



# Alaska Statewide Broadband Advisory Board

Alaska Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development

Minutes for Special Board Meeting- August 28, 2023, at 10:00 AM AKDT.

Approved by the SBAB on October 16, 2023.

## Attendance

### Present:

Members: Tara Sweeney, Vice-Chair; Charles Carpenter; Amory Lelake for Representative Bryce Edgmon; Anastasia (Ana) Hoffman; Thomas Lochner; Kathleen Moran; Christine O'Connor; Laurel Shoop; Charlene Stern, and Mary Swain.

Staff: Lisa Von Bargen, Deputy Director; and Melissa Kookesh, Tribal Liaison.

Members Absent: Michael Brase; Senator Lyman Hoffman; Glenda Ledford (Chair); Travis Million; and Steve Noonkesser.

### I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice Chair Sweeney called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

The Deputy Director Von Bargen called the roll, and eleven members of the board were present. Quorum was met.

### II. Approval of Agenda

**Motion by Thomas Lochner to approve the draft agenda as presented. Seconded by Christine O'Connor and approved by unanimous consent.**

### III. Unfinished Business

#### 1. Approval of Footnote 70 Letter to the National Telecommunications & Information Administration

**Motion by Christine O'Connor to approve the Footnote 70 Letter to the National Telecommunications & Information Administration. Seconded by Ana Hoffman and approved by unanimous consent.**

Christine O'Connor spoke to the fact that applicants for broadband funding under BEAD will be required to obtain permission from landowners for site control in addition to official Tribal consent of a project.

### IV. New Business

#### 1. Discussion Item: Role of the Statewide Broadband Advisory Board Regarding the Draft Digital Equity Plan

Members of the Board discussed the desire to be included in the process by providing a formal review and comments. The Digital Equity Plan is to be provided to the SBAB following the review period for State Departments.

## **2. Discussion Item: Role of the Statewide Broadband Advisory Board Regarding BEAD Initial Proposal Volume 1 and Volume 2**

Members of the Board discussed the desire to have a formal review process and feedback regarding both volumes of the Initial Proposal. Both volumes of the initial proposal will be provided to the SBAB following review by DCCED and Governor's office leadership, concurrent with the beginning of the public comment periods for each volume.

### **V. Public Comment**

None.

### **VI. Adjournment**

**Motion by Mary Swain to adjourn. Seconded by Ana Hoffman and approved unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am on August 28, 2023. The next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2023.