

BIRMINGHAM AREA CABLE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 16, 2026 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 15, 2026- M
3. Public Comments
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Cable Action Committee
 - b. PEG 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

BIRMINGHAM AREA CABLE BOARD MEETING MINUTES – July 15, 2026

Before Gugni called the May 20, 2026, Cable board meeting to order at 8 AM in the Village of Beverly Hills Municipal Building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road, he welcomed the newest member of the Board, Mr. Darby Hadley. He will be representing the city of Birmingham.

Present: Darby Hadley, Deanna Brown, Jim Cleary, David Eick, George Abraham, Bill Frykman - Birmingham
Gil Gugni, Chris Dobies, Pete McDonnell, Ray Kamoo – Beverly Hills
D.E. Hagaman – Bingham Farms
Rick David – Franklin

Also Present: Rock Abood – Beverly Hills Council Liaison, Evan Milan – Village of Franklin Clerk

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FOR CABLE BOARD MEETING OF May 20, 2026

Motion by Ray Kamoo, seconded by D.E. Hagaman, to approve the minutes of the Cable Board meeting on May 20, 2026.

Motion Passed Unanimously. (12- 0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

TREASURER’S REPORT – CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS

Rick David began by stating that there is a substantial balance in investments and CD Bonds, some of which will be expiring shortly. He expects the interest to increase due to inflation. Documents were handed out to the Cable Board showing the two (2) sources of funds: Franchise Fees and PEG Money. He explained that 40% of the community Franchise Fees are based on cable revenues which go to the communities from the cable companies and then sent to the Cable Board. Not included are the Internet streaming services; thus, the Franchise Fees keep dropping drastically due to the large number of people, especially the younger population, cutting the cable and going to the internet. This is expected to continue in the future. The communities are free to spend those Franchise Fees as they wish under the interlocal agreement. In the last 4-5 years about 25% of the Franchise Fees for unrestricted activities were not distributed and were sent back to the communities.

Regarding the PEG grants, David summarized the valid federal regulations and state laws of how the money can be spent, such as used to pay for public education and governmental programming. The Cable Board has focused on equipment and capital goods for schools and updating equipment in Council Chambers. The money is also used to fund the contract with the Cable Board’s supplier, the Bloomfield Community TV for the content of the cable channels. He specifically listed valid PEG expenditures. The PEG revenues are being challenged as expenditures have risen over time. How much longer will the Cable Board allow this deterioration?

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Reports of this deterioration of fund balances were distributed to the Board. He thought that it might be appropriate to use some of the unrestricted Franchise fund balance for some PEG activities and to replace the mobile facility.

It is hoped that money can be saved for future expenditures, such as to replace the mobile facility.

PEG GRANT REQUEST – VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS PARK & RECREATION

Carissa Brown, Village of Beverly Hills Clerk, on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Board, requested \$1,800 for the rental of a large LED screen for its Annual Movie in the Park night which is August 20. The request is for ½ the amount of the rental fee.

Motion by Deanna Brown, seconded by Jim Cleary, to approve the PEG Grant of \$1,800 for the rental of a large LED screen for the Annual Movie in the Park night.

Roll Call Vote

Darby Hadley	Aye
D.E. Hagaman	Aye
Jim Cleary	Aye
David Eick	Aye
George Abraham	Aye
Pete McDonnell	Aye
Ray Kamoo	Aye
Gil Gugni	Aye
Chris Dobies	Aye
Bill Frykman	Aye
Rick David	Aye
Deanna Brown	Aye

Motion Passed Unanimously (12-0).

PEG GRANT REQUEST – FRANKLIN LIBRARY

Rick David explained that currently he is the President of the Library Board and will, therefore, recuse himself from voting on this request. However, he explained that this item is an annual request for internet access connections via Comcast that patrons use.

Motion by Ray Kamoo, seconded by D.E. Hagaman to approve \$3,800 for the annual internet connection via Comcast for residents of Franklin at the Franklin Public Library.

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Roll Call Vote

David Eick	Aye
George Abraham	Aye
Pete McDonnell	Aye
Ray Kamoo	Aye
Gil Gugni	Aye
Chris Dobies	Aye
Bill Frykman	Aye
Rick David	Abstain
Deanna Brown	Aye
Darby Hadley	Aye
D.E. Hagaman	Aye
Jim Cleary	Aye

Motion Passed (11-1).

