

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 September 8, 2025

Date: September 8, 2025
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:	Leah Principe
CSCC- Norwalk:	Julie Casper Roth
New Canaan:	Roman Cebulski
Norwalk:	Trevor Kline
Stamford:	Alec logman
Weston:	Vacant
Westport:	Natalie Carrignan
Wilton:	Maria Breece
Altice:	Esme Lombard

Roman called the A9CC Ed Access Meeting to order at 4:05 pm. 5 towns were represented; 7 districts/locations.

1. Old Business/Approval of Minutes

Approval of [May 12, 2025 meeting](#). Mike motioned to approve. Tim seconded. Approved unanimously.

2. Introductions/ Member Changes

- Chair- Roman - willing to continue, but happy to step aside if someone is interested
- Secretary- Natalie willing to continue, but happy to step aside if someone is interested
- Contest Chair - Maria, would you consider continuing?
- Website- Tim, will you consider continuing?
- Grants- Leah will you be willing to take David's place? Or is someone else interested?

3. Grants

- \$8100 per eligible district for Round 1
 - New Cannan did partial in Round 1 grant in April - \$4,187
 - Region 9 did partial grant in Round 1 in - \$6,304
 - Wilton has received full funding in April
- Overview of 2025 Grants & eligibility
 - \$65,000 given to the E side of the council
 - 8 district were eligible, Roman will get an updated list from Hal on who is eligible.

- **New Grant Proposals**
 - **CSH-** Serving more of the community with an ever-expanding program. MS is needing more cameras. We went with 2 cameras and 2 tripods. We put in for 3 more wireless mics for the news productions. We are transitioning to the RODE handheld adapters and so purchasing more of those and a style the documentary class likes as well. They are also purchasing new camera to experiment with for the advanced classes to put additional content on the channel. Total \$8,365.89. The school will cover the difference. Mike motioned for approval, Julie seconded. Roman shared another wireless mic that has been successful.
 - **Greenwich-** Has a grant for the full amount, but was not present to present
- **Discussion** - Can we be given more of a heads up if people are not going to use their grant so others can be ready with backup? That will save the group from wasting funds and also saving time in writing grants for those who have used their money but would have additional requests if money was available. The suggestion was to formally notify Roman the week before our meetings. As a group we agreed to give it a try.

4. Access Awards (Maria)

- 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.
 - 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
- Mike reminded us that we do not have the same contact level with Altice to request money for the Access Awards this year. We tried to keep the request separate from our regular grant requests. We need to reconsider what the best timing for the request is and perhaps a backup plan and how/when we include the full council.
 - Roman suggested it be brought up next week at the full council. We talked it through as a group. The group is good with Mike bringing it up.

5. Set Meeting Schedule

- Set meetings for the year - Sept 8, Oct 6, Nov 10, Dec. 8, Jan 12, Feb 9 (Feb break- , March 9 (March break- CSH) , April 6, May TBD (maybe 11th), June 8 (CSH is out)
- Usually the second Monday of the month
- May TBD for judging
- We need to all check out Feb., March, April schedules

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 pm. Mike motioned to adjourn. Marie seconded. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Carrignan,
Secretary