

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD

09/12/2025

A meeting of the Cable Television Advisory Board was held September 12, 2025 at 8:30 am in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Members of Committee present: Andrew Cernota, Chairman

 Tim Cummings, Administrative Services Director

 Tyler Gouveia, Alderman

 Ernest Jette, Alderman

 Jennifer McCormack, Library Director

 Nick Miseirvitch, IT CIO

 Captain Pat Hannan

 Emily Vassar

 Cole Morgan

 Gregory Rodriguez

 Rony Camille, Citizen Representative

Also present: Jeff Poehnert, PEG Program Manager

 Pete Johnson, Education Channel Access Administrator

 Dan Young

 George Russell

 Bob Bartis

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Pete Johnson, Education Channel Access Administrator:
... coverage of all three of those events over the weekend. Jen, do you have anything else?

Jennifer McCormack, Library Director:

I do not. I think you covered it all. The education committee did meet last Tuesday? –

Pete Johnson, Education Channel Access Administrator:

Tuesday.

Jennifer McCormack, Library Director:

We discussed some upcoming shows for Eye on Education and had a good discussion about the school district's new website. It's a good meeting. I think we're looking forward to a good fall.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

All right. Well actually, before we go on to BRB's report, do want to note for the record that Alderman Gouveia has joined the meeting. So, we actually have a quorum now. So, with that said, we will continue with the reports.

Bob Bartis:

Thank you. Bob Bartis on behalf of Nashua Public Television, BRBTV. Mr. Poehnert gave our numbers for the number of shows that were played during the quarter from June through present. And I would note in particular, we had 32 live events in addition to having our regular live show with Mayor Donchess on air with County Treasurer Dave Fredette, AMR Director, Chris Stawasz, Fire, Nashua Fire Rescue Chief, Steve Buxton, as well as representatives from the Nashua Police Department.

During the last quarter, we also broadcast live and recorded the American Legion Flag Disposal event that occurred on Flag Day on June 20th, the VFW July 4th flag raising ceremony, the Nashua Pride Parade, Nashua Summer Stroll, the Library Walk, and the mural, Congresswoman Maggie Goodlander at Nashua Community College was also covered. We continue to have our 24/7 live cameras set up throughout the city, and we continue to promote Nashua Public Television through WSMN. Mr. Pete Johnson, Dan Young and myself attended the quarterly meeting as we do for the Nashua, or excuse me, the New Hampshire Coalition for Community Media. In this, past quarter, we were at Holman Stadium for that meeting.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

All right, thank you. Any questions regarding any of the reports? Mr. Miseirvitch?

Nick Miseirvitch, IT CIO:

Thank you. Mr. Chairman, Nick Miseirvitch, CIO for City of Nashua. Just a quick question for Mr. Poehnert for clarification on the budget sheet under other contracted services, is it safe to assume that the amount is the BRB contract and payment is released on an incremental basis?

Jeff Poehnert, Program Manager:

That is correct.

Nick Miseirvitch, IT CIO:

Thank you.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

Any other discussion? We'll um, move on to our regular agenda items. I do see a member of the public here. We have a period of public comment at the beginning. Do you have anything that you'd like to say? Okay, thank you. Acceptance of minutes from previous meetings. Is there a motion with regard to the minutes from the June 13th, 2025 meeting? Mr. Miseirvitch?

Nick Miseirvitch, IT CIO:

Motion to accept and place on file.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

There's a motion to accept and place on file. Any discussion? Seeing none. All those in favor?

All:

Aye.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

All those opposed? Motion passes. Communications?

Tim Cummings, Administrative Services Director:

Mr. Chairman?

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

Mr. Cummings.

Tim Cummings, Administrative Services Director:

I just want to reflect that I joined the meeting at 8:38 this morning.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

Thank you.

