

A9CC - Educational Access Committee

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

To: A9CC Ed Access Committee Members
From: Natalie Carrigan, Secretary
Re: **Minutes of Meeting for October 6, 2025**

Date: October 6, 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:	David Pisani
CSCC- Norwalk:	Julie Casper Roth
New Canaan:	Roman Cebulski
Norwalk:	Trevor Kline
Stamford:	Alec logman
Weston:	Vacant
Westport:	Natalie Carrigan
Wilton:	Maria Breece
Altice:	

Roman called the A9CC Ed Access Meeting to order at 4:05 pm. 6 towns were represented; 5 districts/locations.

1. Old Business/Approval of Minutes

Approval of [September 8, 2025](#). Mike motioned to approve. Maria seconded. Approved unanimously.

David is back to represent CSH for the remainder of this year. We are happy to see him back.

2. Grants

- \$8100 per eligible district for Round 1
 - New Cannan did partial in Round 1 grant in April - **\$4,187.88**
 - Region 9 did partial grant in Round 1 in May - **\$6,430**
 - Wilton has received full funding in April - **\$8,100**
 - CSH received full funding in Sept. - **\$8,365.89**
 - Darien will not have a grant for round 1c
 - CSCC will not have a grant for round 1
 - Westport will not have a grant for round 1
- Overview of 2025 Grants & eligibility
 - \$65,000 given to the E side of the council for Round 1 -deadline Sept. 13
 - 8 district were eligible, Roman will get an updated list from Hal on who is eligible.
 - \$5,084 given to E side of council for Round 2 last A9CC mtg - deadline Dec. 5
 - There is confusion over the amount available for technical operations. In the full committee meeting on Sept. 18., it states \$3,000 for Round 1, and \$2,500 for

Round 2. We are not sure if that means it changes in next round or if you can ask for operations in both rounds for a total of \$5,500 in a funding year.

○ **New Grant Proposals**

- Roman mentioned that the top priority is to help each other out and make sure everyone is broadcasting.
- Sean requested a grant for Greenwich in the amount of \$8,113. He has proposed creating a new Podcasting course that would qualify for Early College Experience (ECE) credit and this course would produce lots of content for Channel 78. Sean explained that he currently has four podcasting stations and is requesting funding to equip an additional room with two more podcasting stations. He also requested the purchase of two additional Zoom Podcasters, a RØDE VideoCaster to serve as the centralized PTZ controller, and a DMX controller to manage lighting. Mike moved to approve the proposed use of grant funds as presented. Maria seconded the motion. Discussion followed.
 1. Members emphasized the importance of clearly stating in any presentation or written summary that the new course will generate significant content for Altice.
 2. A question was raised regarding whether Greenwich is currently broadcasting. Sean confirmed that the school uses a Rise Vision box to play content throughout the building but currently has no means to preview content on Channel 78.
 3. Sean clarified that he is not authorized to approve CSH content.
 4. Roman reminded the group that, as discussed at the previous larger council meeting, an agreement with the superintendent or other district leadership is required before the larger committee can approve Greenwich's grant.
 5. Sean noted that he is the only person uploading content and that the current process for adding CSH material is time-consuming and burdensome. Roman agreed that an undue burden should not be placed on Greenwich.
 6. Mike suggested that future questions will likely focus on Greenwich's capacity to broadcast and on ensuring that CSH is sharing content with Greenwich.
 7. David proposed that the group consider establishing a defined quota for the amount of content Greenwich must upload, ensuring compliance without creating an excessive workload. Mike added that he is currently broadcasting live Board of Education meetings, demonstrating the school's broadcast capabilities.
- Next members had a discussion over how to spend the remaining funds.
 1. Roman needs to replace his graphics laptop in order to increase production quality. His grant for today is for \$4157.00 for the laptop, another camera, a Rhode caster video and a multi-monitor. Natalie motioned to approve. Maria seconded. Approved unanimously.
 2. Maria asked for help to get live-streaming of the games as HUDL is not working at all. She was hoping to get a set up like New Canaan has.

Greenwich has a camera that Roman is interested in. Roman said you could put any camera on it. She will have a grant for Nov.

3. Mike asked for us to figure out what might be available for those who remain... \$24,300 then each of the 5 schools would get \$4,860 in additional and then NC and ER9 would also get what remained of the original \$8,100. Mike needs to continue to go wireless with sound at the BOE meetings. He is \$3,179 for 10 wireless mics and 1 UDX8 and 1 QLXD4s. He could double the grant dispersing it to get more sets. So the total would be for a total \$6,550. Natalie motioned to approve. Maria seconded. Approved unanimously.
4. \$19,96.23 left for 4 districts for roughly \$4,750 for November.

3. Set Meeting Schedule

- Set meetings for the year - 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 5:20 pm. Roman motioned to adjourn. Time seconded. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Carrigan,
Secretary