



Alaska Statewide Broadband Advisory Board

Alaska Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development

Minutes for Regular Board Meeting- Apr 11, 2023, at 10:00 AM AKDT
Approved by the SBAB on 05/02/23.

Attendance

Present:

Members: Glenda Ledford, chair; Tara Sweeney, vice-chair; Michael Brase, Charles Carpenter, Bryce Edgmon, Archibald (Stewart) Ferguson, Anastasia (Ana) Hoffman, Thomas Lochner, Kathleen Moran, Christine O'Connor, Laurel Shoop, and Charlene Stern.

Staff: Anessa Feero, Administrative Specialist.

Members Absent: Lyman Hoffman, Travis Million, and Steven Noonkesser.

1. Public Comment, Call to Order, and Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and opened the floor for public comment. Two members of the public were present. A request was made to make the recordings of all board meetings available online. Staff in the Alaska Broadband Office offered to accommodate the request. The secretary called the roll, and twelve members of the board were present. Quorum was met.

2. Review/Approve Agenda

Motion by C. O'Connor to approve the draft agenda was presented. Seconded by A. Hoffman and approved unanimously.

3. Selection of a Technical Working Group

The Board discussed the requirements of the Technical Working Group outlined in HB363 as an advisory group appointed by the body. Through discussion, it was determined there should be a subcommittee for establishing the Technical Working Group.

Motion by T. Lochner to create a subcommittee within the board to work with the Office of Boards and Commissions to solicit applications for the subcommittee to review to bring recommendations for appointment to the board for the Technical Working Group. Seconded by K. Moran and approved by majority vote.

The following five members of the board volunteered to be a part of the subcommittee: Mike Brase, Charles Carpenter, Stewart Ferguson, Kathleen Moran, and Christine O'Connor.

Motion by T. Sweeney to accept the five volunteer members for the subcommittee. Chair Ledford asked for unanimous consent and the motion was approved.

Motion by T. Lochner that the result of the subcommittee is a list of applicants for the Technical Working Group and that the subcommittee is not excluded from serving on the Technical Working Group. Seconded by M. Brase and approved unanimously.

4. Review of Non-Technical Items in Capital Costs Model

Director of the Alaska Broadband Office, Thomas Lochner provided an overview of the Capital Cost Model created to predict the cost of build projects to each unserved and underserved community in Alaska. Details on the cost-basis calculation and justification behind estimations were presented. The board requested more background information on the model to better understand how things connect.

5. Adjournment

Motion by A. Hoffman to adjourn. Seconded by T. Sweeney and approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am on April 11, 2023. The next meeting date was set by the board for 10:00 am on May 2, 2023.