

BIRMINGHAM AREA CABLE BOARD MEETING MINUTES – July 16, 2025

Gugni called the meeting of the Birmingham Area Cable Board to order at 7:45 AM. in the Village of Beverly Hills Municipal Building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

Present: Deanna Brown, George Abraham, Jim Cleary, Donovan Shand– Birmingham
Ray Kamoo, Gil Gugni, Chris Dobies– Beverly Hills
Rick David – Franklin
D.E. Hagaman – Bingham Farms
Also Present: Rota – BCTV
White – BACB Executive Director
Rock Abboud, Beverly Hills
Jamie Moore, Bingham Farms
Absent: David Eick, Shane Henry

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FOR CABLE BOARD MEETING OF May 21, 2025

Motion by Kamoo, seconded by Dobies to approve the minutes of the Cable Board meeting on May 21, 2025.

Motion Passed unanimously (9-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cable Action Committee

Abraham reported there had been a short meeting after the last Cable Board meeting. Plante Moran has been doing the audit for years and has doubled its fee. There was a discussion about going out for other bids. White has received several bids which will be discussed at a short Cable Action Committee following this meeting.

PEG Committee

Kamoo reported there had been a PEG meeting following the last Cable Board meeting to discuss equipment for both the studio and the truck. Pending estimates will be coming in. Costs will be discussed at another PEG Committee meeting. It was agreed that the costs would be spread out over time. There will not be a meeting this morning.

Personnel Committee

Eick is not present at this meeting, therefore the Personnel Committee meeting will be held after the regular BACB meeting in September.

MUNICIPAL SUPPORT SERVICES GRANT REQUEST - FRANKLIN/BINGHAM FARMS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gugni informed the Board that the Franklin/Bingham Farms Fire Dept had sent a letter dated 18 June 2025 requesting available grant assistance to cover its internet connectivity cost of \$134.95 per month for Comcast Fire station-based internet services and an additional \$195.02 per month for Verizon wireless internet access, for a total of \$3,959.64 for Fiscal year 2025-2026.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Kamoo to approve the request of the

Franklin/Bingham Farms Fire Dept for a Municipal Support Services grant in the amount \$3,959.64 for Fiscal year 2025-2026 for connectivity service with Comcast Fire station-based internet services and Verizon wireless internet access.

Roll Call Vote

Kamoo	Aye
Gugni	Aye
Dobies	Aye
David	Aye
Brown	Aye
Hagaman	Aye
Shand	Aye
Cleary	Aye
Abraham	Aye

Motion Passed unanimously (9-0).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

White received two (2) complaints from residents; one dealt with an attempt to bury the resident's DTE lines, as well as wanting the cable providers to bury their lines. Comcast stated that the resident would be responsible for burying the lines because it's a special request for his property. This complaint is pending. White is waiting to hear back from AT&T and WOW. The other complaint was from a resident who was having problems with her Comcast cable and internet service. Comcast has been in touch with her. Her service is currently working and she was offered a credit on her next bill. This complaint is closed.

The most recent financial information was sent to the Board members. She listed the last checks which were issued since the last meeting. The largest grants issued were the Administrative Grants which had been approved by the Board.

According to Tech Crunch, since 2021, streaming usage has increased by 71%, while broadcast is down 21% and cable is down 39%. This downward flow is very quick, and the streaming services could affect the Cable Board's bottom line.

Comcast has sent out notification that beginning in August it will be re-packaging the Cartoon Network to more sports and entertainment. However, the channel number will not change.

Franklin Public Library sent to a "Thank You" note for the PEG Grant for its internet costs.

Responding to David's inquiry concerning the PEG grant that the Cable Board approved for Beverly Hills, White explained that it would be expedient for the Cable Board to give Beverly Hills the grant and have the Village take care of it. BCTV will bill the Village directly.

PROVIDER RELATED TOPICS

a. Comcast

There was no representative present.

b. AT&T

There was no representative present.

c. WOW

There was no representative present.

BAPA/BAMA Report

Rota updated the Board that the Village of Bevely Hills has WOW as its provider.

Regarding the BAMA Programs, all the regularly scheduled municipal meetings were completed. For the BAPA programs from individual producers and organizations, 42 were taped. These included the Springs sports, lectures, concerts and podcasts in the studio.

The first annual SPORTS BROADCAST CAMP for students age aged 14-18 is scheduled for August. 11-14. 9 students are registered. August 18 will be the last day of training and then August 19 will cover the Seaholm/Maple soccer game vs. Brother Rice. The students will be involved with running cameras and doing some commentating in the truck.

There is a new producer and host broadcasting a podcast, “Aspects of Design”.

BCTV can be reached at 248-433-7790.

OLD BUSINESS

David inquired if Cleary had been able to talk to the middle schools concerning the Birmingham Middle School grant. Cleary has contacted the schools but has not heard anything back. Gugni stated this subject will be brought up in the Cable Action Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

BOARD COMMENTS

David advised the Board that Carrie LeZotte, Director of Cable and Community Relations, is leading an effort to go to the state legislature to expand the Cable Act which exists or Metro Act to capture more revenue. Discussion ensued.

Rock Abboud, Beverly Hills, joined in on the subject of the future and direction of cable. He asked where he could find the interlocal agreement. White will provide that to him.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 AM.

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