MUNICIPAL GRANT REQUEST - FRANKLIN-BINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Rick David emphasized that this request for internet access is for both communities. Gil Gugni added that this request has been made in the past and approved by both communities,

Motion by Ray Kamoo, seconded by Chris Dobies to approve \$4,585.32 to maintain “the level of service required to meet” the Fire Department’s public safety responsibilities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.

Roll Call Vote

Pete McDonnell	Aye
Ray Kamoo	Aye
Gil Gugni	Aye
Chris Dobies	Aye
Bill Frykman	Aye
Rick David	Aye
Deanna Brown	Aye
Darby Hadley	Aye
D.E. Hagaman	Aye
Jim Cleary	Aye
David Eick	Aye
George Abraham	Aye

Motion Passed Unanimously (12-0).

PEG GRANT REQUEST – VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN

Rick David explained that the Village is using old copper wire access and it is the Village's desire to change to a fiber connection for the Village offices and the Franklin-Bingham Farms Police Department. This was a joint request and would improve the internet connection between the two. The letter was from Evan Milan, Franklin Village Clerk, who requested this and provided details. The amount would be \$12,960 to cover and improve internet connection for the FY July 1, 2026-June 20, 2027.

Gugni clarified that the Village had been paying \$650 per month and it had not included the Police Dept. The Village would now pay \$1,080 and the Police Dept. would pay \$378, monthly. David confirmed that in years past separate grants had been given to the Village and to the Police Dept.

Motion by Ray Kamoo, seconded by D.E. Hagaman to approve \$12,960 per year for the fiber internet connection of the Village offices and the Police Dept.

Roll Call Vote

Ray Kamoo	Aye
Gil Gugni	Aye
Chris Dobies	Aye
Bill Frykman	Aye
Rick David	Aye
Deanna Brown	Aye
Darby Hadley	Aye
D.E. Hagaman	Aye
Jim Cleary	Aye
David Eick	Aye
George Abraham	Aye
Pete McDonnell	Aye

Motion Passed Unanimously (12-0).

APPROVAL OF MUNIWEB PROPOSAL TO MIGRATE WEBSITE TO UPDATED PLATFORM FOR MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COSTS

Cathy White, Executive Director of Birmingham Area Cable Board, was notified by Muniweb that the Cable Board's software platform was no longer supported and needed to be an updated platform. Based on her conversations with them and revisions to the proposal, she was sent a revised proposal which would be a one-time cost of \$5,500 plus a \$200 monthly maintenance cost to maintain the Cable Board's website. Currently there is a monthly fee of \$178.50. There has not been an increase in their service rates since 2017. White will be working with Muniweb to downsize the Cable Board's website because some of the information is not needed. This will keep the costs at a minimal level. There will not be a redesign of the website. Abraham suggested that the Board Members look at the website and send their comments to White.

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Motion by David Eick, seconded by Ray Kamoo to approve Muniweb's proposal of a one-time charge of \$5,500 plus \$200 for monthly maintenance cost.

Roll Call Vote

Gil Gugni	Aye
Chris Dobies	Aye
Bill Frykman	Aye
Rick David	Aye
Deanna Brown	Aye
Darby Hadley	Aye
D.E. Hagaman	Aye
Jim Cleary	Aye
David Eick	Aye
George Abraham	Aye
Pete McDonnell	Aye
Ray Kamoo	Aye

Motion Passed Unanimously (12-0).

APPROVAL TO SOLICIT REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY CABLE TELEVISION PROGRAMMING SERVICES

Gugni stressed that the Cable Board is not unhappy with Bloomfield Community Television. Because the PEG fees don't cover the Bloomfield Community Television fees, the Cable Action Committee met last week and had a long discussion on this matter. The Committee is requesting approval to send out an RFP for proposals to see how much services would be. This information would help the Cable Board to determine how much the expenses could be. He also added that the committee isn't required to take the lowest bidder or any bidder at all. Rick David suggested this matter and other concerns should be the Board's fiduciary duty when the long-term contract expires on December 31, 2026.

Gugni stated that there probably would be another Cable Action Committee meeting and each member of the Cable Board will receive a copy of the finalized RFP.

