



## COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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### MINUTES

#### Special Called Meeting

Wednesday – September 25, 2020 – 3:00 PM

#### VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING

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#### **CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Sophie Gairo - Mayor Steve Adler

Nehemiah Pitts III - Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, District 1

Claudia Yanez - Mayor Pro Tem Delia Garza, District 2

Malcolm Yeatts - Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria, District 3

David Alexander - Council Member Gregorio Casar, District 4

Dave Floyd - Council Member Ann Kitchen, District 5

Irfan Syed - Council Member Jimmy Flannigan, District 6

Vacant - Council Member Leslie Pool, District 7

Michelle Reinhardt - Council Member Paige Ellis, District 8

Nicole Thompson – Council Member Kathie Tovo, District 9

Sumit DasGupta - Council Member Alison Alter, District 10

#### **Commission Members Present**

Sophie Gairo

Nehemiah Pitts III

Malcolm Yeatts

David Alexander

Dave Floyd

Irfan Syed

Nicole Thompson

Sumit DasGupta

#### **Unexcused Absence**

Claudia Yanez  
Michelle Reinhardt

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM

## **CALL TO ORDER**

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 24, 2020**

**Motion to approve minutes as presented made by Commissioner DasGupta, seconded by Commissioner Floyd passed on a vote of 7-0-1, with Commissioner Yeatts not present.**

### **2. STAFF AND COMMUNITY BRIEFINGS (A member of the public may not address a board at a meeting on an item posted as a briefing)**

#### **a. Briefing on COVID-19 Response to Digital Inclusion Programs (John Speirs, Program Manager – Telecom & Regulatory Affairs)**

The briefing can be viewed [here](#).

#### **b. TARA Office Briefing (John Speirs, Program Manager – Telecom & Regulatory Affairs)**

The briefing can be viewed [here](#).

### **3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)**

#### **a. Discussion and action on Grant for Technology Opportunities Program 2021 Cycle Recommendations (Jesse Rodriguez, Business Process Specialist – Telecom & Regulatory Affairs)**

The GTOPs Recommendation memo can be viewed [here](#).

**Motion to approve the GTOPs Recommendations as presented made by Commissioner Floyd and seconded by Commissioner DasGupta passed on a vote of 7-0-1 with Commissioner Syed not present.**

### **4. COMMISSION UPDATES (Discussion and Possible Action)**

#### **a. Digital Inclusion, Civic Engagement, and Strategic Technology and Telecom Policy Working Group**

Chair Pitts announced the Special Conversation on Digital Equity as a special called meeting for the Commission for October 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **b. Knowledge, Information, and Data Stewardship Working Group**

Chair Pitts noted he would like to have a working group meeting on video conferencing challenges. In lieu of a meeting, he would like the commission to generate a list of questions and concerns about the video conferencing tools and options.

**c. Technology, Infrastructure, and Innovation Working Group**

This item was not reached.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Status update from the Clerk's Office on remote participation at commission meeting to continue remote participation options.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner DasGupta and seconded by Commissioner Thompson passed on a vote of 6-0-2 with Commissioners Syed and Floyd not present.**

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Posting Submitted by: Jesse Rodriguez, Business Process Specialist, Wednesday, October 7, 2020