UNAPPROVED

Broadband Advisory Council

Regular Meeting

November 24, 2014

**TIME AND PLACE:** The Broadband Advisory Council met at the Patrick Henry Building, 1111 East Broad Street. Richmond, VA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Delegate Kathy Byron, Chairperson

Delegate James Leftwich

Delegate Scott Surovell

Senator Charles Carrico

Bryan David

Bill Shelton (representing Secretary Maurice Jones)

Raina Washington (representing Secretary Karen Jackson)

Ray LaMura

Gary Schwartz (attended via phone from 247 Industrial Court

Fredericksburg, VA 22408)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tyrone Franklin  
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**STAFF PRESENT:** Sandie Terry

Caroline Stolle

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brandon Smith, Terry Ellis, Dom Dominick, Andrew Kenny (attended via GotoMeeting)

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 12:10 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The council reviewed the September 22, 2014 meeting minutes. Ray LaMura motioned to approve the minutes, Delegate Leftwich seconded. All agreed.

**FirstNet Presentation–** Brandon Smith (Statewide Interoperability Coordinator) presented on the status of FirstNet. For a copy of the presentation please contact [caroline.stolle@cit.org](mailto:caroline.stolle@cit.org).

* Bryan David suggested that Smith work with local governments to prepare them for FirstNet.

**Education Superhighway Initiative Presentation–** Andrew Kenny (State Associate, Education Superhighway) presented via GotoMeeting on the Education Superhighway Initiative and the results of the school surveys. For a copy of the presentation please contact [caroline.stolle@cit.org](mailto:caroline.stolle@cit.org).

* Delegate Surovell requested ongoing updates of this project.

**Response to Citizen inquiry –** Delegate Byron requested that Ray LaMura address an issue of potential unfair rates that was brought to the council’s attention by Delegate Ransone.

* LaMura confirmed that the Metrocast’s rates in question were the same in rural areas as they are in non rural areas.

**discussion**

* Delegate Surovell discussed that since the state has an obligation to provide textbooks to students the state could find funding for broadband through the need to provide digital textbooks.
* The council discussed the SCC’s latest pole attachment rate decision for NovecNet.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:25PM.