

FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2014 BOARD MEETING
December 10, 2014

The First Responder Network Authority ("FirstNet") Board held a meeting on September 17, 2014 starting at 9:00 AM EDT at the John Wesley Powell Federal Building (USGS), located at 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192. The meeting was made available to the public via webcast. A transcript of the meeting and the archived copy of the webcast will be available on the FirstNet website.

Chair Sue Swenson began the meeting by welcoming the newly appointed, as well as the re-appointed board members Richard Stanek, Jim Douglas, Annise Parker, Chris Burbank, Frank Plastina, and Ed Reynolds. She also thanked the outgoing board members, particularly Chair Sam Ginn for his service to FirstNet. She also expressed gratitude to Wellington Webb, Charles Dowd, Paul Fitzgerald, and Craig Farrill for their work on the board in its early stages.

Roll Call:

The following Board members were present: Barry Boniface, Chris Burbank, Tim Bryan, Ron Davis (designee for the Attorney General), Brian Deese (designee for the Director of the Office of Management and Budget), Governor Douglas, Jeff Johnson, Kevin McGinnis, Mayor Parker, Frank Plastina, Ed Reynolds, Suzanne Spaulding (designee for the Secretary of Homeland Security), Sue Swenson, and Teri Takai. Richard Stanek was absent. This represented a quorum. Chair Swenson called the meeting to order, and the Board unanimously voted to accept the previous meeting minutes.

Matters for Discussion:

The chairs of the Governance Committee, the Technology Committee, the Outreach Committee, and the Finance Committee reported on their activities since the last board meeting, and their meetings from the day before.

The Acting General Manager, TJ Kennedy, set the stage for the three topics to be discussed at the board meeting: progress on state consultations, the Public Notice and Comment document, and the Request for Information (RFI), each of which was established as a goal for 2014 in the March strategic roadmap document.

The Director of State Consultation, Dave Buchanan, provided the board with an account of the first state consultation meeting, held with Maryland in July. FirstNet was very pleased with the results and noted the attendance of Governor O'Malley during the proceedings. Some of the topics covered during the day were eligible users, coverage needs across the state, and a Preakness Stakes use case. Mr. Buchanan mentioned that one of his key takeaways from the meetings was the importance of having a diversity of disciplines present for the consultation, as well as diversity across geography and stakeholders.

Amanda Hilliard, the Director of Outreach, presented a summary of her team's activities over the last several months. She highlighted the status of hiring efforts for the team, including getting the regional directors in place as well as other strategic hires completed in the areas of state and local outreach, federal outreach, and tribal outreach.

Ms. Hilliard also summarized the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) activities, including the establishment of an early builders working group and setting up a tribal working group under

the PSAC. She also highlighted the wide range of speaking engagements completed by FirstNet, reaching 35 states since October 2013.

The FirstNet Chief Counsel, Stuart Kupinsky, briefed the board on RFI, due to be released the same day. He explained how the responses to the RFI will inform the comprehensive network Request For Proposal (RFP). He also stepped through some of the questions asked in the public and comment document notice – the definition of a public safety entity for example – to establish definitions and interpretations of the FirstNet legislation that are critical to the building and operation of the FirstNet network.

Mr. Kennedy then spoke to the RFI and its role in shaping the future draft RFP. He explained FirstNet's rationale for selecting a statement of objectives approach as opposed to a statement of work and touched on some of the questions asked such as pricing, sustainability, priority and preemption, and RAN integration.

The Finance Committee Chair, Tim Bryan, conducted a brief review of the fiscal year 2014 budget. The FirstNet Chief Financial Officer, Randy Lyon, provided the Board with an overview of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2015 and mentioned the major activity areas: the comprehensive RFP, state consultation, network development, administrative support activities, National Environmental Policy Act, and spectrum relocation.

Votes Taken:

- Approval of a resolution authorizing management to publish the public notice
- Approval of a resolution authorizing management to publish the comprehensive network solution RFI and statement of objectives
- Adoption of management's fiscal year 2015 budget

Meeting Adjourned:

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.