

# A.9.C.C.

Area 9 Cable Council

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**TO: A9CC MEMBERS**  
**FROM: Hal Levy**  
**RE: MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2026 MEETING VIA ZOOM**

**January 30, 2026**

## **ATTENDANCE:**

Darien: Jim Cameron, Mike Wheeler, Carrie Wysocki, Tim McGuire  
Easton: Doug Dempsey  
Greenwich: Craig Jones, ~~Horst Tobbe, Don Conway, Ken Borsuk~~, Sean Mayo  
New Canaan: ~~Bob Doran~~, Roman Cebulski  
Norwalk: Jenn McMurrer, ~~Mark Minnock, John Freda~~  
Redding: Bob Moran  
Stamford: ~~Eric Morson, Ryan Fealey~~  
Weston:  
Westport: Hal Levy, Stan Witkow, Natalie Carrignan  
Wilton: Maria Breece  
Region 9: Mike D'Agostino  
Altice: Brian Smith  
Ed Committee:  
Guests: Alberto Vargas (Westport), Joyce Liu (Norwalk)  
Excused:

Hal called the meeting to order at 5:02pm with eight towns represented.

## **Announcements:**

1. Hal welcomed Brian Smith, Altice Connecticut Director of Government Affairs. The Council expressed its gratitude in having a local company liaison.
2. **Minutes** of the December 10 meeting was approved as written.
3. **Financial Report** was approved.
4. **Old Business:**
  - Filed annual report, sent invoices for \$2K CAC funding, \$125K 2026 Access Funding & Frontier pass thru (All paid today)
  - I-Net Logs due 2/1
  - **A9CC Members not yet reappointed:** Paul Sedlak (New Canaan) has been removed from the A9CC voting rolls but will remain as its New Canaan G Tech contact; Eric Morson has still not been appointed but has advised that he will be. He will be kept on the rolls until the next meeting pending his appointment.
5. **Nutmeg TV petition to takeover Community Access Operations in Area 9**  
Docket 25-09-07 Nutmeg TV would replace Altice as CAP in A9 replacing our town-specific PEG model with a centralized model. A9CC received Intervenor status on 1/9. Town CEO's & Schools Superintendents were made aware of this docket when sent the Annual Report. We are still waiting to hear from Altice. PURA recently released the calendar for the docket as follow:

<b>External Events</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Notice of Proceeding Issued	CONFIRMED	01/07/2026	11:00:00 AM
Request for Participant Status Due	CONFIRMED	01/21/2026	04:00:00 PM
End of Rolling Discovery	CONFIRMED	02/27/2026	04:00:00 PM
Hearing, if requested	TENT.	03/19/2026	10:00:00 AM
Proposed Final Decision Issued	TENT.	05/04/2026	04:00:00 PM
Written Exceptions Due	TENT.	05/18/2026	04:00:00 PM
Regular Meeting/Final Decision	TENT.	05/27/2026	09:00:00 AM

Discovery will encompass all of February and A9CC will begin in earnest, mobilizing support for its opposition to Nutmeg’s petition and preserving town-specific PEG in Area 9. Strategies for this Docket were discussed. Jim will create and distribute a letter template to be disseminated to the Area 9 community, encompassing community leaders, local politicians, school representatives, organizations and Optimum subscribers. It was again pointed out that Altice’s position to remain as CAP in Area 9 is crucial to our position. Brian indicated that the company would be submitting its comments and we are hopeful that it states clear support for the Area 9 community rather than its somewhat ambiguous commentary in Docket 22-06-26 regarding town-specific PEG. The Education committee members will create an online petition that will be circulated to the educational community.

6. **2026 Round 1 grant program** (added to agenda as funding hit today)
- \$65,000 each to E & G
  - 8 grants of \$8,125 on the Government side
  - Breakdown of the Educational portion to be determined by the Ed Committee
  - A maximum of \$3,500 for each grant could be allocated to operations
  - The deadline for submitting grants from the towns is May 22
  - The deadline for submitting grants from the schools is September 11
  - Unused Round 1 funds retained separately in E&G funds for Round 2 grants
  - Eligibility requirements as outlined in the Grant Procedures <http://a9cc.org/GrantProcedures.pdf> shall apply to these grants

**Delinquent Grant Reports:**

<b>Town/School</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Date Paid</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Notes/Status</b>
New Canaan G	\$3,000.00	9/24/2024	3/22/2025	Hal will request refund
New Canaan G	\$2,500.00	12/16/2024	6/14/2025	“
New Canaan G	\$7,099.00	8/1/2025	9/30/2025	“
Region 9 E	\$6,340.20	10/27/25	12/26/25	Next meeting
Easton G	\$8,100.00	10/27/25	12/26/25	Next meeting

7. **Access Channel Programming Problems and Solutions** – Doug brought up signal quality problems on Easton Government channel 78. He will interface with Brian to find a resolution.

8. **Other Matters:** None

Future Meetings: 3/18/2026, 5/27/2026 (All at 5PM on Zoom)

Meeting was adjourned at 5:52pm.