

AGENDA

Broadband Advisory Council Meeting

January 9, 2024

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

In-Person Option:

Patrick Henry Building (Governor's Offices)
1111 E Broad Street,
East Reading Room, First Floor, Room 1035
Richmond, VA 23219

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| I. | Opening | |
| | a. Call to Order | Chairman |
| | b. Roll Call | DHCD Staff |
| II. | Consent Agenda | Chairman |
| III. | Approval of Minutes: December 8, 2023 Meeting | |
| IV. | Legislative Preview of 2024 Session | TBD |
| V. | Discussion of 2024 Session Legislative Items | Council Members |
| VI. | Office of Broadband Updates | Office of Broadband Staff |
| | a. Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Update | |
| | b. Other Updates | |
| VII. | Public Comment | Chairman |
| VIII. | New Business | Council Members |
| IX. | Adjournment | Chairman |

BROADBAND ADVISORY COUNCIL
UNAPPROVED MINUTES

December 8, 2023

10:00 AM

Virginia General Assembly Building

Room 500

201 N Ninth St.

Richmond, VA 23219

Virtual Option provided via Microsoft Teams

Members Present

Senator Jennifer Boysko, Acting Chair
Senator Ghazala Hashmi
Delegate Thomas Wright, Jr.
Delegate James Leftwich
Secretary Matt Lohr
Ray LaMura
James Carr
Christian Goodwin
Kristie Proctor
Casey Logan
Steve Sandy
Richard Schollman

Members Absent

Secretary Caren Merrick
Senator Lynwood W. Lewis
Delegate David Reid

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| Call to Order | Senator Jennifer Boysko, Acting Chair of the Broadband Advisory Council, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. |
| Roll Call | Chandler Vaughan, Senior Policy Analyst at the Office of Broadband, called the roll and stated that a quorum was present. |
| Approval of Minutes: August 28, 2023 Meeting | A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2023 meeting of the Broadband Advisory Council. The motion passed to adopt the minutes as presented. |
| Broadband 101 Presentation | Dr. Tamarah Holmes and Office of Broadband staff presented a Broadband 101 Presentation, designed for new and existing legislators to learn more about Virginia's existing efforts to expand broadband access and close all aspects of the digital divide. Specific topics included: Broadband Advisory Council: Who and What; What is "Broadband"?; Why and Where are the Unserved?; What is Virginia doing about it?; How are the existing projects performing?; What's coming next – the BEAD Program; Broadband Affordability and Adoption; Role of Legislators (Non-Legislative) & Resources. |

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| Office of Broadband Updates | Tamarah Holmes, Ph.D, and Office of Broadband Staff presented on Office of Broadband Updates. Unique to this presentation and not covered in the previous agenda item were an update on the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program implementation in the Commonwealth and an overview of the Virginia Digital Opportunity Plan, which was currently subject to an open public comment window. |
| Public Comment | No public comment was provided at the meeting |
| New Business | Steve Sandy provided comment that cellular deployment should be considered under the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative or under the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program. |
| Adjournment | Upon a motion made and properly seconded, the meeting was adjourned. |

Unapproved