \$57,609**

APPROVED ON CONSENT.

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- B. Seeking approval for Second phase A1N activation into GAATN Backup NOCC at a cost not to exceed \$31K to be funded from FY22 MAC budget**
Jaime asked if members agreed the funding source should be from the anticipated refund from the City of Austin for leftover funds from the Backup NOCC project. John said he would need to have a better idea how much of a refund GAATN is expecting; Carlos said it would be at least \$100k. John said that any funds received back will go into the fund balance and then can be transferred to the MAC budget to pay for the project. Jaime Guerra moved to approve the second phase of A1N activation into GAATN Backup NOCC at a cost not to exceed \$31k to be funded form FY22 MAC budget; Steve Pyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- C. Seeking approval for A1N relocation from overhead to underground at 3rd and Pressler developer-funded project at no cost to GAATN**
APPROVED ON CONSENT.
- 5. Board Chairperson Update (Approximately 1 hour) – Discussion and possible action regarding:**
- A. Elfatmi v. AT&T and GAATN, Cause No. D-1-GN-21 – 000547, 250th District Court, Travis County, amended complaint joining GAATN filed April 9, 2021**
Syd reported that the order granting the plea to the jurisdiction is final, so GAATN is dismissed from the case on the basis of governmental immunity with prejudice to plaintiff’s refiling his claims. There will be no further updates to the Board.
- B. Property damage claim against Asplundh for damage to C1N at Willamette Drive**
Syd reported that Asplundh agreed to the settlement offer; Syd and Gunnar sent back a redlined version of Asplundh’s form release and are waiting to hear back.
- 6. Network Manager’s Update**
- A. GAATN Backup NOCC status update**
Carlos said there were training sessions for the in-row coolers, automatic transfer switch and generators; those sessions went well and were video recorded. He reviewed the handout package including the additional small items GAATN needs to purchase, a ring activation schedule, an entity rack layout, and a proposal for the PDU installation.
- B. Project status report**
Carlos said there have been no changes to this report since the previous meeting.
- C. Job budget report**
Sarah reported that the A1N activation and PDU installation for the Backup NOCC were added to this report. With these projects, there are now 7 jobs for FY22 totaling \$546k of the \$653k budget for FY22. There were also 19 jobs carried over from FY21 totaling \$823k.
- 7. Executive Session:** There was no executive session.
- 8. Update Roll Call (only if executive session called):** Since there was no executive session called, there was no need for an updated roll call.
- 9. Discussion and possible action regarding the financial report and current fiscal year budget issues. (AISD, 10 minutes):**
- A. Financial Report**
John reviewed the financial report for the month ending July 31, 2021. He pointed out the reduced fund balance due to the construction of the Backup NOCC. He asked members to send him or Sarah any questions they may have about this report.

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- 10. Meeting and Action Items Summary:** There were no action items from this meeting.
- 11. Confirm date, time, and location for the next regular Board meeting on October 5, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. at LCRA Service Center 3505 Montopolis Austin, TX and via Video Conference on Microsoft Teams.**
The date, time and location for the next regular Board meeting were confirmed; the meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.