

GREATER AUSTIN AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (GAATN) INTERLOCAL AGENCY

GAATN TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

June 18, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

City of Austin Permitting and Development Center

6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr, Rm 1202, Austin, TX 78752

Teams Videoconference link provided 72 hours prior to meeting on homepage of 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:

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

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

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

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

Dain Herbat, on behalf of Travis County (remote)

Paul Hodge, on behalf of Austin ISD (remote)

Justin Slocum, on behalf of Austin ISD (remote)

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

Mark Stavis, on behalf of City of Austin (remote)

Frank Ammons, on behalf of GAATN (remote)

Carlos DeMatos, on behalf of GAATN (remote)

A quorum was established at roll call.

Members joining after roll call:

Chris Phillips, on behalf of LCRA (remote) – joined at 1:57 p.m.

Bo Kinsey, on behalf of Travis County (remote) – joined at 2:10 p.m.

GAATN Contractors:

Chris Gonzales, on behalf of BryComm (remote)

Doug Wilson, on behalf of JC Communications (remote)

2. Citizen Communications: There was no citizen communications.

3. Review and approve minutes from the regular Technical Subcommittee meeting of May 21, 2024

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, since the last meeting, the maintenance contractor completed the routine inspections of A1N, A1N, B1N, and B1S; they corrected 46 deficiencies between the four rings. There were 13 poles transfers on B1S at Woodward Street, which appeared to be regular Austin Energy maintenance to change out poles. Jaime asked about the fiber sweeps; Chris said they have not found any issues with the fiber sweeps.

B. Inventory report

Chris reported that, since the last meeting, there were no changes to the inventory.

5. Network Manager's Report

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A. Project status report

Frank reported on the following upcoming and recently completed projects:

- C2S TxDOT Oak Hill Parkway US290 Phase 4 – scheduled to complete 6/19/24
- A2N splice case audit – project is pending a change order
- SRS Upgrade Project Segment 3 – scheduled to complete 7/15/24
- COA B2S Fire Station 22 node re-install – scheduled to complete 6/24/24
- C2S TxDOT Oak Hill Parkway US290 Phase 3 – completed 6/5/24
- C2S TxDOT Oak Hill Parkway US290 Phase 2 – completed 5/16/24
- B1N Spicewood Springs relocation – completed 5/30/24
- D1N Austin Energy Headquarters new node install – completed 6/12/24

Frank notified the Technical Subcommittee of the Presidential Election Network Maintenance Moratorium dates of October 19 through November 8. He asked members to please schedule any entity-specific work around those dates.

B. Network incident report

Frank reported that, since the last meeting, there were no new incidents added to the Network Incident report.

C. Job budget report

Frank reported that Management is tracking 60 jobs totaling \$3.65 million. So far for FY24, 28 jobs have been completed and \$966k has been invoiced. The fund balance bottom line is \$608k.

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

A. Austin ISD 2022 Bond Projects Impact to GAATN Super node Sites and Subcommittee update

Paul reported that Austin ISD decided not to pursue the separate prefabricated building for Travis High School, which was to be completed around Summer 2025. Instead, Austin ISD has decided to build the new room within the new Travis High School structure. The new room will still be the same size of 20' x 40' with external access, so there will be room of GAATN members. However, the timeline to completion will be pushed out a couple of years. Per the discussion at the June Board meeting, this subcommittee is therefore dismantled, and this agenda item will no longer be a standing agenda item until the construction gets closer.

B. Backup NOCC Decommissioning

Frank reported that GAATN is carrying forward with the permitting; management has been working closely with the COA Right-of-Way department and COA Public Works on behalf of the Austin Convention Center.

C. Backup NOCC Relocation and Subcommittee Update

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

7. **Executive Session:** At 1:47 p.m., GAATN Technical Subcommittee Chairman Jaime Guerra adjourned the meeting for closed session, under Tex. Gov't Code sections 551.089 and 418.181 (“H.B. 9”), to preserve confidentiality as permitted by law regarding Agenda Item 6C.

At 2:15 p.m., Jaime Guerra reconvened the GAATN Technical Subcommittee in open session. Agenda Item 6C was the only items discussed. Any additional discussion held, or action taken on agenda items discussed in executive session will be noted in the summary for that agenda item.

8. **Updated roll call upon reconvening in open session (only if Executive Session taken):** Upon reconvening in open session, an updated roll call was taken. All members that announced as present at the initial roll

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call, re-confirmed their presence at the updated roll call. Additionally, Chris Phillips and Bo Kinsey, who joined after the initial roll call, confirmed their presence at the updated roll call. A quorum was re-established.

- 9. Confirm date, time, and location for the next Technical Subcommittee meeting as July 23, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. at City of Austin Permitting and Development Center 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr, Room 1202, Austin, TX 78752 and via Microsoft Teams Videoconference.**

The date, time, and location for the next Technical Subcommittee were confirmed; the meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.