

Meeting of February 18, 2004

First Organizational Meeting of the Public Access Board Nominees

**Present:**           **Attended Board Members:** Jim Merrill, Lorraine Lamontagne, and Hubie McDonough  
**Members Sending Regrets:** Lou D'Allesandro, Carol Williams, Jean Jeudy, Cheryl Abbott

**Attended Staff:** Grace Sullivan and Joe Lahr

**Discussion:** Transition timeline was presented; Jim Merrill suggested that an Articles of Agreement (RSA 292) be the first action at the next meeting. This agreement will allow the "group" to act and make decisions authoritatively, in effect, forming the entity. This agreement will require at least five signatures.

Grace Sullivan discussed the Mayor's budget approval process. Public Access budget was presented to Seth Wall in the requested amount of \$190,000 for facility operations and salaries. Grace explained how this year was different than the previous twelve years in that Public Access was distinctly separated from the MCTV budget.

Also discussed was the \$350,000 grant received from the Comcast franchise extension for use as the Public Access equipment fund.

Locations for the facility were discussed, as was the request that the City sign as the lessee.

Jim Merrill suggested that the Board would discuss the bylaws, and make suggestions for the name of the corporation at the next meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be March 3, at 8:00AM at the MCTV Studio.