

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD

03/13/2026

A meeting of the Cable Television Advisory Board was held on March 13, 2026 at 8:30 am in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Members of Committee Present: Andrew Cernota, Chairman

Lauren Byers, DPW Designee

Cole Morgan

Alderwoman Amber Morgan

Emily Vassar

Oscar Villacis

Also Present: Jeff Poehnert, PEG Program Manager

Pete Johnson, Education Channel Access Administrator

George Russell

Bob Bartis

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

All right. Welcome everyone to the March 13th Cable Television Advisory Board. At the moment, we're still quite a way from a quorum, so, we will begin with just the reports and the correspondence. And then we'll, when we have a quorum, we'll do the roll call and then proceed with any votes that we need to make just so that we can be efficient with people's time. So, Mr. Poehnert, would you like to start us off?

Jeff Poehnert, PEG Program Manager:

Yes.

Jeff Poehnert, PEG Manager. Our financials as of right now, our current balance of operating account 2505 is \$195,377 and 69 cents. Our expenses for February, 2026 including salaries and facility operations totaled \$30,646. For operations we had 5,944 cable cast totals in December 2025 to February 2026. Of these 142 live events, and this broke down to Public 25, Education 41 and Government 16, I mean, Government 40... I'm sorry. Education 41, Government 44, and our HD Channel was 32. We had 5,744 playbacks, and this broke down to Public at 2,906, Education 900, and Government 16, 859, and our HD Channel 777.

We have submitted our FY 2027 Budget Proposal, and this includes our Franchise Fee allotment to now reflect a 4% Franchise Fee collection. Director Tim Cummings has confirmed that the Mayor agrees to the 4%, and we also would like to ask for a Budget Subcommittee to be formed concerning the budget coming up, the Budget 2027 and 2028. Our next meeting in June, we would like to host our June CTAB meeting in our studio at Riverside. The work on the Police Department side is basically completed so, we could, we can hold a meeting there now, and we'd like to do that in June. We will need to schedule our annual appearance in front of the Finance Committee earlier this year to issue the purchase order for the BRBTV contract.

Last year, we didn't appear until mid-July, requiring our Public TV people to front the money for insurance and software licensing that were due July 1st from their personal accounts. Up until now, we have no written policy as to our videographers being compensated for canceling meetings. It has been our practice through the years to compensate our videographers for four hours if a meeting is canceled on the day of that meeting. The fact that we have no written policy concerning this has come to light as, as I decided to compensate our videographers for the cancellation due to the February 23rd snowstorm, even though they had been postponed prior to that day. We'd like to put in writing that it is our policy to compensate for canceled meetings only if they are postponed on the actual day of the meeting.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

Pete.

Pete Johnson, Education Channel Access Administrator:

All right. Pete Johnson, I'm the Education Channel Access Administrator, big title. Moving on to the Education Channel Report, our accomplishments for December. It's been a busy few months obviously we were back in the business of doing some holiday concerts this past December. Also, the beginning of sports season. The winter sports season happened a little earlier this year, before Christmas. So, we've got several basketball games there, hockey game, and concerts in our schools. And if we go back to the second page trying to see things that might be out of the ordinary. We did the Inauguration at the beginning of January, and that was done at the Performing Arts Center. One notable thing is that the North and South High Schools have combined into one hockey team this year for the boys, and they are now called the Knights, the Nashua Knights.

And we also have a girls' hockey team now that's also has Souhegan as a participating school in that. And they're called the Storm and early in January we did a double header with them at Conway Arena so that the community could see both of those teams in action. Back to some more basketball, we did the Middle School basketball Championships that were held at Nashua North. We did the Mayor's Legislative Breakfast at Southern New Hampshire Medical Center and Unified Basketball's always a big treat for us to go out and cover and we did the Unified Basketball game at the end of the month, as well as the Battle of the Bridge games that were held.

In February, a little less action going on there, but we did, Iron Education Programs and the Winter Concert by the Upbeat New Hampshire. Live coverage of the Junior Biddy Basketball Championships for, Public Works. And there was one last Battle of the Bridge match going on, and that was in wrestling, and actually, the Battle of the Bridge came down to the very final match of the wrestling match, and I believe it was North that finally won that. More basketball, and we did several Public Health Matters, in studio during the three-month period, so I think at the moment that's it.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

All right. Nashua Public Television.

