



COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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MINUTES

Special Called Meeting

Wednesday – September 29, 2021 – 6:30 PM

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

Steven Apodaca – Council Member Vanessa Fuentes, District 2

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David Alexander - Council Member Gregorio Casar, District 4

Dave Floyd - Council Member Ann Kitchen, District 5

Iliya Svirsky - Council Member Mackenzie Kelly, District 6

Maxine Eiland - Council Member Leslie Pool, District 7

Jennifer Ramos - 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

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

Nicole Thompson – Council Member Kathie Tovo, District 9

Iliya Svirsky - Council Member Mackenzie Kelly, District 6

Sophie Gairo - Mayor Steve Adler

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Unexcused Absence

CALL TO ORDER

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first ten speakers who register to speak no later than noon the day before the meeting will be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 14, 2021

Motion by Commissioner Ramos to approve the minutes as presented seconded by Commissioner Svirsky, passed on a vote of 10-0.

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. Autonomy Institute Fellow Presentation on Public Infrastructure Network Nodes (Jeff DeCoux, Autonomy Institute Fellow)

Presentation by Jeff DeCoux can be viewed [here](#).

3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

a. City of Austin Strategic Outcomes Review (Commission discussion and possible action)

City of Austin Strategic Direction can be viewed [here](#).
Commission Annual Report can be viewed [here](#).

b. Digital Inclusion Week 2021 Planning (Commission discussion and possible action)

The week of activities can be viewed [here](#).

4. COMMISSION UPDATES (Discussion and Possible Action)

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

Chair Pitts noted conversations being had with Huston Tillotson and the University of Texas as it relates to research partnerships. Chair Pitts discussed supporting GTOPs at \$500,000 next year, \$50 to \$75,000 being dedicated for marketing, the administration of the communication campaign around GTOPs to get access to more people and more panelists and more nonprofit organizations.

b. Knowledge, Information, and Data Stewardship Working Group

Focused on remote participation and dial-ins and leveraging hybrid meetings and challenges working through the pandemic effectively.

c. Technology, Infrastructure, and Innovation Working Group

Commissioner DasGupta noted working group conversations around shared conduit, shared towers, and the presentation from the Autonomy Institute on PINNs.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Briefings from:
 - Member of the Finance and Risk Assessment subcommittee for the Austin Transit Partnership.
 - CEO Action for Racial Equity
 - New Chief Research, Strategic Initiative Officer.
 - Invite some people from Houston Tillotson regarding the research collaborative.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Svirsky, seconded by Commissioner DasGupta passed on a vote of 10-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

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Posting Submitted by: Jesse Rodriguez, Business Process Specialist, Wednesday, October 13, 2021