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Cole Morgan:

I guess I will also say that I was here at 8:30, but can now have audio as of about, 8:36.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

I apologize. That was user error on my part. I didn't unmute us. So, we did record that you were here. Advisories from Comcast. I believe everyone received a copy of this by email and will be attached to the minutes. Is there a motion with regard to the communications from Comcast?

Jennifer McCormack, Library Director:

Jennifer McCormack. Move to accept and place on file.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

There's a motion to accept and place on file. Any discussion? Seeing none. All those in favor?

All:
Aye.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

All those opposed? All right, the motion passes. Okay. The only item on old business are franchise fees. Mr. Poehnert?

Jeff Poehnert, Program Manager:

Jeff Poehnert, PEG manager. I'm not really quite sure what the process is on this. I mean, I know it's an administrative thing. As far as what, you know, we had discussed this earlier in the year, we first went from 2% up to 3%, and then next year, FY 2027, we'll need the full 4% from Comcast. So, I just want to get the ball rolling on that, because budget season is approaching again, as always. So, I, I just want to get that out there.

Tim Cummings, Administrative Services Director:

Mr. Chair, if I may?

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

I was just going to call on you, actually.

Tim Cummings, Administrative Services Director:

Thank you. So, just a couple housekeeping items I want to note for the record. I spoke to, with our Finance Department yesterday. They have not had an opportunity yet, the new system for this fiscal year. They're going to be doing that actually anytime now. And so, our current numbers don't reflect assent one split. It's still reflecting a two-two split last from last fiscal year.

So, they will be updating that over the next couple of weeks. By the next time you see the reports, they will read correctly. And I'm sure we can send you a communication between now and our next meeting to show that the reports have been rectified. Relative to what Mr. Poehnert was just saying. At this time, administratively, we do not have approval, yet, for the whole 4% of the franchise fee to be directed towards this service. If that's something interesting, I think to Mr. Poehnert's point, we're going to need to meet with the Mayor and others to discuss this matter.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

Mr. Miseirvitch, do you have anything to add?

Nick Miseirvitch, IT CIO:

No, I don't.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

Okay. I think that clarifies the procedural.

Jeff Poehnert, Program Manager:

Okay. Thank you

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

So, any other discussion of that?

Rony Camille, Citizen Representative:

Who needs to initiate this conversation? Rony Camille, I'm a resident.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

I think that it would be just a matter of, like, making the arrangements through either Mr. Cummings or the Mayor's Office to set up.

Jeff Poehnert, Program Manager:

That is correct, as far as my understanding is.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

So, I don't think it requires a vote of this-

Rony Camille, Citizen Representative:

Okay.

Tim Cummings, Administrative Services Director:

That's correct.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

Any other discussion? All right. There is nothing listed under new business. We're back to public comment, and remarks by members. Ms. McCormack-

Jennifer McCormack, Library Director:

Jennifer McCormick. I did want to let this group know and any viewers know that the library is partnering with Nashua Ink Link on three aldermanic forums this October, October 2nd. We'll talk to candidates for Wards One, Two, and Five. October 8th will be Wards Six, Eight, and Nine. And October 30th will be a forum for the At-Large candidates. I've spoken to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Poehnert and Government TV will be filming those for us.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

Thank you. Any other remarks by members?

Cole Morgan:

Mr. Chair?

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

Yes, Mr. Morgan.

Cole Morgan:

I just wanted to congratulate BRBTV for another great month of, or a quarter of stats and programs. I know I have always been the first to support what they're doing, but, I just wanted to put it on record that I think over the term of the contract, they have really hasn't over-delivered in a few areas. So, just wanted to put it on record that I think they're doing a great job.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

Thank you.

Bob Bartis:

Thank you.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

All right. If there are no other remarks, is there a final motion?

Unknown:

Motion to adjourn.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

There's a motion to adjourn. All those in favor?

All:

Aye.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

All those opposed?

All:

Aye.

Andrew Cernota, Chairman:

The motion passes.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:24 am.