

BIRMINGHAM AREA CABLE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 7:45 am

***Village of Beverly Hills

Council Chambers***

18500 W. 13 Mile Road

1. Roll Call
2. Approve Meeting Minutes for Cable Board Meeting of July 16, 2025- M
3. Public Comments
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Cable Action Committee
 - b. PEG Committee
 - c. Personnel Committee
5. Executive Director's Report
6. Provider Related Topics
 - a. Comcast
 - b. AT&T
 - c. WOW
7. BAPA/BAMA Report
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Public Comments
11. Board Comments
12. Adjourn

There will be a Personnel Committee Meeting, a Cable Action Committee Meeting and a PEG Committee meeting immediately following the regular meeting

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.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 12, 2025

TO: Board Members

FROM: Cathy White

Re: Monthly Report

CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS

We have received one complaint since our last meeting. Complaint No. 2025-03 was submitted by a Beverly Hills resident who had a large tree fall on his property line which uprooted a cable box and severely stretched some lines. He is not sure who owns the equipment but contacted both Comcast and WOW. Comcast advised him that they would send somebody out to the location but he is not sure whether they have done that. WOW sent a technician who ascertained that the uprooted box belongs to Comcast. WOW indicated that they would look further into whether their underground cable was damaged. This complaint has been submitted to the Comcast escalation team representative and is currently pending.

FINANCIAL

The account balance for the MBS, Michigan United Credit Union and Beverly Hills accounts as of August 31, 2025 will be e-mailed to all Board members, as well as BACB financial reports as of August 31, 2025. Hard copies of these documents will also be distributed to Board Members at the meeting.

CHECK DISBURSEMENT

Eight (8) checks have been written since the date of our last meeting as follows:

1. B & H Photo-Video (equipment): \$2,518.77
2. MI Municipal Risk Management Authority (Insurance): \$2,252.50

3. Advanced Lighting & Sound (equipment): \$6,311.00
4. Franklin-Bingham Fire Department (MSS grant-internet): \$3,959.64
5. Charter Twp of Bloomfield (Comcast fees for BCTV): \$1,006.71
6. Charter Twp of Bloomfield (Quarterly contract payment July-Sept 2025): \$77,075.00
7. Advanced Lighting & Sound (equipment): \$175.00
8. Advanced Lighting & Sound (equipment): \$9,761.00

ADDITIONAL NOTES

1. Our regular BACB meeting schedule for 2026 will be as follows: January 21st, March 18th, May 20th, July 15th, September 16th and November 18th. All meetings are on Wednesdays at 7:45 am. Please make a note of these dates in your calendars.
2. Comcast has notified us that four (4) Warner Bros. Discovery-owned channels which were carried on the Xfinity line-up ceased operations on August 15, 2025, and are no longer available to viewers: HBO Family, MovieMax, OuterMax and ThrillerMax. As a result of this change, Xfinity will implement a channel slate (advising of unavailability) on the impacted channels and will include mention of the changes on www.xfinity.com/programmingchanges to help keep their customers informed.

Bloomfield Community Television

Memorandum

Bloomfield Township

To: BACB

From: Steve Rota

Subject: Report July 2025 through August 2025

Date: September 11, 2025

Cc: Greg Black; Cathy White; Gil Gugni, Ray Kamoo, Carrie LeZotte, David Eick

BAMA Programs

During this time period we've completed all regularly scheduled municipal meetings, which include: the BACB meeting, Baldwin Public Library Board and Trust meetings, The Village of Bingham Farms Council meetings, The Village of Beverly Hills Council, Planning and Zoning meetings, The Village of Franklin Historic, Zoning, Council, and Planning Meetings. The City of Birmingham's, Commission, Planning Board, Parks and Rec Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Historic Board and Design Review Board, Advisory Parking Committee, the Multi Modal Meetings.

BAPA Programs

From BACB area individual producers and organizations, we've taped 37 programs.

- ❖ Healing with Ketamine hosted by Cassius Drake.
- ❖ Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber meet the Superintendents.
- ❖ Sparkle hosted by Betsy Leboe.
- ❖ Keith Bernacki Tribute video.
- ❖ *BACB Sports Events: Seaholm vs Brother Rice Soccer Game.*
- ❖ Two Aspects of Design hosted by Karen Sellenraad.
- ❖ Two Immersive Wellness hosted by Jaqueline Drake.
- ❖ Three Michigan Entrepreneur hosted by Tara Kachaturoff.
- ❖ Four Franklin Shows hosted by Michael Seltzer.
- ❖ Five Eye on Oakland hosted by Chuck Moss.
- ❖ Six Stir the Coco hosted by Carla Barlett.
- ❖ Nine In the Park Concerts

SPORTS BROADCAST CAMP

Our first annual Sports Broadcast Camp was a huge success. We had 7 wonderful students sign up and attend and four fantastic professionals come to the camp to speak to these young adults. Rick David, Karla Kish, Jason Dizik & Joe Rasnik. Thank you to everyone for their help and support.

FALL SPORTS COVERAGE

Girls Field Hockey 9/15
Boys Soccer 9/18 & 10/8
Boys Water Polo 9/30
Girls Swim and Dive 10/6
Volleyball 10/7
Football 10/25

TRUCK REPAIRS & EQUIPMENT INSTALL

Three truck Camera cables (Triax) repaired.
Village of Beverly Hills new Tricaster switcher and converter installed. We also received the Headsets and IFB's for the truck.