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Broadband Advisory Council

Regular Meeting

September 22, 2014

**TIME AND PLACE:** The Broadband Advisory Council met at The Center for Advanced Engineering and Research in Forest, VA.

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

Delegate James Leftwich

Senator Charles Carrico

Bryan David

Hayes Framme (representing Secretary Maurice Jones)

Raina Washington (representing Secretary Karen Jackson)  
 Duront Walton

Ray LaMura

Gary Schwartz

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tyrone Franklin  
 Delegate Scott Surovell

**STAFF PRESENT:** Sandie Terry

Caroline Stolle

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Christy Morton, Rob Omberg

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The council reviewed the November 1, 2013 meeting minutes. Duront Walton motioned to approve the minutes, Senator Bill Carrico seconded. All agreed.

**CIT Projects Update–** Sandie Terry presented on the current status of the Center for Innovative Technology’s broadband projects. For a copy of the presentation please contact [caroline.stolle@cit.org](mailto:caroline.stolle@cit.org).

* Delegate Byron requested a brief summary on CIT’s commonwealth support projects.
* Gary Schwartz requested more information on whether or not the FCC used the new broadband definition for the upcoming grants.

**VCTA Broadband Recommendations Discussion–** Ray LaMura briefed the council on the VCTA’s broadband recommendations that were given to CIT and the Secretary of Technology. For a copy of the recommendations please contact [caroline.stolle@cit.org](mailto:caroline.stolle@cit.org).

* Ray LaMura emphasized the need for more adoption programs in the commonwealth.
* The council discussed how to get businesses and local governments involved in internet adoption.
* In regards to VCTA’s broadband recommendations, Rob Omberg (Comcast) discussed Comcast’s Internet Essentials Program and the need for more awareness of this program.

**Broadband Provider Meeting Overview –** Christy Morton (Center for Rural Virginia) presented onthe recent Virginia Broadband Provider meetings held in Richmond with the providers, Secretary of Technology, Center for Innovative Technology, and the Center for Rural Virginia. For a copy of the presentation please contact [caroline.stolle@cit.org](mailto:caroline.stolle@cit.org).

* The council wanted more information pertaining to fees and policies that are acting as broadband barriers.
* Bryan David suggested that we work with VML and VACO to encourage including broadband in utility maintenance and builds.

**future agenda items discussion**– the council discussed items that they would like to see on future agendas.

* Bryan David requested a presentation from the new State Interoperability Coordinator regarding FirstNet and opportunities to work with public safety to expand access.
* Duront Walton requested a presentation from the Department of Education regarding school and library surveys.
* Delegate Leftwich requested the Cox and Comcast provide a list of schools that they can/are serving.
* Delegate Byron recommended that the next council meeting be in November in Richmond.
* The council discussed how we increase awareness of Virginia’s broadband rankings.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:25AM.