

**GOVERNOR'S BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

**Minutes of April 29, 2022 Meeting**

Videoconference Meeting

10:00 AM

**VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

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

Judge Marty Lucke (Chair), Jennifer K. Harris (Vice Chair), Bill Hetherington, County Clerk Schelana Myers Hock, Jerome A. "Jack" Kelanic, Thomas J. "Tom" Kim M.D., Lindsey A. Lee, Kirk Petty, Sheriff James "Ray" Scifres Jr., Edward "Kenny" Scudder, Edward "Eddy" Smith, Hatch Smith Jr., William "Bill" Sproull; in addition Meagan Froh attended in Greg Conte's stead to represent the Broadband Development Office ("BDO") at the Texas Comptroller's Office).

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Joseph Behnke, Sonia Gaillard, Philip Rocha, Stephen Davis

The Governor's Broadband Development Council ("Council") proceeded on posted agenda items in the order as follows:

**Agenda Item I. CALL TO ORDER**

Judge Marty Lucke, Chairman of the Council, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. as a quorum was present online.

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

Recognized the roll was called and members present are listed.

**Agenda Item III. COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES**

Chair Lucke acknowledged the best wishes for Council Member Greg Pittman's recovery.

Council Member Jerome A. "Jack" Kelanic announced to the Council that he accepted a new job outside of Texas. As the result, he will be resigning from the Council.

**Agenda Item IV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING ON MARCH 3, 2022 (DRAFT AVAILABLE AT**

**[HTTPS://GOV.TEXAS.GOV/BUSINESS/PAGE/GOVERNORS-BROADBAND-DEVELOPMENT-COUNCIL](https://gov.texas.gov/business/page/governors-broadband-development-council))**

Action: Council Member Bill Sproull moved to approve the minutes from the Council meeting on March 3, 2022.

The motion was seconded by Hatch Smith, Jr.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item V. DISCUSSION AND UPDATE REGARDING COUNCIL PROCEDURES GOING FORWARD (INCLUDING STATUS OF THE USE OF THE PROCEDURES IN THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, STATUS OF COUNCIL ROSTER, AND POSTING OF MEETING RECORDINGS)**

The Council discussed the response from the Governor's Office that the Texas Open Meetings Act (Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code) does not apply to the Council, as well as a few logistical considerations for conducting meetings moving forward. It will be determined later whether Council contact information will be shared among the Council. Recorded meetings may be posted in the public domain. The BDO shared that survey data (over 14K respondents thus far) from the statewide listening tours can generally be made available to the public and therefore can be shared with the Council. Council members may give presentations to the public.

**Agenda Item VI. DISCUSSION OF THE 2022 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**

The Council discussed logistics of putting the report together, including subcommittee membership and allotting enough time in the development timeline for everyone on the Council to vote on the final report. OOG staff will assist with developing the timeline.

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

Chairman Lucke began coordinating the next meetings. One possible timeframe for consideration is to hold a meeting in June. OOG staff notified the Council that the Council website will be updated with changes to the biographies. Council Member Sproull suggested the Council receive standing reports from the BDO regarding their grant program, mapping and other activities. Council Member Sproull also made a suggestion regarding a potential future speaker at a meeting.

**Agenda Item VIII. 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.

Vice Chair Harris invited the Council and the public to the upcoming Texas Broadband Summit that will be held on May 18, 2022 at 9am-4pm in Bryan, Texas.

Council Member Sproull mentioned the Buy America provisions of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, as added by Pub. L. No. 117-58 (November 15, 2021).

**Agenda Item IX.           ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Lucke called the meeting to a close at 10:54 AM.

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County Judge Marty Lucke, Chair

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