

Connecticut State-wide Video Advisory Council

December 11, 2024

Zoom Only Minutes

In Attendance: Alan Budkofsky, Elaine Buchardt, Gregory Davis, Temi Valdes, Merja Lehtinen, Stephen Simonin

Members Absent: Peaches Quinn, Stephen Fuest, Stuart Strelzer, Marco Iacoviello

Providers: Comcast, Judy Geise, Frontier, Esme Lombard, Altice

1. Meeting called to order 7:02 pm by Treasurer Alan Budkofsky
2. Approval of Minutes of August 28th, 2024- Moved by Temi, Elaine Seconded- Motion Passed

Greg made motion to move Provider reports to under approval of minutes, to Item 3, Temi Seconded- Motion Passed.

3) Provider Reports-

Judy Geise- Frontier- Frontier has designated a Ct recipient for their broadband for good program. Free Internet to Rise up group in Hartford. Also Boys and Girls Club in Ridgefield and District Arts and Education for New Haven. In October Frontier received grants from State of Ct for Broadband-funds will be used by end of next year in accordance with requirements to Grant. Alan asked about programs for senior citizens that cant afford the internet. Judy said that they have not done so yet but committee would be looking at this.

Esme Lombard- Altice- Launched in October Hispanic Essay Contest- winner from City of Stamford- awards Ceremony on Monday Dec 16th- recipient will receive ipad. Altice participates in donors chose where they donate money and its matched to school teachers throughout ct- one of receipts is Marvin Elementary School in Norwalk. Donated to multiple Boy's and Girl's clubs in area- Milford, Stamford, Greenwich. Funding of robotics teams throughout the state- supporting teams through STEM. Stephen Simonin asked question about losing tv service in his home. He asked about integrity tests on the fiber to homes and why they did not do this. He has not heard any replies back from Altice and asked Esme if she has. Esme has not hear any replies yet- she has asked Stephen to email her the tech first/last name and his questions so she can get him an answer. Steve service is now working. Discussion ensued about this topic among council members. Stephen brings this up as general issue for all fiber subscribers.

4). Old Business – None

5) New Business- None

6) Committee Reports: Stephen asked if anyone had any questions about the letter he sent to altice about the integrity test issues. Temi gave feedback on Steve Letter and thanked him for his input.

8) Adjournment: 7:29

Respectfully Submitted

Stephen F. Fuest (via zoom recording)

