

**FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 13th, 2018
BOARD MEETING
RESTON, VA AND TELECONFERENCE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

On August 13, 2018, the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) held an open public meeting of the FirstNet Board and Combined Committees. The meeting took place in Reston, Virginia, and began at 11:00 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.firsnet.gov.

BOARD AND COMBINED COMMITTEE MEETING

FirstNet Board Chair Sue Swenson opened by reminding the Board that the wildfires in California showed the continued need for the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN). Chair Swenson then noted that the main purpose of the Board meeting was to approve the FirstNet Authority's budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019.

Conflicts Statement and Reminder

Board Secretary Karen Miller-Kuwana reminded Board members of the conflicts statement that the FirstNet Authority had 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, Edward Horowitz, Kathy Kraninger, Kevin McGinnis, Robert Osterthaler, Christopher Piehota, 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 June 20, 2018 Combined Committee and Board meeting. Chair Swenson asked for a motion to approve the June 20, 2018 meeting minutes. Teri Takai made the motion, Neil Cox seconded, and the Board and Combined Committees unanimously voted to approve the June 20, 2018 Combined Committee and Board meeting minutes.

A vote was also taken on the following committee resolution:

- David Zolet made a motion for the members of the Finance Committee to approve Resolution 20, the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. Chair Swenson seconded the motion, and

the members of the Finance Committee unanimously voted to approve the motion.

The Board also voted to approve the following resolutions:

- Chair Swenson made a motion to approve Resolution 91, the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. Edward Horowitz seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously voted to approve the motion.
- Vice Chair Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 92, Expression of Thanks for the Services of Sue Swenson as the Chair of the First Responder Network Authority Board. Richard Stanek seconded the motion, and the Board voted to approve the motion.

MATTERS DISCUSSED

Finance Committee Update

Finance Committee Chair Edward Horowitz opened by thanking the finance team for reviewing and approving the FY 2019 Budget on a condensed schedule, and noted that the FY 2019 Budget was the first budget that went beyond an operational budget, also including a reserve funding category and an enhancement fund. Mr. Horowitz stated that the creation of these new funding categories was a significant milestone for the FirstNet Authority.

Chief Financial Officer Kim Farrington then began her update by providing an overview of the FirstNet Authority's budget request, which included an operational budget request of \$81 million, a reserve allocation request of \$81 million, and a reinvestment in network enhancements for public safety request of \$78 million. Ms. Farrington then outlined the CEO priorities for FY 2019, which included oversight of the NPSBN, public safety advocacy, innovation, reinvestment, and mission support. Ms. Farrington then continued by providing an overview of the FY 2019 milestones that the FirstNet Authority's operational budget would support over the upcoming fiscal year.

Technology Committee Update

Chair Neil Cox opened by stating that the NPSBN would be successful because it was designed by public safety for public safety, and has its own dedicated spectrum with Band 14. Chief Technology and Operations Officer Jeff Bratcher then began his update by highlighting that the Spectrum Relocation Federal Grant Program had completed the process of clearing the Band 14, noting that the program was completed \$4 million under budget. Mr. Bratcher then provided an update on the Device and Application Ecosystem, noting that there were 41 devices on the National Institute of Standards and Technology list.

Network Management and Operations Update

Mr. Bratcher began his update by providing some network operations highlights, noting that there were 1500 agencies in 52 states and territories currently subscribed to FirstNet with over 110,000 connections. Additionally, all FY 2018 deliverables that had been required up to date had been delivered. Furthermore, AT&T had launched FirstNet's subscriber paid offering in May, allowing volunteer and career public safety individuals who don't have their services provided by their agencies to subscribe to the FirstNet service as a first responder on the network. Mr. Bratcher continued by providing an update on Task Order 3, noting that the Core was operational and providing FirstNet services. Mr. Bratcher then concluded by providing an update on Task Order 4, stating that the Radio Access Network (RAN) Requirements Traceability Matrix had been completed in June 2018, and that AT&T had accelerated its deployment of the RAN in all states and territories.

Public Safety Advocacy Committee Update

Vice Chair Johnson opened by stating that he believed it was the responsibility of Public Safety Advocacy (PSA) to make sure that the FirstNet Authority is communicating the value that the NPSBN is bringing to public safety, and to ensure that the FirstNet Authority is also incorporating public safety's feedback in improving the network. Additionally, Vice Chair Johnson also noted that he had been thanked by multiple fire chiefs throughout the country for the creation of the NPSBN. Mr. Bratcher then began his update by noting that the two goals of PSA were to work hand-in-hand with public safety to use their feedback to improve the network, and to develop and enhance positive sentiment for the network with public safety. Mr. Bratcher then concluded by providing an overview of the public safety agency engagements, special events, association engagements, and field events that PSA had supported.

Public Safety Advisory Committee Update

Chair Paul Patrick noted that the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) had a very busy summer. This included two webinars that had already been hosted that covered the topics of Priority Assignment and Network Status Tools. Additionally, the PSAC had two upcoming events including the in-person Tribal Working Group meeting, and the Executive Committee in-person meeting and tour of AT&T's Global Network Operations Center in New Bedford, New Jersey.

Governance and Personnel Committee Update

Chair Swenson opened by introducing Marsha McBride to give an update on the incoming Board member nomination process. Ms. McBride stated that the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) had received 18 applications for the new Board slots. Ms.

McBride continued by stating that NTIA had done an initial review and sent a recommended slate of potential candidates to Department of Commerce Secretary Ross for his review, and were waiting for his final decision.

CEO Update

CEO Mike Poth began his update by noting that the outlook for FirstNet was promising as AT&T had created the impressive goal of having 12,000-15,000 towers built by the end of the calendar year, which was fantastic for public safety. Mr. Poth continued by reiterating that his priorities for the year were network oversight, public safety advocacy, innovation, and reinvestment in mission support. Additionally, Mr. Poth stated that the FirstNet Authority would continue to work with public safety throughout the year, and would take into consideration important internal and external feedback. Finally, Mr. Poth thanked the FirstNet Authority Board and staff for all the efforts that they have put into making FirstNet happen.

Board Adjourned

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.