

GOVERNOR'S BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Minutes of June 22, 2023 Meeting

Videoconference Meeting

1:30 PM

VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING

GOVERNOR'S BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Judge Marty Lucke (Chair), Juli A. Blanda, William F. "Bill" Hetherington, Steven E. "Steve" Johnson, Thomas J. "Tom" Kim, Lindsey A. Lee, Frank Moreno Jr., Kirk H. Petty, Edward K. "Kenny" Scudder, Edward J. "Eddy" Smith, William C. "Bill" Sproull, Matthew J. "Matt" Yeager

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Philip Rocha, Santos Cadena, Jared Shaffer, Lindsey Aston, Steven Davis, Alex Lacayo

Agenda Item I. CALL TO ORDER

Judge Marty Lucke, Chairman of the Council, called the meeting to order at 1:32 P.M

Agenda Item II. CHAIR WELCOME, REMARKS AND ROLL CALL

The roll was called and members present are listed; a quorum was present.

Agenda Item III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING ON MAY 18, 2023 (DRAFT AVAILABLE AT [HTTPS://GOV.TEXAS.GOV/BUSINESS/PAGE/GOVERNORS-BROADBAND-DEVELOPMENT-COUNCIL](https://gov.texas.gov/business/page/governors-broadband-development-council))

Action: Moved to approve the minutes from the Council meeting on May 18, 2023. Council member Eddy Smith moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Matt Yeager. There was no discussion or additions. It was taken to a vote that was approved and passed.

Agenda Item IV. COMMENTS BY GREG CONTE, DIRECTOR OF THE TEXAS BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, PROVIDING AN UPDATE (1) RELATING TO HIS OFFICE AND COUNCIL REVIEW, DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SAME; AND (2) RELATING TO CONNECTED NATION (BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY MOLLY WEINER, DIRECTOR, LOCAL AND REGIONAL PLANNING, CONNECTED NATION) AND COUNCIL REVIEW, DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SAME

Scoring criteria for BEAD program based on location alone - only looking at BSLs. Deadline for submission of 5 year plan is August 28th – further policy discussion needed. Change to precise “location” basis makes more communities eligible for BEAD.

Agenda Item V. COMMENTS BY A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE OFFICE OF INTERNET CONNECTIVITY AND GROWTH, NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION PROVIDING AN UPDATE AND COUNCIL REVIEW, DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SAME

On track to announce allocations by June 30th – begins 180-day period for state proposal submissions for funding. White House press release will share important information June 26th. \$930m in middle mile grants: discussed Texas awardees. Digital Equity Act Program grants received, released 2024.

Agenda Item VI. COMMENTS BY MOLLY WEINER, DIRECTOR, LOCAL AND REGIONAL PLANNING, CONNECTED NATION, PROVIDING AN UPDATE FROM HER OFFICE AND COUNCIL REVIEW, DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SAME

No updates.

Agenda Item VII. INFORMATION FROM AND OPEN DIALOGUE WITH SUB-COMMITTEES:

A. Announcement of new Sub-Committee Chair for the Sub-Committee on Health Care Services

Kenny Scudder will fill this position.

B. Information from Sub-Committee Chairs concerning their ideas concerning the Council report and Open Discussion with Council

Chair discussed e funding for middle mile.

C. Reminder for Sub-Committees of timeline for report submission

Compressed time table in general; the plan is to submit the report by Friday, October 27th EOD.

Agenda Item VIII. COMMENTS WITHOUT DELIBERATION

No public comments were received.

Agenda Item IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Lucke called the meeting to a close at 2:21 PM.

County Judge Marty Lucke, Chair

Date