



Alaska Statewide Broadband Advisory Board

Alaska Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development

Minutes for Special Board Meeting- May 10, 2024, at 10:00 AM AKDT.

These draft minutes were prepared by staff and have not yet been approved by the board.

Attendance

Present:

Members: Michael Brase; Charles Carpenter; Ana Hoffman; Glenda Ledford (Chair); Thomas Lochner; Kathleen Moran; Christine O'Connor (10:29am); Laurel Shoop; and Mary Swain.

Staff Present: Lisa Von Barga, Deputy Director; and Kalynn Himes, Administrative Specialist.

Members Absent: Representative Bryce Edgmon; Senator Lyman Hoffman; Travis Million; Steve Noonkesser; Charlene Stern; and Tara Sweeney (Vice Chair).

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:21am.

Deputy Director Von Barga called the roll, and eight members of the board were present at the time the meeting was called to order. Quorum was met. With the arrival of Christine O'Connor at 10:29am nine members of the board were present for the remainder of the meeting.

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Laurel Shoop to approve the draft agenda as presented. Seconded by Michael Brase. Approved by unanimous consent.

III. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

IV. Approval of Minutes from Prior Meetings

None.

V. Subcommittee Reports

None.

VI. Staff Reports

None.

VII. Referrals to the Technical Working Group

None.

VIII. Unfinished Business

None.

IX. New Business

a. Approval of Alaska Broadband Workforce Development Plan

Motion by Thomas Lochner to approve the Alaska Broadband Workforce Development Plan. Seconded by Mary Swain.

There was general discussion by several members of the board that additional time was needed to conduct an adequate review of the plan. Lisa Von Barga explained there was a hard schedule that needed to be met, but the request would be made to DCCED leadership to allow extra time for the board review. Staff agreed to report by email to the board how much additional time would be provided.

Motion by Mary Swain to postpone approval of the Alaska Broadband Workforce Development Plan until a future special meeting, date and time to be determined. Seconded by Mike Brase.

X. Public Comment

None.

XI. Board Member Business from the Floor

None.

XII. Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting date is June 17, 2024.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion by Mary Swain to adjourn. Seconded by Laurel Shoop and approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37am on May 10, 2024.