



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

DATE: September 12, 2023

The meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the large conference room. Chairman Anna Ninoyu called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm. Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

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

Emeritus Members present: None

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 June 13 minutes was introduced, and seconded. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Keith McDonald – Producer thanked everyone for the Community Anniversary party. He also spoke about the upcoming Gala.
- Omari Nyamweya - Former employee spoke about the chaotic work environment and that speaking out became a liability.

CHAIRMAN'S AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Anna Ninoyu said we have a very diverse board and this should be celebrated together.

- The 40th Anniversary Soiree was a tremendous success. Thanked Levi and Robbie for attending.
- She encouraged all board members to participate in CAN TV events and take advantage of our state-of-the-art facilities to engage prospective partnerships.
- Highly recommends every Board member to take the time to watch CAN Conversations.
- Announced the comprehensive technology upgrade to the Studio A, tour is planned on the agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

The Executive Director, Darrious Hilmon gave examples of our current on programs and events.

- Friday night spotlight.
- Rebroadcasting Thanksgiving Day Parade,
- Media Sponsors
- Comcast closed PEG stations in the area and CAN TV helped them get their show on air here.

- Talked about corporate partnerships.

Production Services Manager Jeremy Frye gave a report about his area and he introduced the NPO staff Rocio Santos & Imani Payne.

TREASURER'S & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Treasurer Branden Rowe reports that the Finance Committee meet with the auditor to review the 2022 Financial Audit. The auditor stated the audit went very well and we had a clean audit.

A motion was moved and seconded to accept the draft 2022 Audit Report; the motion carried.

At the September meeting the Finance Committee reviewed the draft June 30, 2023 Financial Statements. Revenues were under budget by about 237,640 mostly because of two area cable company revenue and contributions.

A motion was moved and seconded to accept the draft June 30, 2023 Financial Statements; the motion carried.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT Board Development Chair Anna Ninoyu reported that we need any new Board Member applications by September 22nd. We need help from members to help get applicants by that date. Key qualifications for prospective candidates are who have one or more the following professional experience, but not limited to: investment banking, finance and fundraising. Additionally, industry professionals with corporate relationships and with previous non-profit organization board experience is desired. With the diversification of CAN TV's funding source with corporate sponsorship, private donors and the growth and development of CAN TV, candidates with resource management and know-how in the non-profit sector would be helpful. A consultant will be hired for Board training in February for all members.

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 is now providing a monthly report on legislative activities
- Advocacy: Congrats letters went out to all newly elected legislative members.
- We need to find more ways to stay connected. .Dennis Deere is our Cook County Commissioner.
- Political Forum: Committee will discuss pros and cons of starting it again.
- Link to an article: Current states of streaming vs cable - broadcast lowest of all.
- 2024 Democratic Convention: Is there a role we can play?
- FCC order this year means Zoom, Teams, WEBX need to provide sign language.
- Invite Lilith Ward new Alderman to utilize CAN TV
- Alderwoman Nicole Lee: Reach out to discuss with her the benefits of having a show on Channel 21.

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

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chair Sufyan Sohel presented the Resource Development Report.

- Gala: Everyone get \$7,500.00 in Sales
- We need all Board members there stated Darrious Hilmon the ED of CAN TV
- Everyone commit to getting on \$7,500 tickets sales to Gala

DIRECTORS EMERITUS

None present

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Board members went on a tour of Studio A to see the new equipment.

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

Chairman adjourned the meeting at

Board of Directors Minutes Submitted By:

*Anna Ninoyu
CAN TV Board of Directors*

