



## **Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission Regular Meeting**

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### **MINUTES**

**February 11, 2015**

**City Hall – Austin, Texas**

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#### **Current Commission Members:**

Lemuel Williams, Jr., Chair	Chelsea McCullough, Vice Chair
Wendell Ramsey	Melvin White
Elizabeth Quintanilla	Tracy LaQuey Parker
David Holmes	

#### **The following items are posted for discussion and possible action.**

1. Call to order – February 11, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

##### Commission members in attendance:

Lemuel Williams, Jr.  
Chelsea McCullough  
Wendell Ramsey  
Melvin White  
Elizabeth Quintanilla  
Tracy LaQuey Parker  
David Holmes

##### Staff in attendance:

Rondella Hawkins  
Paul Lewis  
John Speirs  
Sharla Chamberlain  
Kirby Aull  
Jane Reina

2. Adoption of agenda.

The agenda was adopted by consent of the Commission.

3. Citizen Communications: General

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.

No citizens signed up for general communications.

4. Approval of minutes – December 10, 2014 Commission Regular Meeting and January 14, 2015 Work Plan Retreat/Regular Meeting.

**Minutes from the Commission regular meeting of December 10, 2014 and January 14, 2015 Work Plan Retreat/Regular Meeting were approved on Commissioner McCullough's motion; Commissioner White's second on a vote of 6-0. Commissioner Quintanilla arrived after items 7.**

5. 2015 SXSW update. (Hugh Forrest) - 10 minutes

Mr. Forrest gave an overview of the coming activities for South by Southwest 2015. Find all info at [www.SXSW.com](http://www.SXSW.com)

6. channelAustin update. (Linda Litowsky/Stefan Wray) - 15 minutes

Linda Litowsky, Executive Director of channelAustin gave an update and presented a video. Their annual report was presented to the City in December. She also invited the Commission to tour their studios. For more info visit; [www.channelaustin.org](http://www.channelaustin.org)

7. Distracted driving ordinance. (Art Fortune Commander- Highway Enforcement Austin Police Department & Robert Spillar, Director, City's Transportation Department) - 15 minutes

An overview of the Distracted Driving ordinance was presented.

View PowerPoint at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=226458>

View ordinance at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=226457>

### **Beginning at 7:00 p.m.**

8. Question & Answer discussion with Austin's Broadband Providers - representatives from AT&T, Google Fiber, Grande Communications and Time Warner Cable.

Susan Patten, VP of Government Relations for Texas Time Warner Cable

Greg Pilz, Senior Marketing Manager for AT&T Gigapower

Matthew Rohre, Senior VP of Operations and General Manager for Grande Communications

Mark Strama, Head of Business Operations for Google Fiber Austin

These company representatives were asked about what communities can do to attract high-speed and gigabit broadband providers, their plans for upcoming offerings or service enhancements, challenges and opportunities related to public access channels, and how these companies are promoting digital inclusion and giving back to the community.

All four companies are continuing to innovate to provide faster Internet speeds and higher-quality television service at affordable rates in Austin. Our providers remit millions of dollars annually to the City of Austin's General Fund, supporting our police, fire and other important services. Providers also remit 1% of gross revenues (as state tv/video franchise holders)

providing capital equipment funding for Austin's Public, Educational and Governmental Television channels.

You can watch the full panel discussion on the City's website, item 8 at this link:

<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/02112015-863>

You can find questions for Cable & Video Providers at:

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=226696>

9. Update reports on networking relationships with other boards/commissions and groups, citywide and Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission (ACT&TC) information items.

Commissioner Quintanilla reported there is a meeting for Women entrepreneur's at the Capital Factory on February 12<sup>th</sup>. She also report that Google is doing their entrepreneur residence program and applications are open until February 17<sup>th</sup>.

10. Discussion of agenda items for ACT&TC future meetings, next regular meeting scheduled for March 11, 2015.

Proposed items for March 11, 2015 regular meeting.

- Discussion and possible action on 2014 Work Plan accomplishments.
- Develop and possible action on 2015 Work Plan.
- GTOP's Grant Recommendation.
- Discussion and possible action on Community Connection site modification.
- Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan update.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm