



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHICAGO ACCESS CORPORATION (CAN TV)

DATE: March 14, 2023

The meeting of the Board of Directors was held via Zoom. Chairman Anna Ninoyu called the meeting to order at 5:35pm. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

The Board Members present and constituting a quorum: **Rochester Bailey, Rashanah Baldwin, Carolyn Day, Carrol Furlough, Anna Ninoyu, Jorge Rovelo, Branden Rowe, Robbie Smith,**

Emeritus Members present: **Levi Moore, Sarah Eilefson**

CAN TV staff in attendance: **Darrious Hilmon, Mary Stack, David Tainer, Lesley Johnson,**

A motion to approve the agenda was introduced, and seconded. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the December 14, 2022 minutes was introduced, and seconded. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Keith McDonald – Producer. Thanking Terrance Morris, Operations Manager who is retiring after 28 years of service.
- Andrea Alberti-former employee. Spoke about how she found the current work environment.
- Madeline Carl-former employee. How CAN TV's resources were being used and were we still following the mission.
- Eric Torres-current employee. Concerned about recent personnel issues.
- Elma Lucas – Producer. Spoke about how important the staff are to the producers.

CHAIRMAN'S AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Ninoyu said this was her a first meeting as chair and she was very privileged to be chair. She recognized the new officers and committee chairs and thanked them for serving.

Chair Ninoyu said CAN TV is at an inflection point. She reviewed the Strategic Plan and the goals for the organization. She also mentioned some of the items CAN TV leadership

has implemented such as extended studio hours for producers, Great at 8, had our first live show with the post-election analysis, and the roll out the Youth Voice Digital Literacy Institute.

Chair Ninoyu emphasized that there is a lot to be proud of and excited about in this next chapter for CAN TV. The board will continue to serve in the best interest of CAN TV collaboratively and productively with our Executive Director and CAN TV leadership.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Executive Director Hilmon asked General Manager Dave Tainer to review the current investment in improving the technology. He reviewed the engineering action plan program. There will be updates in both studio A & B. As the upgrades are completed we will provide training for all producers. We want to grow so we have more resources available for everyone. CAN TV's mission is important.

Reviewed some the recent programs

- Tweenish Fridays at 7:30pm
- Youth Voices program every Saturday
- Mayoral Forum
- King & Gandhi: Unfinished Business Special
- In the Money
- Generation Flex
- Great 8 cross promotions of other programs

Some Partnerships we are working on

- Housing Authority – Working Homeless
- Chicago Foundation for Women
- Impact Awards
- CPS program where 10 interns will work at CAN TV

TREASURER'S & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Treasurer Branden Rowe presented the December Treasurer's and Finance Committee Report. The Finance Committee held a meeting via Zoom on March 9, 2023.

The December 31, 2022 Financial Statements were reviewed. The financial are a draft until the annual audit is completed. The year-end numbers are similar to our projection at our last meeting. A couple of exceptions cable revenues are lower than expected for the year by \$88,000 and our investment portfolio had a \$30,000 unrealized loss.

A motion was moved and seconded to accept the draft December 31, 2022 financial statements; the motion carried.

The amount the Safe Harbor contribution for 2022 to the 401(k) plan is \$35,583.61 which will be added to the staff's accounts. The Safe Harbor is in addition to the \$31,694.63 match for a total contribution of \$67,278.24 to the 401(k) plan.

Resolution for Board to approve updating trustee for John Hancock plan.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Resolution; the motion carried.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Board Development Chair Anna Ninoyu reported that the new Board orientation had taken place on January 24, 2023.

A motion moved and seconded to accept the Board Development Report; the motion carried.

PUBLIC & GOVERNMENT RELATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Robbie Smith presented the P&GR Committee Report. She stated that the committee did not meet but there are a list issues to keep an eye on.

- Legislation in Connecticut concerning rules about funding public access.
- Protecting Community Television Act which is trying to protect PEG
- The lobbyist noted that there are many new members in the IL House and Senate.

A motion was moved and seconded to accept the P & GR Committee's Report; the motion carried.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Darrious Hilmon, Executive Director explained there was a report in the Board packet that outlines the funding we are trying to secure.

DIRECTORS EMERITUS

Levi Moore reported that some of the alumni of the board are waiting to be utilized.

OLD BUSINESS

The new CAN TV mural has been registered with the City of Chicago. The mural will be listed in the city's directory.

NEW BUSINESS

None

A motion to convene to executive session was moved and seconded; the motion carried.

Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Directors Minutes Submitted By:

*Anna Ninoyu
CAN TV Board of Directors*

