

Connecticut State-wide Video Advisory Council

June 28, 2017 - Regular Meeting
Baci Grill, 134 Berlin Rd, Cromwell, CT

Minutes

The Statewide Video Advisory Council meeting was held on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 and called to order at 6:40 PM by Chairwoman Merja Lehtinen.

In attendance were the following members: Tad Weinstein, Michael Meinz, Merja Lehtinen, Marco Iacoviello, Douglas Poger, Stephen Fuest, Alan Budkofsky, Alex Fraser, Alternate Gerard Speeno, and Alternate George Linkletter.

The following members were absent: Paul Tontini, Wayne Church, Russell Gomes, Philip Markuszka, Stephen Simonin.

Providers Jennifer Young, Altice, Absent. Frontier Representative, Absent.

Public in attendance: Stephen Mindera.

Secretary Report:

Alan Budkofsky made a motion to accept the minutes seconded by Douglas Poger. There were three abstentions. Minutes approved.

Treasurers Report:

Tad Weinstein gave the report. Motion made by Alan Budkofsky to accept and seconded by Douglas Poger.

Discussion: Tad Weinstein brought up that Comcast applied for and has been granted a CVFA and asked if they should pay as Cablevision and Frontier. Discussion about this followed and Chairwoman Merja Lehtinen suggested if we receive the check and they attend, that will be their anniversary date, as we did with Frontier. Motion made and passed. There were three abstentions and the report was accepted.

Consumer Complaints: Letter from a Stratford resident whose provider is Altice. Letter entered in record as read.

New Business:

Stephen Simonin sent a letter from Senator Blumenthal that will be put on the web site. It was entered in the record.

Alex Fraser made a motion that we should contact a free law service at Yale Law School to examine what has been happening in statewide video industry.

Chairwoman Merja Lehtinen asked Alex to invite the professor to come discuss the industry issues and see if this may be something they may be interested in doing. There is a possibility that we can give a stipend for research. Stephen Fuest made motion to authorize Alex to pursue this, which was seconded by Marco Iacoviello. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: None

Committee Reports: None

George Linkletter made a motion to adjourn at 7:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori B. Weinstein
SVAC – Recording Secretary