

**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
MEETING MINUTES
CABLE FRANCHISE AND HEARING BOARD**

Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: City Council Government Center
City Council Committee Room, Room 9081

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael V. Marcotte
Brian White

ABSENT BOARD MEMBER:

Nancy Montañó

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Jane Yee, Assistant City Attorney, Legal Department
Hakim Bellamy, Deputy Director, Cultural Services Department

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. with two members present.

ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Members Michael V. Marcotte and Brian White approved the minutes of the November 26, 2019 meeting by a vote of 2-0.

ITEM 2: UPDATES AND DISCUSSION.

(a) Public Access and Local Origination Channels

Hakim Bellamy, Deputy Director of the Cultural Services Department, provided the Board an update on the status of the PEG channels. CSD has contracted with Quote-Unquote to provide educational access services on Channel 96 and with ProView to provide local origination programs on Channel 26. CSD is in the process of developing a contract related to the provision of public access programs on Channel 27. CSD will continue to operate GOV-TV, Channel 16, the government access channel. Brian White asked Staff to obtain a copy of the public access and local origination organizational flow chart prepared by the Cultural Services Department.

(b) Topic: Enhancing and improving local news programming was deferred until the February 25, 2020 meeting.

(c) Topic: Comcast franchise implementation and recent consumer complaints was deferred until the February 25, 2020 meeting.

ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENT.

Simon Polakowski and Colleen Gorman provided public comment.

ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS.

The Board adopted Resolution 20-01, as amended, the Board’s meeting schedule by a vote of 2-0. The Board decided to meet monthly until June 23, 2020. The meetings will take place in Room 9081, the City Council Committee Room on the ninth floor.

The Board deferred the first action item, that is, recommendations on amendments to Cable Franchise and Hearing Board ordinance.

ITEM 6: AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING.

These items should be placed on the agenda for discussion:

- (a) Current programming on public access and local origination channels; best use of public access and local origination channels;
- (b) History of legislative appropriations for education access television;
- (c) Implementation of Comcast franchise ordinance and summary of consumer complaints;
- (d) Possible action items:
 - (i) Resolution on possible revisions of the Cable Board Ordinance and its Procedures to reflect the new Comcast franchise and Cable Board’s advisory functions; and
 - (ii) Resolution on expansion of the scope of the Board’s authority to address internet issues on behalf of consumers.

/s/ Brian White
Member, Brian White

Date

/s/ Michael V. Marcotte
Member, Michael V. Marcotte

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