Bob Bartis, Nashua Public Television:

Thank you. Bob Bartis for BR8TV. Throughout the last quarter, we ran approximately 3,000 shows showing our coverage of 24/7 content on Channel six. We had approximately 25 live events that included content from Mayor Jim Donchess, County Treasurer David Fredette, AMR Director Chris Stawasz, Nashua Fire Rescue Chief Steve Buxton, representatives from the Nashua Police Department. Our live coverage also included Breakfast with Santa at the Nashua Senior Center, Nashua Coral Society. We had multiple days, about six hours of blizzard coverage, so we could have live cameras watching the snow hit Main Street, as well as the various cameras around from the Nashua River, Nashua Arts Center, Nashua Senior Center, the Chamber of Commerce camera, Mines Falls camera, and West Hollis Street cameras.

All the shows that we record in the studio are uploaded to Apple and to Roku, so people have a variety of sources to watch, whether it's through a cable box on Channel Six, whether it's through the streaming service of Nashua Public Television website as well as through the Roku and Apple channels. Myself and Art Colvin, our part-time employee attended the Quarterly Lunch and Learn meetings that we attend with Pete Johnson and Dan Young. There's typically about 25 people that attend those from 10 to 12 different Towns and Cities throughout the, the state. So we get together quarterly, we just met last week. You'll hear about that in June, but this was for our December get together. Otherwise, it's business as usual. Our usual content and hosts are coming in. We did add one Real Estate show during the last quarter.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

Thank you. All right. And it appears we're still short of a quorum, but, we can continue with discussion and updates. Mr. Poehnert on the old business, we had Franchise Fees. Was that further discussion or? Just the report from the report?

Jeff Poehnert, PEG Program Manager:

That was really the report from, you know, that we had submitted the budget comps.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

All right.

Jeff Poehnert, PEG Program Manager:

And the 4% was, was included as that.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

And the same for the meeting location was included in the report?

Jeff Poehnert, PEG Program Manager:

Correct, because we had talked about that in the last meeting.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

All right. And we already addressed the BRB renewal contract, purchase order, which again has to come through the City Administration.

Jeff Poehnert, PEG Program Manager:

Yes, so then I will take that up.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

Okay.

Jeff Poehnert, PEG Program Manager:

We'll go with that. I think that's Director Cummings. I'll have to go to him and we'll figure that out.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

So, we have actually no other agenda items. So, I think we'll call a roll call so we record who actually, attended. Jeff, do you want to read the roll since you're-

Jeff Poehnert, PEG Program Manager:

Sure.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

Quasi clerk.

Jeff Poehnert, PEG Program Manager:

Steve Buxton.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

Is not here.

Jeff Poehnert, PEG Program Manager:

Lauren Byers.

Lauren Byers, DPW Designee:

Here.

Jeff Poehnert, PEG Program Manager:

Andrew Cernota.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

Here.

Jeff Poehnert, PEG Program Manager:

Tim Cummings, Patrick Hannon, Thomas Lopez, Jennifer McCormack, Nick Miseirvitch and Cole Morgan.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

Cole Morgan is joining us by Zoom.

Cole Morgan:

Present.

Jeff Poehnert, PEG Program Manager:

Amber Morgan.

Alderman Amber Morgan:
Present.

Jeff Poehnert, PEG Program Manager:
Gregory Rodriguez, Emily Vassar.

Emily Vassar:
Here.

Jeff Poehnert, PEG Program Manager:
Oscar Villacis.

Oscar Villacis:
Here.

Jeff Poehnert, PEG Program Manager:
Did I pronounce that correctly?

Oscar Villacis:
You did.

Jeff Poehnert, PEG Program Manager:
Okay.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:
All right. We don't have any members of the public with us. So, remarks by members.

Emily Vassar:
I have a quick question.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:
Yes.

Emily Vassar:
The June meeting being held at the studio, is that going to be the location for the meetings going forward from June?

Jeff Poehnert, PEG Program Manager:
No.

