

BROADBAND ADVISORY COUNCIL
 APPROVED MINUTES
 January 20, 2023
 2:00 PM
 Pocahontas Building
 900 E. Main St., Richmond, VA 23218
 Senate Room A
 Virtual Option provided via Google Meet

Members Present

Senator Jennifer Boysko, Chair
 Delegate Kathy Byron, Vice Chair
 Senator Ghazala Hashmi
 Senator Lynwood W. Lewis
 Delegate David Reid
 Secretary Caren Merrick
 Secretary Matt Lohr
 James Carr
 Mike Culp
 Kristie Helmick Proctor
 Casey Logan
 Ray LaMura
 Steve Sandy
 Richard Schollman

Members Absent

Delegate James Leftwich
 Delegate Thomas Wright, Jr.

Call to Order	Senator Jennifer Boysko, Chair of the Broadband Advisory Council, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.
Roll Call	Chandler Vaughan, Senior Policy Analyst at the Office of Broadband, called the roll and stated that a quorum was present.
Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman	<p>Senator Jennifer Boysko, Chair of the Broadband Advisory Council, opened the floor for nominations for Chair to the Council.</p> <p>A motion was made and properly seconded to nominate Delegate Kathy Byron as Chair. Delegate Byron accepted the nomination.</p> <p>Hearing no further discussion, Senator Boysko closed the floor to nominations. Delegate Byron was elected Chair via unanimous roll call vote.</p> <p>Chair Byron opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair to the Council.</p>

	<p>A motion was made properly seconded to nominate Senator Boysko as Vice Chair.</p> <p>Hearing no further discussion, Chair Byron closed the floor to nominations. Senator Boysko was elected Vice Chair by unanimous voice vote.</p>
Approval of Minutes: September 30, 2022 Meeting	A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2022 meeting of the Broadband Advisory Council. The vote was unanimous to adopt the minutes as presented.
Office of Broadband Updates	Dr. Tamarah Holmes, Ph.D., Director of the Office of Broadband and Cole McAndrew, Policy Planner in the Office of Broadband provided an overview of Office of Broadband efforts, including the progress of Virginia Telecommunication Initiative projects, the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program, state programs under the federal Digital Equity Act, Student Broadband Availability and Affordability Collection, as well as the newly released Commonwealth Digital Affordability and Cost Effectiveness Plan.
Railroad Crossings and Broadband Infrastructure	Several representatives from internet service providers and railroads provided remarks on the process of crossing railroad lines with wireline broadband infrastructure, including ongoing challenges faced by internet service providers in this process.
Broadband Legislation in 2023 General Assembly Session	Several members of the Broadband Advisory Council noted legislation before the General Assembly during the 2023 Session. Discussion topic areas included additional funding for the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative, budget amendments regarding the income restrictions of the Line Extension Customer Assistance Program, and appointment of State Corporation Commission Commissioners in relevance to timely consideration and approval of broadband related matters.
Public Comment	No public comment was provided at the meeting.
New Business	No new business was provided at the meeting.
Adjournment	Upon a motion made and properly seconded, the meeting was adjourned.