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Motion by Rick David, second by Ray Kamoo to approve soliciting requests for proposals to provide Local Government and Community Cable Television Programming Services.

Roll Call Vote

Chris Dobies	Aye
Bill Frykman	Aye
Rick David	Aye
Deanna Brown	Aye
Darby Hadley	Aye
D.E. Hagaman	Aye
Jim Cleary	Aye
David Eick	Aye
George Abraham	Aye
Pete McDonnell	Aye
Ray Kamoo	Aye
Gil Gugni	Aye

Motion Passed Unanimously (12-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cable Action Committee

George Abraham confirmed there had been a Cable Action Committee meeting and they discussed the PEG money issue going negative. There won't be a meeting after this one.

Cathy White said that if need be there could be another Cable Action Committee meeting in a couple of weeks to approve the draft of the RFP revisions.

Rick David confirmed that when the Cable Action Committee reviews the RFP it will be sent out to the Cable Board members. However, there won't be any need for the Cable Board to review and approve it.

PEG Committee

Ray Kamoo was unable to be at the last meeting in May; however, equipment costs were discussed. A PEG Committee meeting will be held after this one.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Cathy White stated there were four (4) complaints about downed wires; all have been resolved by the providers and are now closed.

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She also sent the Financial Reports to the Board, all of which included the end of June. Please let her know if there are any questions. Issues with the Village of Beverly Hills have been resolved and full reports have been sent to the Board Members.

CHECK DISBURSEMENT

Charter Twp of Bloomfield (Quarterly contract payment April-June 2026).

City of Birmingham (Administrative Grant approved by the Board).

Village of Beverly Hills (Administrative Grant approved by the Board).

Village of Bingham Farms (Administrative Grant approved by the Board).

Village of Franklin (Administrative Grant approved by the Board).

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

Greg Black delivered Steve Rota's report that stated that 39 regularly scheduled municipal meetings were completed and 34 programs were taped by individual producers and organizations. He invited everyone to make an appointment to visit the renovated BCTV studio. He highly recommended visiting on Wednesdays between 11 AM and 2 PM. because a Food Truck would be there Wed. July 22, Aug. 5, Aug. 19, Sept. 2, Sept. 16 and Sept 30.

At the May meeting he mentioned that in April he was in Lansing meeting with various Reps. who serve the township in Lansing. A couple of Bills that were going through the Legislature would exempt streaming services having to pay for fees for operating in the Right-of-Way. He also had updates on other bills and would discuss them in the PEG meeting which would be following this one.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rock Abood, Representative of Beverly Hills, applauded the Board Members for being in attendance every other month. He listed things which would be relevant to increase PEG fees:

- Review the current PEG fees to see if we are charging the maximum amount. Invite more providers to submit their costs to see what the competition is.
- Increase cable and streaming participation.

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Seeking Grants- Is there someone who is responsible for this task? Gugni replied that the Cable Board cannot legally be responsible for that task.

Partnering with schools to share equipment, facilities, local businesses.

How to figure out how to increase budget – Gugni stated the budget was approved at the last meeting and summarized the procedure. He also said that the Cable Board receives only 40% of the Franchise fees from the communities and added that in some cases part of that amount is returned to the communities.

Advocating for legislative changes.

Ray Kamoo asked if any municipalities ever endowed the Board with any grant money?

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 AM.

The next Cable Board Meeting will be September 16 at 7:45 AM.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 10, 2026

TO: Board Members

FROM: Cathy White

Re: Monthly Report

CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS

We have received three complaints since the date of our last meeting. Complaint No.2026-11 was received from a Beverly Hills resident who was unhappy about the fact that Comcast has placed cables along the front of his property through his trees. The cables in his neighborhood are all supposed to be installed underground. Our escalation team representative was contacted and Comcast is working on getting a permit from the Village in order to place these lines underground. This matter is currently pending.

Complaint No. 2026-12 relates to the above complaint as it was received from a neighbor, and she expressed the same concern about the Comcast lines not being installed underground. This complaint is pending.

Complaint No. 2026-13 was received from a Birmingham resident advising that she had multiple long cut cable lines hanging into the trees on her property that she wanted removed. There are both Comcast and WOW lines hanging down and thus this complaint has been sent to both cable providers. Comcast has been to the property and removed its old cables. The WOW lines (and some AT&T lines, according to Comcast) have not yet been removed so this complaint is still pending.

