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Broadband Advisory Council

Regular Meeting

May 31, 2017

**TIME AND PLACE:** The Broadband Advisory Council met May 31, 2017 at the Capital Building in Richmond, VA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Delegate Byron, Chair

Senator Carrico

Delegate Boysko

Delegate Minchew

Delegate Leftwich  
 Hayes Framme (representing Secretary Haymore)   
 Ray LaMura

Duront Walton  
 Christy Morton  
 Jimmy Carr  
 Jane Dittmar

**STAFF PRESENT:** Caroline Luxhoj

Jeff Sharp

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Delegate Minchew motioned to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2016 meeting. Ray LaMura seconded. All agreed. Minutes were approved.

**Public broadband funding and privately funded networks:** Alex Phillips, High Speed Link, presented on how High Speed Link’s coverage area compares to MGW’s grant proposal area. For a copy of the presentation please contact Caroline Luxhoj ([caroline.luxhoj@cit.org](mailto:caroline.luxhoj@cit.org)).

**DHCD BROADBAND GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE**: Bill Shelton, Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), updated the council on the first round of VATI grant awards and plans for the next round. For a copy of the presentation please contact Caroline Luxhoj ([caroline.luxhoj@cit.org](mailto:caroline.luxhoj@cit.org)).

**CENTURYLINK CONNECT AMERICA UPDATE:** Rich Schollmann, CenturyLink, updated the council on CenturyLink’s CAF progress and plans.

**CIT BROADBAND ACTIVITIES:** Caroline Luxhoj presented on CIT’s activities including its current and recent work with localities to assist in the pursuit of public-private partnerships. For a copy of the presentation please contact Caroline Luxhoj ([caroline.luxhoj@cit.org](mailto:caroline.luxhoj@cit.org)).

**broadband regional meetings discussion:** Delegate Byron discussed the plans for the regional broadband meetings.

* Delegate Byron said the meetings will be structured as a roundtable panel. The council is going to work on setting some dates and that they will need to discuss small cell issues.
* Carr requested that there be a presentation regarding FirstNet and how the state will address it.
* Delegate Minchew requested that there be a discussion at each meeting regarding HB 2108.
* Delegate Byron would like to hear from cooperatives regarding their broadband activities.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Crag Smith, MGW and Lingo Networks, addressed the council to thank them for the hard work they do and for the recognition MGW received.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:45PM.