

FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 9, 2015 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

The First Responder Network Authority ("FirstNet") Board held a special meeting via teleconference on March 9, 2015 beginning at 10:00 AM EDT. This meeting was open to the public.

Roll Call:

The following board members were present: Barry Boniface, Tim Bryan, Ron Davis (designee for the U.S. Attorney General), James Douglas, Jeff Johnson, Kevin McGinnis, Annise Parker, Frank Plastina, Ed Reynolds, Sue Swenson, and Suzanne Spaulding (designee for the Secretary of Homeland Security). This represented a quorum. Chris Burbank, Brian Deese (designee for the Director of the Office of Management and Budget), Teri Takai, and Richard Stanek were absent.

Board Chair, Sue Swenson, called the meeting to order.

Matters for Discussion

After roll call, the Board voted to close the meeting to discuss the Second Public Notice to request public comment on certain proposed interpretations of its enabling legislation. Chair Swenson explained that due to the nature of the multiple legal interpretations that the Board would be discussing, it needed to be a closed session.

The Board then voted to close the session by unanimous vote.

After the closed session, Chair Swenson summarized the discussion. She explained that the Second Public Notice addresses some of the most complex issues that FirstNet must confront in interpreting the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 and fulfilling its mission. Some of these areas include how to maintain the balance that Congress struck between deployment of a nationwide network for public safety and providing states with the option to take responsibility for the construction and operation of the radio access network (RAN) in their respective states. The Second Public Notice also examines how FirstNet and the states and territories must work together to serve public safety entities in states that choose to assume responsibility for deployment and operation of the RAN. Additionally, the notice also examines the process of presenting a FirstNet plan to states and the implications of a Governor's decision in response to that plan; also, the nature and applicability of FirstNet network policies under the Act; and, finally, interpretations of provisions addressing devices to be used on the network.

Chair Swenson emphasized how these notice and comment processes are critical elements of the FirstNet consultation process, and encouraged participation. She also mentioned that the unofficial draft of the Public Notice would be posted to the FirstNet website, and it would be officially posted on the Public Register later in the week.

Votes Taken

- The Board voted unanimously for a resolution seeking approval of a resolution to publish the Second Public Notice.

Meeting Adjourned

The board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.