UNAPPROVED

Broadband Advisory Council

Regular Meeting

October 23, 2018

**TIME AND PLACE:** The Broadband Advisory Council met October 23, 2018 at the Capitol, Richmond, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Delegate Byron, Chair

 Senator Ruff, Vice-Chair

 Delegate Boysko

 Delegate Brewer

 Senator Carrico

 Secretary Brian Ball (representative)

 Secretary Bettina Ring (representative)

 Ray LaMura

 Rosemary Wilson

 Duront Walton
 James Carr

 Kristie Hemlick Proctor

**STAFF PRESENT:** Chuck Kirby

 Caroline Luxhoj

 Jeff Sharp

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:** With twelve members of the council present, a quorum was established.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2018 meeting. All agreed. Minutes were approved.

**VATI UPDATE**

Courtney Dozier, Chief Deputy with DHCD, gave an update regarding DHCD’s VATI grant program. For a copy of this presentation, please contact Caroline Luxhoj (caroline.luxhoj@cit.org).

**FIXED WIRELESS TECHNOLIGIES**
James Carr, Council member and CEO of ALL Points Broadband, addressed the Council on the topic of the fixed wireless industry. For a copy of this presentation, please contact Caroline Luxhoj (caroline.luxhoj@cit.org).

**CONNECTING AMERICA: THE ROLE OF THE POLE**

Michael Brady, SVP Comcast, gave a presentation to the Council on the history and current role of poles and pole attachments in the telecommunications industry. For a copy of this presentation, please contact Caroline Luxhoj (caroline.luxhoj@cit.org).

**VIRGINIA ELECTIC COOPERATIVES**

Andrew Vehorn gave a presentation regarding the role of cooperatives in providing broadband in Virginia. For a copy of this presentation, please contact Caroline Luxhoj (caroline.luxhoj@cit.org).

**WORKSHOP SUMMARY ANDE POTENTIAL LEGISLATION**

Delegate Byron briefly summarized the previous day's round table discussion and then led a discussion regarding potential future legislation. A draft bill was then distributed and discussed that would extend the life of the Council as well as adjust the council membership.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.