

A9CC - Educational Access Committee

Area 9 Cable Council: <http://edaccess.a9cc.org/g/>

To: A9CC Ed Access Committee Members
From: Natalie Carrignan, Secretary
Re: **Minutes of Meeting for January 12, 2026**

Date: January 12, 2026
Location: Virtual ([Zoom Link](#))

Attendance: (yellow highlight = present)

TOWN	Member(s)
Darien:	Tim McGuire
Easton/Redding:	Mike D'Agostino
Greenwich:	Sean Mayo
Greenwich /Sacred Heart:	David Pisani
CSCC- Norwalk:	Julie Casper Roth
New Canaan:	Roman Cebulski 4:00
Norwalk:	Trevor Kline
Stamford:	Alec logman
Weston:	<i>Vacant</i>
Westport:	Natalie Carrignan
Wilton:	Maria Breece
Altice:	

Roman called the A9CC Ed Access Meeting to order at 4:02 pm. 5 towns were represented; 6 districts/locations.

1. Old Business/Approval of Minutes

Discussion of minutes from [November 17, 2026](#). The group experimented with AI creating a transcript. We are holding off on voting. The experiment went well, but a few edits are needed and members have not had time to do so yet. We will formally vote on the minutes at the February meeting.

Reminder to get your iNet reports in to Hal

2. Grants

- Update current status of [Grant Spreadsheet](#) (David)
 - As of the last full council meeting grants were approved for CSH, Greenwich, NCH, Wilton, and Easton Redding. All of the money was used.
 - CSH sent in voucher and received funds, haven't received devices yet
 - Greenwich sent in voucher and received funds from Oct., have received equipment. Grant report will be turned in before the full council meeting. Received funds for 2nd on in Dec. The equipment is still being purchased.
 - Maria received funds and is in process of purchasing
 - Mike and Roman were unavailable to provide a status update.
- Reminder to get submit Grant Reports as soon as possible
- We are waiting for the new year to start. We can start to make wish lists.

3. Access Awards - Maria Breece chair

- Review 2025 Awards & possible revision
- Setting of Dates
 - **This is from our 9.8 minutes-** Review of recent awards- Maria thought the process went great. It was easier to move through the entries. She recommends that we continue with that. She is hoping that we could get the trophies before the end of the school year.
 1. We could tighten up our turn around for entries, but we really need to move the deadline to April and judging to April if we want to have the trophies earlier
 - Maria will create the folders like last year. We will judge elementary, the MS, then HS entries.
 - **Tentative for May 4 for judging**, Maria is checking on the AP schedule and availability of the space.
 - Due April 27, the hard date to have everything in the folders would be the 28th and the videos can air at the latest over the weekend prior to the 4th.
 - Per Roman, trophies should only take a week from the press release to get them.
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- [Website](#) updates needed, rules confirm changed, other items to list for discussion for today or next month regarding contest
 - The categories were very successful. The HS adult assisted was well received. Maria is asking for a MS level adult assisted. Everyone agreed
 - We are happy to just update last year's poster.
 - Rules: A large number of students are using AI images and features. Are we OK with that? Maria provided an example of a PSA and a class image. How much do we want to allow? Sean suggested that we have a category for AI. He goes by SAG etc that is against the use of AI in film production.etc. Dave agrees with Sean. Dave believes that creating in RL vs prompting is very different and AI gives you better production value and no kid can create something that looks as good. It is not fair to have them compete against each other. Dave also thinks it might be against the A9CC grants of providing cameras etc. Brainstorming, fully AI, partially AI, etc. It does provide a limit to a single category per level per school. Mike is opposed to the use of AI for this purpose. How we will know if it is, or isn't AI? Perhaps we should have an attestation for the students to say they didn't use it. Roman feels that students should not be using AI for video, they are in school learning how to do it. If they need a portion to create something they can't do, like a plane flying. We could put in a percentage but how can we monitor that. Sean provides a green screen for moving. Natalie thought the points made were important and is in agreement. Dave is open to next year creating a AI category to trial next year to see how many entries we get.
 1. It needs to be clearly stated in the rules, with a signoff and perhaps even on the poster.
 2. AI could be used in the same way as a stock footage/audio is used for background, but not for any other way. The submissions need to be monitored by the A9 rep from the committee from that town.
 3. Roman's highlight from Hockey game is the example for the Sports Highlight category as an example. We should include a link to the online application.

4. Tech Showcase-

- Maria - Video Glasses- Ordered two sets of Meta glasses, one from Perkins and one from A9CC. Using them for the sports broadcasting tool. Hooked up with the iPad as POV and it lasts for a couple of hours. You cannot tell if they are recording when you are

- looking at the glasses. She shared the G Stream Kit and will live stream basketball with it for the next game.
- Sean- [Broadcast equipment/ Audio from game to hear](#) (This equipment is very easy to use)
 - Roman isn't responding. Can we ask you to share in April? That is fine. I linked the folder so you can look at it. I added the audio from the students calling the game to show how crisp it comes out. **Thank you!** Very easy to bring around if you are just doing the audio and one camera. The wireless transmitters are a game changer. **This is so important to be able to do and to do easily. Have a good evening. See you at full council. Thank you.**

5. Set Meeting Schedule

- Set meetings for the year - Sept 8, Oct 6, Nov 10, Dec. 8, Jan 12, Feb 9 (Feb break- for Sean) , March 9 (March break- CSH) , April 6, May TBD (maybe 11th), June 8 (CSH is out)

Meeting adjourned at 4:48 pm. Mike motioned to adjourn. Dave seconded. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Carrigan,
Secretary