**GOVERNOR’S BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

**Minutes of September 16, 2021 Meeting**

Videoconference Meeting

1:30 PM

**VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

**GOVERNOR’S BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

William “Bill” Sproull (Chair), Kirk Petty, Greg Pittman, Jennifer K. Harris, Kenny Scudder, Mike Easley, Steve Johnson, Ph.D., Tom Kim, M.D., Lindsey Lee, Eddie Smith, Judge Marty Lucke, Bill Hetherington, Akhbar Kara, Hatch Smith

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Fauye Bennett, Lindsey Aston, Larry McManus, Sonia Gaillard, Stephen Davis, Adriana Cruz

*The Governor’s Broadband Development Council (“Council”) proceeded on posted agenda items in the order as follows:*

**Agenda Item I.** **CALL TO ORDER**

Bill Sproull, Chairman of the Council, called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. as a quorum was present online.

**Agenda Item II. CHAIR WELCOME, REMARKS, AND ROLL CALL**

Roll was called and members present are listed.

**Agenda Item III.** **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING ON July 28, 2021 (Draft available at https://gov.texas.gov/business/page/governors-broadband-development-council).**

The date in this agenda item was intended to be August 19, 2021 and not July 28, 2021, so no action was taken on this agenda item.

**Agenda Item IV. DISCUSSION OF THE 2021 ELECTRONIC REPORT DUE TO THE GOVERNOR, THE LIUTENANT GOVERNOR, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE FROM THE COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 490H.007 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE**

The Council engaged in a discussion of the Council’s 2021 electronic report due to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the members of the Legislature, including certain concepts to potentially be included in the report.

**Agenda Item V. REVIEW, CONSIDERATION AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO PERMISSION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EDIT, FINALIZE AND SUBMIT THE 2021 ELECTRONIC REPORT DUE TO THE GOVERNOR, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE FROM THE COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 490H.007 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE**

Action: Council Member Greg Pittman moved to authorize Chairman Sproull to edit and finalize the 2021 electronic Council report due to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Members of the Legislature, including incorporating feedback from the Council provided at the meeting and submitting the report.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Tom Kim.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item VI. REVIEW, DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND.OR POSSIBLE ACTION ON COUNCIL NEXT STEPS FOR FOLLOWING MEETING(S) – CHAIRMAN SPROUL**

Chairman Sproull mentioned that this was intended to be the last Council meeting of the year.

**Agenda Item VII. COMMENT WITHOUT DELIBERATION**

Public comment may be received on any matter under the Council's jurisdiction without regard to whether the item was posted on the agenda.

Rick Harnish from Nextlink Internet commented that there are supply chain challenges that could slow the work of the Council.

Luis Acuna from Texas 2036 thanked the Council for their hard work.

**Agenda Item VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Sproull called the meeting to a close at 2:25 PM.

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Bill Sproull, Chair Date