Emily Vassar:
Or is that just for June?

Jeff Poehnert, PEG Program Manager:
Just for June.

Emily Vassar:
Okay.

Jeff Poehnert, PEG Program Manager:
Yeah.

Emily Vassar:
Thank you.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:
I think the intent is just so that members of the committee who haven't necessarily had an opportunity to see the studio are able to see it and maybe we can provide some of the viewers that might be joining us also some information about the facilities.

Emily Vassar:
Great. Thank you.

Cole Morgan:
Mr. Chair.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:
Mr. Morgan.

Cole Morgan:
Yeah, I just had a question. I think someone had mentioned that they would like to get a Budget Subcommittee formed. Do we still have a Finance Subcommittee active from last...

Jeff Poehnert, PEG Program Manager:
With the Subcommittee that we had put together originally?

Jeff Poehnert, PEG Program Manager:
As far as I know, that was dissolved. I'm sorry, this is Jeff Poehnert, PEG Manager.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:
Yeah, that was an Ad Hoc Committee that we formed to address the specific issue then. Basically what's being proposed is that we do the same thing now. Going forward provide recommendations for the upcoming budget seasons. So, if anyone's interested in being a part of that, we would be eager to have their volunteer time for that. Any other remarks by members? Oh, Mr. Young.

Dan Young:
Dan Young, Nashua Community Media. A couple of the overhead office lights, the fluorescent lights that we have, not the in-studio lighting have started to go bad. We've got some fluorescent tubes that are starting to go. So, we've been in discussion with Doria from the Sustainability Department about the possibility of what it would take to replace those overhead lights with much more modern energy efficient lighting, and by the next meeting, we should have a better idea and a proposal of what that might cost to replace the whole thing versus just replacing just individual bulbs, and what the energy efficiency over time would be.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:
All right, thank you.

Pete Johnson, Education Channel Access Administrator:

I've got one thing as well, Pete Johnson, with the Education Channel, again, I know at the last meeting it was sort of discussed ways that we might be able to let the public know that we're out there. And one thing that we did during the last quarter was purchase a couple of table covers that have a dropdown on the front and the sides and we now have one for a six foot and an eight-foot table that we're utilizing at basketball games.

So, the front panel has the Nashua ETV logo on it, as well as text us where you can find the channels and where you can go to get it on streaming. And on the two side wings, there are QR codes and that brings you as well to a listing of where you can find us so, they had some interest in that people coming over and asking about it so, I just wanted to let you know.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

All right. Are there any other remarks? I would like to exercise my remarks by

Cole Morgan:

Mr. Chair, sorry.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

Oh.

Cole Morgan:

One more.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

That's all right, I just forget to look up and see if you're there.

Cole Morgan:

My connection's not great here. I apologize. I do just want to let everyone know and happy to have a discussion with us interested that I am most likely heading to NAB show this year in Vegas. And if there's any technology or that, the committee or any of the facilities could use or need a demo of, I'd be happy to have that conversation kind of be an emissary for anything at the show.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

Thank you. I see your hands still up on the Zoom. You're all set? Okay. Then I would just briefly like to, Welcome Alderman Morgan, joining the Committee. And again, since we do not have a quorum, I don't think we're officially meeting, so adjourning is kind of moot.

So, thank everyone for coming and if anything comes up that requires a vote in the interim we'll have to call a special meeting.

Jeff Poehnert, PEG Program Manager:

Thank you everybody.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:46 am.

NOTICE OF MEETING

In accordance with the requirements of NH RSA 91-A:2, II

THE Cable Television Advisory Board

WILL MEET ON

March 13, 2026

AT

8:30 AM

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229 Main Street, Nashua, NH**

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City of Nashua
**Cable Television
Advisory Board**



March 13, 2026

8:30 AM

Aldermanic Chamber

Roll Call

Public Comment

Acceptance of minutes of previous meetings

- December 12, 2025

Communications

Advisories from Comcast (2)

Financial Statements

PEG Manager's Report

BRB-TV Report

Old Business

Franchise Fees
Meeting location change for June

New Business

BRBTV Renewal Contract PO

Public Comment

Remarks by the members

Adjournment