



## COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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### MINUTES

#### Regular Meeting

Wednesday – September 14, 2022 – 6:30 PM

City Hall – Boards and Commissions - Room 1101

301 W. 2nd Street - Austin, TX 78701

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#### **CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Vacant - Mayor Steve Adler

Nehemiah Pitts III - Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, District 1

Steven Apodaca – Council Member Vanessa Fuentes, District 2

Malcolm Yeatts - Council Member Sabino “Pio” Renteria, District 3

Cristina Garza - Council Member José “Chito” Vela, District 4

Dave Floyd - Council Member Ann Kitchen, District 5

Vacant - Council Member Mackenzie Kelly, District 6

Maxine Eiland - Council Member Leslie Pool, District 7

Vacant - Council Member Paige Ellis, District 8

Nicole Thompson – Council Member Kathie Tovo, District 9

Sumit DasGupta - Council Member Alison Alter, District 10

#### **Commission Members Present**

Nehemiah Pitts III

Steven Apodaca

#### **Commission Members Attending Remotely**

Cristina Garza

Malcolm Yeatts

Dave Floyd

Maxine Eiland

Nicole Thompson

Sumit DasGupta

### **Unexcused Absence**

Jennifer Ramos  
Sophie Gairo

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm.

### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

The first ten speakers who register to speak no later than noon the day before the meeting will be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

No members of the community signed up to speak.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission Regular meeting on July 13, 2022

**Motion to approve the July 13, 2022 meeting minutes made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Apodaca passed on a vote of 7-0**

### **STAFF AND COMMUNITY BRIEFINGS (A member of the public may not address a board at a meeting on an item posted as a briefing)**

2. Motion Media Arts Center (Austin School of Film + Austin Cinemaker Space) ~ Faiza Kracheni, Co-Executive Director & East Austin Native

Presentation can be viewed [here](#).

3. Grant for Technology Opportunities Program – GTOPs Connect Update (Jesse Rodriguez, Program Manager)

The video of the presentation can be viewed [here](#).

### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

4. FCC Broadband Standards (Discussion and Action)

**Motion to re-assign homework to each commissioner to send questions and feedback to the Commission Liaison regarding the creation of broadband standards for the City of Austin made by Chair Pitts, seconded by DasGupta, passed on a vote of 8-0.**

5. The Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan (Discussion and Action)

**Motion to share the resolution to the Commission and to have the commission provide feedback on it made by Chair Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Garza, passed on a vote of 8-0.**

6. Intelligent Infrastructure Resolution (Discussion and Action)

The commission discussed sharing the draft resolution for feedback prior to the next meeting.

7. Digital Inclusion Town Hall Listening Session Planning (Discussion and Action)

The commission discussed the past town hall sessions and the plans for future sessions. Chair Pitts discussed the creation of a planning committee for this effort.

**Working Group Updates**

8. Update from Digital Inclusion, Civic Engagement, and Strategic Technology and Telecom Policy Working Group

Chair Pitts noted the discussions on this agenda that related to this working group's discussions. He also noted that the National Digital Inclusion Alliance recognized Austin as a Digital Inclusion Trailblazer. He also discussed conversations with Travis County regarding digital equity research.

9. Update from Knowledge, Information, and Data Stewardship Working Group

Commissioner Apodaca gave an overview of a conversation with CTM personnel on the current focus of work on the City website. CTM is currently focused on making the City website more accessible. The group also discussed the role of digital inclusion in permitting and other infrastructure conversations.

10. Update from Technology, Infrastructure, and Innovation Working Group

Commissioner Floyd noted that the items related to this working group have already been discussed at length.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Presentation from Travis County on Digital Equity programming and partnerships

Digital Inclusion Week Art Competition Announcements

Discussion on a recommendation on Citizen participation in Council meetings

Report from the Clerk's Office on the tabulation of City Council votes

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn proposed by Commissioner DasGupta, seconded by Commissioner Eiland, passed on a vote of 8-0 at 9:52 pm.**

The minutes were approved at the 10/12/2022 meeting on Commissioner DasGupta's motion, Chair Pitts' second, on a 7-0 vote.

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