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Area 9 Cable Council

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TO: A9CC MEMBERS
FROM: Hal Levy
RE: MINUTES OF May 27, 2026 MEETING VIA ZOOM

May 28, 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
Optimum: Brian Smith
Ed Committee: Davis Pisani (CSH)
Guests: Joyce Liu (Norwalk)
Excused: Carrie Wysocki (Darien); Don Conway Greenwich)

Hal called the Annual Meeting of A9CC to order at 5:05pm with nine towns represented.

Announcements: The Council paid tribute to long-time pioneering member from Weston, Don Saltzman who passed away on May 13.

1. **Minutes** of the March 18 meeting was approved as written.
2. **Financial Report** was approved.
3. **Old Business:**
 - I-Net Logs or program logs due 2/1 – New Canaan E, CSH E, New Canaan G - No new grants until logs are submitted

4. Nutmeg TV petition to takeover Community Access Operations in Area 9

Docket 25-09-07 Nutmeg TV would replace Optimum as CAP in A9 replacing our town-specific PEG model with a centralized model. A9CC received Intervenor status on 1/9.

Interrogatories have been submitted & responded by the parties in the docket. Nutmeg has submitted pre-filed testimony, much of which attacks A9CC. We continue to communicate with Brian Smith on the outstanding issues of the Docket. The Video providers have made a motion to dismiss, which has not yet been ruled on. Hal drafted a recommendation to PURA to oppose Nutmeg's petition, pursuant to § 16-331 a(c), which states *"The authority shall assign this responsibility to the most qualified community-based nonprofit organization or the company based on the following criteria: (1) The recommendations of the advisory council and of the municipalities in the franchise area"* (& other criteria). This document can be downloaded [here](#). The Council voted in favor of submitting this to PURA and sharing it with the CEOs & Schools Superintendents in our area. It will be submitted to PURA following this meeting.

Current Docket Time Schedule is:

External Events	Status	Date	Time
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
Scheduling Conference (New)	CONFIRMED	03/30/2026	10:00:00 AM
Prefiled Testimony Due	CONFIRMED	05/18/2026	04:00:00 PM
Rebuttal Testimony Due	CONFIRMED	05/25/2026	04:00:00 PM
End of Rolling Discovery	CONFIRMED	06/01/2026	04:00:00 PM
Hearing - Day 1	CONFIRMED	06/8/2026	10:00:00 AM
Hearing - Day 2	CONFIRMED	06/10/2026	10:00:00 AM
Late Filed Exhibits Due	TENT.	06/15/2026	04:00:00 PM
LFE Hearing - If needed	TENT.	06/17/2026	10:00:00 AM
Briefs Due	TENT.	07/01/2026	04:00:00 PM
Proposed Final Decision Issued	TENT.	07/22/2026	04:00:00 PM
Written Exceptions Due	TENT.	07/29/2026	04:00:00 PM
Oral Arguments, if requested	TENT.	08/03/2026	02:00:00 PM
Regular Meeting/Final Decision	TENT.	08/12/2026	09:00:00 AM

Activity on Docket 25-09-07 can be followed at [25-09-07](#).

5. 2026 Round 1 grant program

\$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

Town/School	Amount	Ops	Notes/Status
Wilton E	\$9,285.00	0	Approved pending report
Easton G	\$4,625.00	0	Approved
CSH E	\$9,268.65	0	*Tabled
Greenwich E	\$9,284.00	0	Approved
New Canaan E	\$9,337.49	0	Approved pending report
Darien G	\$8,125.00	\$581.60	Approved
Norwalk G	\$8,125.00	\$1,750.00	Approved

*CSH grant was tabled until the next meeting pending submission of a written plan from the Education Committee to carry the programs it produces on Greenwich and/or other Channel 78's.

Delinquent Grant Reports

Town/School	Amount	Date Paid	Date Due	Notes/Status
New Canaan G	\$3,000.00	9/24/2024	3/22/2025	Refund requested, will F/U
New Canaan G	\$2,500.00	12/16/2024	6/14/2025	"
New Canaan G	\$7,099.00	8/1/2025	9/30/2025	"
New Canaan E	\$,6013.95	12/15/2025	2/13/2026	Equipment in, will submit
Wilton E	\$3,000.00	9/2/2025	3/1/2026	Operations, will submit
Region 9 E	\$1,264.84	12/15/2025	2/13/2026	
CSH E	\$5,598.00	12/19/2025	2/17/2026	

6. **Election of officers to 2-year term through 6/30/2028:** No candidates were presented by the nominating committee, nor were there any nominations from the floor. A motion passed to retain the current officers through the new term. Hal Levy (Chairman), Jim Cameron (Vice Chairman), Mark Minnock (Secretary)

7. **Presentation of the 2026 Education Access Awareness Awards**

Maria shared a video of clips of the Repicky Award winners. The full video can be viewed at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1a3m0BsOIUwwnQYiMOuWoZuuBq1vsf9b2/view>

The education committee was recognized for its work in once again promoting Access Awareness in this contest of student-created videos which appear on the education access channels. We appreciate Optimum for its ongoing sponsorship and financial backing of this awards program.

8. **Access Channel Programming Problems and Solutions** – None discussed

9. **A9CC Meeting Schedule for 2026-27** (See Below)

10. **Other Matters:**

Roman announced that New Canaan Educational TV will be receiving 2 emmys at the 49th Boston/New England Regional Emmy® Awards. Roman pointed out that this achievement was made possible with the access grants that New Canaan has received.

Future Meetings: 9/16/2026, 10/21/2026, 12/9/2026, 1/27/2027, 3/17/2017, 5/26/2027 (All at 5PM on Zoom)

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.