

**FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20th, 2018
COMBINED COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE AND WEBEX**

On June 20th, 2018, the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) held an open public meeting of the FirstNet Authority Board and Combined Committees. The meeting took place in Reston, Virginia, and began at 10:00 am EST. The meeting was made available to the public via teleconference, and a transcript of the meeting and the archived Board and Combined Committee meeting audio can be found on the FirstNet website at www.firsnetwork.gov.

BOARD AND COMBINED COMMITTEE MEETING

FirstNet Authority Board Chair Sue Swenson opened the meeting by noting that considerable progress has been made in building the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN), and reviewed several of the key technical milestones that the FirstNet Authority had already achieved.

Conflicts Statement and Reminder

Board Secretary Karen Miller-Kuwana reminded Board members of the “CONFLICTS CERTIFICATION” document that the FirstNet Authority provided in advance of the Combined Committee and Board meeting and asked for any recusals from the Board members. In response, all participating Board members indicated no conflicts of interest and the meeting proceeded.

Roll Call: Sue Swenson (“Chair”), Jeff Johnson (“Vice Chair”), Neil Cox, Ron Hewitt, Ed Horowitz, Kevin McGinnis, Robert Osterthaler, Paul Patrick, Richard Ross, Richard Stanek, Teri Takai, and Dave Zolet. A quorum was present for the Board and the Combined Committees.

Votes Taken

Chair Swenson stated that before proceeding with the business of the day, the Board needed to approve the minutes from the March 15th Combined Committee and Board meeting. Chair Swenson asked for a motion to approve the March 15th minutes. Robert Osterthaler made the motion, Neil Cox seconded, and the Board and Combined Committees unanimously voted to approve the March 15th Combined Committee and Board meeting minutes.

MATTERS DISCUSSED

Board Nomination Process Update

Chair Swenson introduced Marsha McBride from the National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA) to provide an update on the board nomination process. Ms. McBride provided the update, noting that NTIA was reviewing 18 applications for the 5 board seats that are soon to be vacated.

Technology Committee Update

Technology Committee Chair Neil Cox opened, providing a recap of his tour of AT&T's Global Network Operations Center (GNOC) in New Bedminster, New Jersey. Mr. Cox noted how impressed he was with AT&T's GNOC facility, and stated that it was satisfying to see that excellent work was being done to ensure the security and operation of the NPSBN using predictive analytics and other technologies.

Director of Technology and Innovation Mark Golaszewski then began his update by noting that the NPSBN Core network was operational. He continued by providing an update on the FirstNet Applications Ecosystem, noting recent enhancements to the FirstNet Applications Catalog, local control, and the public safety agency home page. Mr. Golaszewski then provided an update on the growth of the FirstNet Device Ecosystem, noting that 31 devices were currently on the list of approved devices. Additionally, FirstNet is also influencing the Device Ecosystem Roadmap, ensuring that public safety Internet of Things (IOT) devices will be included as the list grows.

Mr. Golaszewski stated that FirstNet was continuing to develop the Radio Access Network (RAN), noting that it was enhanced via network sharing to the new dedicated FirstNet core and uplift capabilities which would allow mission commanders to prioritize public safety users on the network. Additionally, Technology and Innovation was continuing to work on 3GPP, 5G, and Mission Critical Push to Talk (PTT) standards. Mr. Golaszewski concluded by providing an update on the FirstNet Authority Innovation and Test Laboratory, highlighting the lab's efforts to verify the public safety end user experience.

Public Safety Advocacy Committee Update

Public Safety Advocacy Committee Chair Jeff Johnson opened by thanking the board members who made the time to attend the Public Safety Communications Research Division (PSCR) and Public Safety Advisory Council (PSAC) meetings in San Diego. Chief Johnson then noted that these types of engagements reinforce the important role that Public Safety Advocacy (PSA) has in conducting outreach and gathering feedback from public safety to develop the NPSBN.

Senior Director of Business Operations for PSA Amanda Hilliard began her update by stating that PSA had conducted over 300 engagements with more than 10,000 stakeholders since the last board meeting on March 15th. Ms. Hilliard stated that the FirstNet Authority was preparing for after action engagements to learn how wireless requirements are evolving in the public safety market. These conversations were important as the FirstNet Authority had also been used to support major events such as the Boston Marathon, and the Volvo Ocean Race in Newport, Rhode Island. Ms. Hilliard closed her remarks by providing an overview of the 20 public safety events that the FirstNet Authority anticipated supporting over the summer.

PSAC Update

PSAC Chair Paul Patrick opened by sharing the names of the new PSAC members which included Blake DeRouchey of the National Association of State 911 Administrators, Major General Arthur Logan of the Governors Homeland Security Advisory Council, Daniel Henry of the National Emergency Number Association, and Chief Mike Duyck of the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association. Mr. Patrick provided an update on the PSAC meeting that had been held on June 4th, 2018, and provided an overview of the PSAC webinars that would be held over the coming months.

Finance Committee Update

Finance Committee Chair Edward Horowitz opened by stating that the FirstNet Authority had received its first payment from AT&T in April, and that FirstNet continues to execute its financial plan. Mr. Horowitz also noted that the finance committee was preparing the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 budget to be submitted to the board for approval in the next meeting.

Chief Financial Officer Kim Farington presented the FY 2018 cumulative financial results to date, noting that the FirstNet Authority had utilized 56% of its obligations and 58% of its expenses for the year, which was below the FirstNet Authority's budgeted obligations and expenses. Ms Farington reviewed the timeline for the FirstNet Authority's FY 2019 budget formulation, noting that a draft budget would be presented to the CEO for approval by the end of the week.

Network Management and Operations Office Update

Network Management and Operations Officer Rich Reed opened his remarks by stating that he had seen significant maturity in AT&T operations, and provided an overview of the NPSBN program status. Mr. Reed provided a summary of the FirstNet Authority's operational highlights. These highlights included the 60,000 plus customers and 650 plus agencies that are served by FirstNet, the services launched on the FirstNet Core for volunteer public safety, device offerings including Band-14, and the FirstNet Authority's award of Task Order 4 to AT&T. Mr. Reed also

noted that AT&T had sent 8 deployables over the past month, and was delivering another 24 deployables later in the week.

CEO Update

Chief Executive Officer Mike Poth began his update by noting that building the NPSBN was not a trivial task, and that the FirstNet Authority was bullish on every dollar spent. Mr. Poth also reiterated that the FirstNet service is real and being provided to public safety today, citing support the NPSBN had provided first responders that were responding to floods in Maryland, storms in Western Connecticut, the Boston Marathon, and large festivals in Utah. Mr. Poth closed his remarks by stating that he was very proud of the FirstNet Authority staff and the work they do.

Board Adjourned

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.