



COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Wednesday – October 12, 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

Maxine Eiland

Nicole Thompson

Sumit DasGupta

Unexcused Absence

Dave Floyd

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:38 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 September 14, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes as presented made by Commissioner DasGupta, seconded by Chair Pitts, 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. City of Austin Analysis of Blockchain and Cryptocurrency (Daniel Culotta, Interim Chief Innovation Officer)

The staff memoranda on blockchain can be viewed [here](#).

The staff memoranda on cryptocurrency can be viewed [here](#).

3. Digital Inclusion Week 2023 Art Competition Update (Jesse Rodriguez, Program Manager)

The art competition flyer can be viewed [here](#).

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4. Commission 2023 Schedule (Discussion and Action)

Motion to approve the 2023 Schedule made by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner DasGupta, passed on a vote of 7-0.

5. FCC Broadband Standards (Discussion and Action)

Commissioner Apodaca suggested that the commission align standards on minimum speeds rather than maximum theoretical speeds. He also suggested the commission work

with Council to consider encouraging or requiring ISPs to serve the parts of the community that are currently unserved.

Commissioner DasGupta suggested a standard of 50 mbps download/upload speed, increasing by 25/5 mbps per year, and maximum degradation of bandwidth of 10% within a 24 hour period.

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

Motion to approve the Council Committee Agenda Request for staff to prioritize update of the Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan made by Chair Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Apodaca, passed on a vote of 7-0.

7. Intelligent Infrastructure Resolution (Discussion and Action)

The commission discussed wording for a proposed “Coordinated Subterranean Planning Resolution”.

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

The Commission discussed upcoming town hall meetings on October 29th and November 19th.

9. Discussion on the process for Citizen participation in Council meetings (Discussion and Action)

Commissioner Yeatts noted his experience with public communication at City Council, and he recommended an ordered digital list for citizens to be able to see when they are up in the queue. He noted that he would forward his question to the staff liaison, who would send the question to the Clerk’s Office.

Working Group Updates

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

Chair Pitts noted events that took place during Digital Inclusion Week, including the Tech for All festival.

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

Commissioner Apodaca noted the group’s discussions on the Council Voting Tablature item, and that feedback from the Clerk’s Office has been requested. This request may result in a presentation to the commission or a documented response.

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

No updates for this group.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Phillip Eaglin of Changing Expectations
Council vote tabature

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn proposed by Commissioner Eiland, seconded by Commissioner DasGupta, passed on a vote of 7-0 at 9:36 pm.

The minutes were approved at the 12/14/2022 meeting on Commissioner Yeatts' motion, Commissioner Thompson's second, on a 7-0 vote.

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