

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

GAATN TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

March 24, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

City of Austin Permitting and Development Center

6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr, Rm 1208, Austin, TX 78752

Videoconference: Link available at least 72 hours prior on www.gaatn.org

Audio-only: (512) 831-7858, Access Code: 285 866 337#

MINUTES

1. Call to Order (Including a roll call):

GAATN Technical Committee Chairman Jaime Guerra called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The following announced as present at roll call:

On site: Jaime Guerra (University of Texas)

Remote: Paul Hodge (Austin ISD), Mark Stavis (City of Austin), Gary Weseman (Austin Community College), Dain Herbat (Travis County), Steve Pyle (State of Texas DIR), Justin Slocum (Austin Community College), Harold Nall (University of Texas), James Denman (LCRA), Mike Lohrstorfer (Austin ISD)

A quorum was established at roll call.

GAATN Contractors (remote): Chris Gonzales (BryComm), Doug Wilson (JC Communications)

2. Citizen Communications: There were no citizen communications.

3. Review and approve minutes from the Technical Committee meeting of January 27, 2026:

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

4. Maintenance Contractor's Report:

A. Maintenance report

Chris reported that since the last meeting, the maintenance contractor completed inspections on SRN, SRS, A1N, and A2N, resulting in 25 corrected deficiencies across the four rings. Nothing out of the ordinary was identified. Jaime asked whether NJUNS tickets were being cleared during the inspections. Chris explained that the inspector may be addressing some tickets that are not next-to-go (NTG), but a separate crew is actively completing GAATN's NTG tickets as part of an approved project.

B. Inventory report

There have been no changes to this report since the last meeting.

5. Network Manager's Report:

A. Job status report

Frank reported that good progress has been made in working with Austin Energy (AE) on NJUNS ticket resolution, which is necessary for advancing pole applications. He noted that several meetings have been held with AE since February, with the next meeting scheduled for March 31.

Frank also provided updates on the following projects:

- UG Bore for TLC Redundant Pathway – Comments were received from Union Pacific Railroad, and the permit application has been resubmitted accordingly. The traffic control plan has been submitted to the city and is currently under review. The Austin Utility Location & Coordination Committee (AULCC) review request has also been submitted, and the contractor is awaiting their response.
- C2S – TXDOT Oak Hill Parkway Relocation, Final Phase 3 – Completed on January 30, 2026.

Total jobs tracked: 67 (51 active/in planning; 16 completed).

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B. Network incident report

There have been no new incidents since the last meeting.

C. Job budget report

Sarah reported that management is tracking 35 active jobs totaling \$2.96 million. To date in FY26, 18 jobs have been completed, and \$328,000 has been invoiced. The current fund balance is \$1.58 million and reflects the impact of the proposed change order on the agenda for the SRN Permanent Repair at Hwy 290 and Cameron.

D. GAATN Maintenance RFP issued 02/13/26, closing 3/25/26

Sarah reported that the maintenance RFP was issued by AISD on February 13 and is scheduled to close tomorrow, March 25, at 2:00 p.m. She noted that the evaluation subcommittee will review the submissions and present a recommendation at the April 21 Tech meeting.

6. Committee Chairperson's Update – discussion and possible action on:

A. Seeking recommendation for City of Austin new node C1N Austin Resource Recovery N. Service Ctr entity-specific job at no cost to GAATN

This agenda item was discussed in executive session under Texas Government Codes 418.181 and 551.089. Upon reconvening in open session, Jaime Guerra moved to recommend for Board approval 6A, 6B, and 6D as presented in executive session; Steve Pyle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Seeking recommendation for Change Order for SRN Permanent Repair at Cameron & 290 at an additional cost not to exceed \$58k to be funded from GAATN MAC budget

This agenda item was discussed in executive session under Texas Government Codes 418.181 and 551.089. Upon reconvening in open session, Jaime Guerra moved to recommend for Board approval 6A, 6B, and 6D as presented in executive session; Steve Pyle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

C. SRN relocation at DIR State of Texas Insurance Annex

This agenda item was discussed in executive session under Texas Government Codes 418.181 and 551.089. Upon reconvening in open session, there was no additional discussion held or action taken.

D. SRS/B2S/B1S relocation at AISD Travis High School

This agenda item was discussed in executive session under Texas Government Codes 418.181 and 551.089. Upon reconvening in open session, Jaime Guerra moved to recommend for Board approval 6A, 6B, and 6D as presented in executive session; Steve Pyle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

E. Backup NOCC Relocation

Frank reported that management is awaiting execution of the agreement before proceeding with the cutover. He noted that all preparations have been completed and the team is ready once the agreement is finalized.

F. GAATN and entity-specific NJUNS tickets

Frank stated that good progress has been made with AE. He noted that this standing agenda item will be transitioned to the maintenance contractor's report going forward, where monthly NJUNS ticket status updates will be provided. Jaime asked about GAATN's outstanding ticket queue, and Sarah reported that there are currently 450 NTG tickets. Jaime then asked about entity-specific NJUNS tickets. Sarah explained that NJUNS tickets will be ongoing and that a portion will always be entity-specific; the maintenance contractor will notify entities each month if they have tickets assigned. Frank added that these will be included in the NJUNS ticket report provided by the maintenance contractor. Jaime noted that he would like to understand the potential budget impact of his entity-specific tickets.

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- 7. Executive Session:** At 1:46 p.m., Chairman Guerra adjourned the GAATN Technical Committee for closed session, under Tex. Gov't Code sections 418.181 ("H.B. 9") and 551.089 to preserve confidentiality as permitted by law for Agenda Items 6A, 6B, 6C, and 6D.

At 2:09 p.m., Chairman Guerra reconvened the GAATN Technical Committee in open session. Agenda Items 6A, 6B, 6C, and 6D were the items 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.

- 8. Updated roll call (only conducted if executive session is necessary):** An updated roll call re-confirmed a quorum.
- 9. Confirm date, time, and location for the next Technical Committee meeting as April 21, 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 2:11 p.m.