



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

DATE: June 13, 2023

The meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the large conference room. Chairman Anna Ninoyu called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm. Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

The Board Members present and constituting a quorum: **Rochester Bailey, Rashanah Baldwin, Dulce M. Diaz, Anna Ninoyu, Meghan Phillipp, Ryan Podges, Jorge Rovelo, Branden Rowe, Robbie Smith, and Sufyan Sohel.**

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

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

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

A motion to approve the March 14, 2023 minutes was introduced, and seconded. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Keith McDonald – Community Producer. Concerned about the audio on the channels. And what CAN TV can do to prevent this problem.
- Eugene Matthews – Community Producer. CAN TV Signature Shows taking up time. Need to do more outreach for more diversity.
- Azaka Ajanaku -. Community Producer for 30th years at CAN TV. Thank you to the staff for helping him grow and get the Haitians community involved in CAN TV.
- Andrea Alberta - former employee - Voiced her concerns about CAN TV.
- Julie Gurdal former employee - Spoke about her concerns about NPO & her former supervisor.

CHAIRMAN'S AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Anna Ninoyu is proposing a quarterly report to the public giving insight into challenges, goals and exciting plans for CAN TV.

1. Since the March board meeting the Executive Committee has deliberated at length, thoughtfully and in the best interest of CAN TV. The full board met and

unanimously elected to work in lock step with the ED and management to continue to make CAN TV a thriving station and place for community that reflects the cultural mosaic of all Chicagoans.

2. Thanked the staff and the community of their continued support and patience as we try various methods to achieve our Strategic plans for CAN TV and its mission. The Board and Management are diligently and thoughtfully moving forward together.
3. As a response to providing clarity and the means to achieving our Strategic Goals, a taped conversation with the Board Chair, Vice Chair and ED is planned.
4. Weekly Roundup kudos on featuring CAN TV services and community producers.
5. Encouraged Board engagement for upcoming 40th Celebration Soiree and Gala.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Executive Director Darrious Hilmon outlined some the programs and activities going on at CAN TV.

Reviewed some recent programs

- Joy in the Breakthrough
- Three Questions,
- Hack for Good,
- Great @ 8 community producers highlighted
- Chicago Citizen Newspaper – new once a month show.
- Some guests on shows included Lt Governor Stratton and State Representative Kam Bucker
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Youth Voice classes continue on Saturdays. NABET Union President Raza Siddiqui came and spoke to the class.

New Partnerships

- Old National Bank
- Latino News Network

Reviewed some activities and events

- CPS Partnership starts this summer, 30 Schools, 2000 Students and new revenue. Goodwill Industries is also giving funding for some students
- 40th Anniversary Community Celebration this summer using the entire facility indoors and outdoors.
- Premiere of CAN TV at 40: A Retrospective
- In the fall 40th Anniversary Gala.

TREASURER'S & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Treasurer Branden Rowe review the March 31, 2023 financial statements. He noted that cable revenues were down and looking at fundraising to help fill the losses.

Contributions have gone up. Expenses will be going up since hiring additional staff recently. We are currently under budget by \$110,000.00.

A motion was moved and seconded to accept the draft March 31, 2023 financial statements; the motion carried.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Board Development Chair Anna Ninoyu reported on the following:

- Update online Board application
- Review Board policies
- Onboard new Board based on needs.

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.

- Lobbyist Report monthly from Springfield. Nothing to report.
- FCC discussing the requirement of video conferencing services to integrate sign language to platforms like ZOOM and Teams.
- Wisconsin Media -. Bill to eliminate local control of cable franchising. Robbie will contact Congressman Robin Kelly for updates.
- ATT U-verse – New Subscribers will need to find CAN TV on Direct Stream TV
- Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago announces new public safety Initiative.

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

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Resource Development Chair reported the following:

- CAN TV will be applying for grants
- CAN TV will be having a 40th Anniversary Gala
- Boards members to commit to getting sponsors for the Gala

DIRECTORS EMERITUS

Levi Moore reported that Board alumni would like to be would like to be engaged with CAN TV as subject matters experts.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

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

