



GREATER WEST BLOOMFIELD
**CABLE COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION**

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September 9, 2024 (JOINT MEETING)

The Commission and its Commission Operations and Strategic Planning Committee met jointly at 6:30PM on September 9 at Green Media Center. In attendance were Mark Kowalsky, the chairperson, Jennifer Taylor Boykins, Ronnie Dahl, Anne Dziuba, Deborah Macon, and Pat Riney. Also in attendance were Commissioners Harvey Gersin and Joel Ross as well as Commission Executive Director Dave Albery. Not in attendance were Commissioners Dorf, Levine, and Phil Ross.

Mr. Kowalsky presented revisions which he had prepared to the Commission's protocols regarding the presentation of information to the four communities' governing bodies. Discussion focused on the role of commissioners as Commission ambassadors to the respective communities and whether or not commissioners appearing before public bodies during public comment should offer to answer questions.

Motion by Mr. Kowalsky, support from Ms. Boykins:

"That the Commission Operations and Strategic Planning Committee recommend that the Greater West Bloomfield Cable Communications Commission revise Section D. 2) of its protocols as presented by the committee".

Voting YES: Dahl, Dziuba, Kowalsky, Gersin, Riney

Voting NO: Macon

The motion was approved.

Mr. Albery stated that the FCC's 2019 franchise fee order was discussed in detail at the recent NATOA Annual Conference. The order was upheld by the 6th Circuit of Appeals which also ruled that a portion of it was unenforceable, and the FCC has not moved to revise that portion, leaving cable operators and local franchising authorities in limbo regarding whether or not the order is in effect.

Mr. Albery also commended NATOA and the cable attorneys who are members of the organization for their work on behalf of communities nationwide in compensation for private use of public right-of-way. He added that the Minnesota state legislature fell one vote short of a law which would impose franchise fees on internet service.

Discussion focused on the presentations made at NATOA and the Government Programming Awards

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Members discussed Commission occupancy of Green Media Center, focusing on the value of a studio location, whether in that building or elsewhere. Discussion also focused on the roving reporter program and the use of the iPhone 15 in recording video and audio.

Mrs. Macon asked that her suggestion that committees have alternate members be addressed at the October committee meeting, and Mr. Albery asked that she provide specific language for committee consideration.