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Meeting Date: August 28, 2015

Meeting Time: 8:00am

Meeting Location: DCTV Studio

Next Meeting: November 20, 2015

CONTACTED FOR CLERK

Chair: James Thompson Recorder: Peter Chasse

Members

Present / Absent / Excused (see attached sign-in sheet)

James Thompson	P	Paul Levasseur	P	Cynthia Rose	P	Tracy Oliveira	P
David Cressman	P	Joseph Barbero	P	Russell Robinson	P		

Guests

Cynthia Marland		Peter Chasse					
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Agenda Topic	Findings & Conclusions	Recommendations & Actions	Follow-Up for Unresolved Issues
Call to Order	Chairperson Jim Thompson called the August 28, 2015 Meeting to order.	Meeting was called to order at 8:07 am.	
Channel Division	Cynthia Marland gave a report of the proposed channel split. Starting on October 1, 2015 channel 9 will have all educational programming, channel 18 will have government programming, and channel 95 will continue as the public access channel.	A motion was made by Joseph Barbero and second by Cynthia Rose and was voted unanimously to move ahead with the channel division	



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Review Public Access Policies	Cynthia Marland passed out the policies to the board. She informed them that this process began in January and the staff just needs to do a final grammatical errors check.	A brief discuss ensued over the policies but the board agreed that the policies were good.  A motion was made by Cynthia Rose and second by Paul Levasseur and was voted unanimously to accept these rules pending the final grammatical changes.	
Legal Representation	Joseph Barbero commented on his concerns of Attorney Bill Solomon response time on our Public Access Policies. He stated that this held up the staff in launching Public Access and he is concerned going forward.	A brief discussion ensued but no action was taken by the board	
Capital Plans	Peter Chasse gave a report on the future Capital needs for DCTV	Jim Thompson questioned the substantiality of the funds from Comcast. A discussion ensued over trends in cable tv services. A motion was made by Joseph Barbero and second by Cynthia Rose and was voted unanimously to accept the report.	



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Budget and Enterprise Fund	Joseph Barbero reported that DCTV started on July 1, 2015 under an enterprise fund and that DCTV is in great shape within our current budget. DCTV has healthy reserves in both a stab fund and in their capital improvement fund.	A motion was made by Cynthia Rose and second by Russell Robinson and was voted unanimously to accept the report.	
Partnerships	Cynthia Marland informed the board that DCTV was still working with Dartmouth High School. The school sends over interns and the staff hopes to work more with the Media Club this year. She also reported that the staff is working with students from UMass Dartmouth English Department this year. Finally she requested the boards approval that we branch out and teach a course for the Second Half Program. Second Half is a nonprofit group were seniors pay a membership fee to join but then can attend classes for free.	A motion was made by Joseph Barbero and second by Pauli Levasseur and was voted unanimously to move ahead with the Second Half program	
Schedule of Upcoming Board Meeting	Cynthia Marland informed the board of the next 3 meeting dates: November 20, 2015 April 1, 2016 August 5, 2016	David Cressman informed the board he was not available for the November 20, 2015 date but suggested that we go ahead with the meeting. The board agreed.	



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New Business	Cynthia Rose asked if DCTV had any policies to protecting the staff during productions. In light of the events of a death of a news reporter and camera man earlier in the week.	Peter Chasse informed the board that we don't normal have "live" events except for meetings. After a brief discussion it was advised that they staff look into if any other access center has policies regarding this matter.	
Adjourn		Motion was made by Cynthia Rose and seconded by Russell Robinson and was voted unanimously at 9:00 am	