

# GREATER AUSTIN AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (GAATN) INTERLOCAL AGENCY

## GAATN TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

May 17, 2022 at 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](http://www.gaatn.org)

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## MINUTES

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

GAATN Technical Subcommittee Chairman Jaime Guerra called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

The following announced as present at the start of the meeting:

Frank Ammons, on behalf of GAATN

Jaime Guerra, on behalf of UT-Austin

Steve Pyle, on behalf of State of Texas DIR

Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College

Dain Herbat, on behalf of Travis County

Justin Slocum, on behalf of Austin ISD

Anthony Breckenridge, on behalf of City of Austin

Mace Royston, on behalf of LCRA

Bo Kinsey, on behalf of Travis County

Carlos DeMatos, on behalf of GAATN

Harold Nall, on behalf of UT-Austin

Ruben Reyes, on behalf of City of Austin

A quorum was established at roll call.

GAATN Contractors:

Chris Gonzales, on behalf of BryComm

### 2. Citizen Communications: There was no citizen communications.

### 3. Review and approve minutes from the regular Technical Subcommittee meeting of March 22, 2022

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

### 4. Maintenance Contractor's Report

#### A. Maintenance report

Chris reported that the maintenance contractor completed inspections on B1N and B1S with 21 corrected deficiencies between the two rings. Chris said there was a slight uptick in pole transfers.

#### B. Inventory report

Chris said there were no changes to this report since the last meeting.

### 5. Network Manager's Report

#### A. Project status report

Frank reported on the following upcoming and recently completed projects:

- A2N Travis County Civil and Family Courthouse relocation – postponed due to entity request, network management will work to get this work rescheduled and send out a new GAATN Alert.
- DIR B2S TxDOT node insertion – completed 4/25

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- Jaime asked about any progress with A1N upgrade projects – Frank said there have been some pole applications approved recently. He said that he had a meeting with Ruben, Dain and CTM executive management regarding the relationship between GAATN and AE and drafting a memorandum to AE regarding process improvement. Dain said that the correspondence was the recommendation from CTM executive management and he asked members to discuss signing such correspondence with their entity leadership.

### **B. Network status report**

Frank said there is nothing new to report since the previous meeting.

### **C. Job budget report**

Frank said management is tracking 43 jobs totaling \$1.7 million. So far for FY22, \$656k has been invoiced and \$1.1 million encumbered.

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

### **A. Update on the March 2nd power incident at the GAATN Backup NOCC**

Carlos reported that, as reported at the March Technical meeting, the NOCC facility staff will be removing the non-applicable features from the fuse switch that caused the generator not to shut off once the power was restored.

### **B. Update on NOCC Maintenance service level agreement between City of Austin and GAATN for maintenance of the GAATN Backup NOCC**

Frank reported that he drafted a maintenance agreement between GAATN and the City of Austin for the maintenance of the Backup NOCC and sent that to the City of Austin Data Center Operations Manager. He said the DCO Manager came back and said that the COA doesn't need an agreement and that DCO will handle and pay for the Backup NOCC maintenance as it does with City Hall and Fire Station 6. However, in the event that any of the GAATN-owned equipment should breakdown, then GAATN will be responsible for payment to fix that equipment. Frank asked the AISD representative what AISD would need in order to pay the City of Austin in that instance. Justin asked Frank to send him the GAATN ILA for the Backup NOCC and he would take it to his management for clarification on Frank's question. Gary asked what level of service DCO would provide; Frank said it would be the same level of service that the Subcommittee and Board approved. Ruben asked about extending the warranty on the equipment; Frank said they previously did a case study and the cost of the extended warranty was more than GAATN expects to pay on that equipment in the first five years.

### **C. Seeking recommendation for draft revisions to GAATN Teardown, Damage, and Repair policy**

Frank reviewed the draft version of the policy and noted that it was brought to the previous Tech meeting and he has made changes based on the suggestions from that meeting and from members by email since the meeting. Frank noted the changes that were requested and how they were integrated into the current draft. He also noted some minor grammatical errors that would be corrected for the final draft. Jaime Guerra moved to recommend for Board approval the draft revisions to the GAATN Teardown, Damage, and Repair Policy; Gary Weseman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **D. Seeking recommendation for a new Node for Austin Community College on A1N (A1N – ACC Node at UT WWH)**

Jaime Guerra moved to recommend for Board approval the new node for Austin Community College on A1N at UT Walter Webb Hall; Steve Pyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

**8. Updated roll call upon reconvening in open session (only if Executive Session taken:** Since there was no executive session, there was no updated roll call.

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- 9. Confirm date, time, and location for the next Technical Subcommittee meeting as June 21, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at LCRA Service Center 3505 Montopolis, Bldg A, Room A502/503 Austin, Texas and via Microsoft Teams Videoconference.**

The date, time and location for the next meeting were confirmed; the meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.