

BROADBAND ADVISORY COUNCIL
APPROVED MINUTES
 May 19, 2022
 1:30 PM
 Broadband Together Conference
 12042 W Broad St, Richmond, VA 23233
 Virtual Option provided via Google Meet

Members Present

Senator Jennifer Boysko, Chair
 Delegate Kathy Byron, Vice Chair
 Senator Ghazala Hashmi
 Delegate James Leftwich
 Delegate Thomas Wright, Jr.
 Delegate David Reid
 Secretary Caren Merrick (Representative)
 Secretary Matt Lohr (Representative)
 James Carr
 Mike Culp
 Kristie Helmick Proctor
 Ray LaMura
 Steve Sandy
 Richard Schollman

Members Absent

Senator Lynwood W. Lewis
 Casey Logan

Call to Order	Senator Jennifer Boysko, Chair of the Broadband Advisory Council, called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.
Roll Call	Mr. Chandler Vaughan, Broadband Policy Analyst at the Office of Broadband, called the roll and stated that a quorum was present.
Approval of Minutes: January 21, 2022 Meeting	A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2022 meeting of the Broadband Advisory Council. (Votes for: Boysko, Byron, Hashimi, Leftwich, Wright, Jr., Reid, Merrick, Lohr, Carr, Culp, Proctor, LaMura, Sandy, Schollman)
Office of Broadband Updates	Dr. Holmes presented a brief update of the Office of Broadband's recent activities, including: a summary of open Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) award contracts, an update on the FY22 award contracts, the announcement of the launch of the Line Extension Customer Assistance Program, and the announcement of new features in the Commonwealth Connection: Virginia's Broadband Availability Map.

<p>Albemarle County Broadband Access and Affordability Initiatives Overview</p>	<p>Mr. Jason Inofuentes, Program Manager at the Albemarle County Broadband Access and Affordability Office presented an overview of broadband initiatives in Albemarle County. Specific initiatives included the active construction of several VATI projects and communication efforts to keep citizens and other stakeholders informed of project progress. The presentation also featured the office’s new efforts to address broadband affordability by adding an additional subsidy to households participating in the Affordable Connectivity Program. In the presentation, Mr. Inofuentes noted the county is seeking legislative authority to enact a supplement to the ACP, or any other broadband subsidy.</p>
<p>Line Extension Customer Assistance Program</p>	<p>Kevin Barr, Line Extension Customer Assistance Program (LECAP) Administrator, presented an overview of the recently launched line extension program. The presentation featured final program guidelines, including income eligibility criteria, as well as a how-to overview on how individuals can apply and internet service providers can participate in the program.</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>No public comment was provided at the meeting.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Several councilmembers noted the success and value of the recent Broadband Together Conference, which was hosted by the Broadband Association of Virginia, the Virginia Municipal League, and the Virginia Association of Counties to discuss relevant broadband matters around access, affordability, and adoption.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Upon a motion made and properly seconded, the meeting was adjourned.</p>