

Litchfield Cable Television Advisory Council

Minutes Draft

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Present: Stephen Simonin, Chairman, Litchfield; Darlene Clouther, Litchfield; Gary Lafferty, Watertown; Frank Baba, Torrington; Howard Rosenfeld, Warren

Absent: Jeff Dunn, Thomaston

Also Present: Brian Smith- Optimum, Director for CT Government Affairs

Mr. Simonin called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

The meeting agenda was approved unanimously.

Mr. Simonin noted that there was no public participation, and asked for correspondence and town service reports. There was no correspondence, and town representatives indicated that there were no reported issues.

The minutes of the March 12 meeting were approved as submitted.

Gary gave the Treasurer's report, and reported an opening balance of \$4748.52, including outstanding scholarship checks from 2024 and 2025. He indicated that he had generated five (5) scholarship checks for a total of \$1250, and had incurred \$11.26 in postage charges related to the mailing of the W-9 form. The resulting current account balance is \$3487.26. There was some discussion regarding the status of the annual support stipends from Altice, and Brian agreed to work directly with Gary to resolve questions and facilitate payment.

Brian Smith gave an update on the PEG (Public, Educational, and Government) channel status. He indicated that the Nutmeg Network had petitioned PURA to assume responsibility for PEG programming and studio management in the respective towns from Cox, Charter, Comcast and Optimum. Nutmeg is petitioning to receive the \$11.26 per user that is allocated for public service. Brian reported that Comcast had left the case, and was negotiating directly with Nutmeg.

The trial began on June 8, and Optimum presented arguments against Nutmeg's petition on June 10. Brian indicated that hearings would continue through the week ending June 19, and that the PURA decision could be expected by the end of July or early August.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Submitted by Howard Rosenfeld