FINANCIAL

The account balance for the MBS, Michigan United Credit Union and Beverly Hills accounts as of August 31, 2026, will be e-mailed to all Board members, as well as BACB financial reports as of August 31, 2026. Hard copies will also be provided at the meeting.

CHECK DISBURSEMENT

Seven (7) checks have been written since the date of our last meeting as follows:

1. Village of Franklin (PEG Grant): \$12,960.00
2. Village of Beverly Hills (PEG Grant): \$1,800.00
3. Franklin-Bingham Fire Department (MSS Grant): \$4,585.32
4. Franklin Public Library (PEG Grant): \$3,800.00
5. Michigan United Credit Union (Visa-telephone): \$76.83
6. Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (Insurance): \$2,325.50
7. Michigan United Credit Union (Visa-telephone, etc.): \$155.10

ADDITIONAL NOTES

1. The RFP process has been progressing. Two potential contractors have submitted lists of questions in accordance with the established timeline and responses from BACB were forwarded to both. By the time of our September 16, 2026, BACB meeting we anticipate having received all proposals based upon the September 15th deadline. We will be having a CAC meeting on Tuesday September 22, 2026, at 11:00 am to review the proposals. A recommendation to the full Board in this regard will be forwarded prior to the November 18, 2026, BACB meeting so that the matter can be voted upon.
2. According to a recent article, many cord-cutters are returning to cable and satellite TV. CableCompare.com reported on July 13, 2026, that this is occurring primarily because of rising streaming prices ("streamflation") and content fragmentation which are erasing the cost advantage that drove the initial switch. A household maintaining five or more streaming services plus a live TV service now regularly spends \$165-\$185 per month-comparable to or more than a cable bundle that delivers the same content through a single interface.
A meaningful share of former cord-cutters has returned to pay TV services, driven by three converging factors: streaming price increases that have brought combined subscription costs to parity with cable, content fragmentation that requires managing six or more apps to access major programming and the practical appeal of a single bill that includes live sports, local channels, and on-demand content in one place.
One of the most notable changes is that major cable providers have integrated popular streaming services directly into their cable subscriptions.
It should also be noted that win-back deals from cable providers typically match promotional pricing for new customers (often 30% to 50% off the standard rate for 12 to

24 months), but only if you call the retention department directly and ask. Calling general customer service rarely results in these discounts being offered.

Bloomfield Community Television

Memorandum

Bloomfield Township

To: BACB
From: Steve Rota
Subject: Report July 2026 through August 2026
Date: September 7, 2026
Cc: Greg Black; Cathy White; Gil Gugni, Ray Kamoo, David Eick

BAMA Programs

During this time, we've completed all regularly scheduled municipal meetings and workshops, 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, Birmingham Commission Workshops.

BAPA Programs

From BACB area individual producers and organizations, we've taped 29 programs.

- ❖ DAR and Birmingham Museum: Reading of the Declaration of Independence on the steps of Birmingham City Hall.
- ❖ Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber Breakfast with the Superintendents.
- ❖ League of Women Voters Lecture.
- ❖ Oakland County Bar Association and the LWV Candidates Forums.
- ❖ Two Aspects of Design hosted by Karen Sellenraad.
- ❖ Four Franklin Shows hosted by Michael Seltzer.
- ❖ Four Stir the Coco hosted by Carla Barlett.
- ❖ Six Eye on Oakland hosted by Chuck Moss.
- ❖ Nine In the Park Concert.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP OPEN HOUSE

Come join us at the studio at the Township campus on Sunday, September 27, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We have a fire demonstrations held at Central Fire Station, activities, Truck rides, food, giveaways all around the campus and an entertainment stage in our parking lot. We hope to see you there.

FOOD TRUCK WEDNESDAY AT BCTV

Come join us at BCTV anytime between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM today, September 16, and Wednesday, September 30, for our last food truck of the summer.

BACB FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Girls Swim and Dive on September 17, 6:00 PM at Seaholm.

Football on September 18, 7:00 PM at Groves.

Boys Water Polo on September 29, 6:15 PM at Seaholm.

Volleyball on October 1, 7:00 PM at Groves.

Boys Soccer on October 1, 7:00 PM at Seaholm.

Girls Field Hockey on October 5, 7:00 PM at Seaholm.