



**Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission**

**Special Meeting**

**Wednesday – July 14, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.**

**City Hall – Room 1101**

**301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas**

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**Current Commission Members:**

Chip Rosenthal, Chair	Kedron Touvell, Vice Chair
Wendell Ramsey	Lemuel Williams, Jr.
Randall Kolb	Melvin White

**Agenda**

- 1. Call to order – July 14, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.**
- 2. Adoption of agenda.**
- 3. Roundtable discussion on the future of public access television and community media.**

A series of panels with invited speakers/experts will cover the following topics:

- a. Mission and Core Services - a discussion on the role public access tv and services can play in the community, focusing on fundamental policy concerning access, and with an eye to prioritizing services to help ensure the essential functions are funded.
- b. Community - a discussion on how public access television can best connect with and serve the community, as well as a consideration of the various constituencies that form the public access community.
- c. Innovation - this panel will momentarily put aside conventional public access television services; instead, it will consider alternate media and new technologies, and investigate their importance to the local community. The goal here is to incubate new ideas, and help ensure that public access and community media stay relevant in the face of media and technological changes.
- d. Funding - a discussion of possible funding models and non-profit development methods for public access television, with special consideration given to the changes that arise out of state cable tv franchising deregulation.

The discussion will end at 9:00 p.m.

**Viewers may submit questions for panelists using any of several available interactive capabilities: call or text 512-539-0070; chat live at [cityofaustin.org/webcast.htm](http://cityofaustin.org/webcast.htm); or email [publicaccess@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:publicaccess@ci.austin.tx.us)**

#### 4. Citizen Communication.

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

#### 5. Discussion of agenda items for ACT&TC future meetings.

#### 6. Adjournment

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Posting Submitted by: **Rondella Hawkins, TARA Manager, Friday, July 9, 2010 at 3:00 P.M.**

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