

# Connecticut State-wide Video Advisory Council

October 24, 2018 - Regular Meeting  
Baci Grill, 134 Berlin Rd, Cromwell, CT

## Minutes

The Statewide Video Advisory Council meeting was held on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 and called to order at 7:00PM by Vice Chair Michael Meinz.

In attendance were the following members: Tad Weinstein, Michael Meinz, Stephen Fuest, Russell Gomes, Gregory Davis, Alan Budkofsky, Philip Markuszka

Providers: Michael Cicchetti from Frontier

Public in Attendance: Gil Martinez from Hartford Public Access, Stephen Mindera from Skye Cable.

Secretary Report: The minutes from the August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting were approved. The motion to approve was made by Stephen Fuest and seconded by Alan Budkofsky. Approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Tad Weinstein gave the report. The balance is \$30,114.40.

Provider Reports: Mike Cicchetti said that Frontier has made some channel changes and he gave feedback about three customer complaints that were received and how they have been handled.

Old Business: None

Committee Reports:

Technical Report: None

Legal Report: Philip Markuszka had nothing to report but he is now officially appointed to the SVAC. Mike Meinz asked Russ Gomes if there was any update on the lawsuit over the Clean Energy Fund.

Membership Report: Michael Meinz had no news but handed out the meeting dates for 2019.

New Business: Gregory Davis spoke about upgrading public access to high definition. He said that this needs to be ordered by PURA and there was a discussion about asking PURA to include it in the annual support review letter. Further discussion on how an issue may be the equipment necessary for this upgrade and that the PEGPETIA money would be necessary for this to happen.

Public Comments: Gil Martinez spoke to the council about hiring a lobbyist to bring PEGPETIA funds back to public access stations. He said that the local councils need to unify with other stations as there is strength in numbers. Gregory Davis brought up his letter that Charter wrote to PURA and he suggested we use the same format and forward it to Scott Muska. Lori Weinstein will get a copy of the letter and send it to all the SVAC members to review. Gil said that there will be a meeting on November 28th at 7:00PM at the East Hartford Public Access, East Hartford Town Hall, 740 Main Street (basement level), East Hartford, CT where this will be discussed. It was suggested that this topic be on the agenda for the December meeting and possibly have a lobbyist in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori B. Weinstein

SVAC – Recording Secretary