

# Connecticut State-wide Video Advisory Council

February 26, 2020 - Regular Meeting  
Baci Grill, 134 Berlin Rd, Cromwell, CT

## Minutes

The Statewide Video Advisory Council meeting was held on Wednesday February 26, 2020 and called to order at 7:00PM by Chair Merja Lehtinen.

In attendance were the following members: Merja Lehtinen, Michael Mainz, Stephen Fuest, Gregory Davis, Philip Markuszka, Alan Budkofsky, Elaine Buchardt

Members Absent: Marco Iacoviello, Stewart Strelzer, Russell Gomes, Wayne Church, Alex Fraser, Stephen Simonin

Providers: Brad Palazzo (Comcast), Michael Cicchetti (Frontier)

Public in Attendance: Jeff Weiss (Guest), Peaches Quinn (Guest)

The minutes from the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved. Motion made by Alan Budofsky and seconded by Steve Fuest. Motion passed with two abstentions.

Treasurers Report: Alan Budofsky gave the treasury report. The annual checks from Altice, Comcast and Frontier have been received and deposited. The current balance is \$37,833.19.

Provider Reports:

- Comcast: In the Atlantic Broadband franchise area, the routing of Community Access and education/government channels from Atlantic Broadband to Comcast was corrected. Viewers can now see those channels on the channel numbers previously publicized. This week, Comcast made the formal announcement that they are accepting customers in East Lyme.
- Frontier: Removed STARZ network because of high cost. Content providers continue to raise their costs to MVPDs.

Committee Reports:

Legal:

- Per information from PURA provided by Senator Formica's office, FCC Docket 05-311 Order 3 will have little or no impact in Connecticut.

Membership:

- Esme Lombard is the new representative from Altice.

Technology:

- No report

New Business:

- Chairman Merja Lehtinen appointed Steve Fuest as Chairman of the Elections Committee. If there is the same slate, the Secretary may cast a unanimous consent ballot at the time of the annual Election. If a challenging slate forms, then an Election between the two slates will take place at the time of the Annual Election. There were no indications of anyone stating an interest in challenging nor were there any stated intentions by any officer to resign. Hearing none, the Chair turned Elections Committee to Steve Fuest.

- Gregory Davis made a motion that SVAC support RSB-176 currently being considered by the CT legislature's Energy and Technology Committee. Philip Markuszka seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Gregory Davis made a motion that SVAC support PURA Docket 20-01-34. Alan Budofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- PURA Docket 20-01-17 was discussed. No action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Mainz  
Vice-Chair