

A9CC - Educational Access Committee

Area 9 Cable Council: <http://edaccess.a9cc.org/g/>

To: A9CC Ed Access Committee Members
From: Natalie Carrignan, Secretary
Re: **Minutes of Meeting for March 9, 2026**

Date: March 9, 2026

Location: Virtual ([Zoom Link](#))

Attendance: (yellow highlight = present)

TOWN	Member(s)
Darien:	Tim McGuire
Easton/Redding:	Mike D'Agostino- had to leave at 4:22
Greenwich:	Sean Mayo
Greenwich /Sacred Heart:	David Pisani
CSCC- Norwalk:	Julie Casper Roth
New Canaan:	Roman Cebulski
Norwalk:	Trevor Kline
Stamford:	Alec logman
Weston:	Vacant
Westport:	Natalie Carrignan
Wilton:	Maria Breece
Altice:	

Roman called the A9CC Ed Access Meeting to order at 4:05 pm. 6 towns were represented; 6 districts/locations.

1. Old Business/Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes from [November 17, 2026](#). The group experimented with AI creating a transcript. Mike motioned to approve. Maria seconded. Approved unanimously.

Approval of minutes from [January 12, 2026](#). Mike motioned to approve. Maria seconded. Approved unanimously.

2. Grants

- Update current status of [Grant Spreadsheet](#)
- Reminder to submit Grant Reports as soon as possible
- Round 1 Grants for 2026 is open.
 - Full council minutes from last meeting, funding has been received from Altice in the amount of \$65,000 each for government and for education, to be split up with a maximum of \$3,500 for technical operations. Deadline for schools is September 11, 2026. Unused funds would be kept separately from G and E to be used for Round 2.
 - Sean asked if Nutmeg were to take over, would the grant funds no longer be available in the fall. Roman said it may be best to be cautious and spend it before the end of this school year.

- Eight eligible entities if we include CCSU so it would be a total of \$8,125 per Round 1 grant. It is were to be seven eligible entities the total grant could be for \$9,285.72. Roman will reach out to Julie and he will send letters to Stamford, Norwalk, and Weston.
- Mike was wondering if Nutmeg will want to take over and broadcast using our broadcast equipment or will they want to use their own equipment because that may determine what we request for from the grant. Roman wasn't sure if any of that has been determined yet. He believes it is more about taking their current content and pushing it out on to the channels, not using our equipment.

3. Access Awards - Maria Breece chair

- Reminder of Dates
 - **May 4 for judging**, Maria confirmed the space is available.
 - **Videos due April 27** for students, the hard date to have everything in the folders would be the **28th** and the videos can air at the latest over the weekend prior to the 4th.
 - Confirmed - two entries per school per category.
 - Confirmed- no AI content accepted within the videos in this year's rules.
- [Website](#) updated with example content for most of the categories. Rules confirm changed.
 - The categories were very successful. The HS adult assisted was well received. Maria is asking for a MS level adult assisted. Everyone agreed

4. Tech Showcase-

- Maria with a decent, inexpensive camera option - [Minolta MN4kPro](#)
 - Maria fixed sound issues with the USB-C lavalier mics
 - Maria will send everyone a video of how it is set up etc. [additional video](#)
 - Roman also shared the Hollyland cameras he is trying out.
- Sean- Here is a link to see the new set-up for [broadcasting](#) in our gym. I also included how it sounds from a game. Also, here is a look at my [Video Podcast](#) rooms

5. Set Meeting Schedule

- Set meetings for the year -, March 9 (March break- CSH), **April 20- best for grant proposals**, May TBD (maybe 11th), June 8 (CSH is out)

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 pm. Natalie motioned to adjourn. Tim seconded. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Carrigan,
Secretary