



# State Interoperability Executive Council Meeting Minutes

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Department of Public Safety Standards & Training | Hall of Heroes Conference Room  
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## **SIEC members in attendance:**

Adam Haas, Bob Cozzie, Joel Lujan, Rock Rakosi (Chair), Chris Tamarin, Mike Duyck (Vice Chair), Larry Warren, John Hartsock, Dave Stuckey, Andrew Phelps, Luci Moore, Tom Johnston, Roger Johnson.

Also attending were: Rick Iverson, Technical Committee Chair (non-voting); and David Soloos, Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (non-voting).

The Chair convened the meeting and confirmed a quorum was present.

## **COUNCIL MINUTES**

The February, 2017 minutes were considered. Adam has moved to approve them as written. John Hartsock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **BROADBAND COMMITTEE. FirstNet Report and recommendation.**

### **Staff; Committee Chair Mike Duyck**

Chair Rakosi opened the item by reiterating that the question before the council is simple: to make a recommendation to the governor to accept the plan presented by FirstNet and AT&T (opt in), or to reject it and suggest that Oregon build its own network at its sole expense (opt out). He reminded the Council that the Oregon State Plan Review team was convened/tasked by SIEC the SIEC and that Chief Duyck served as its chair.

The review team submitted over 90 comments to the FirstNet State Plan Portal specific to the draft Oregon state plan. Multiple review team meetings and conference calls were held, including two work sessions with AT&T.

Because all review team members had to accept non-disclosure agreements in the form of a Term of Use of the state plan portal where the plan is located, only limited details could be shared during the public Council meeting. Those details are in the summary in the SIEC meeting packets.

Chair Rakosi attested to due diligence by the team, on which he served. He acknowledged SAIC staff (contractors) and David Soloos for assistance in guiding the team through the process. He also acknowledged cooperation and responsiveness from AT&T. He pointed out the summary provided by the review team and available in the Council members' packets, noting it is a high-level summary. The Chair thanked the review team and the 50 or so individuals who have access to the plan and provided comments. He then turned the discussion over to Mike Duyck.

Chief Duyck noted that the SIEC and Oregon's first responders have been preparing for FirstNet for a number of years, including standing up a Broadband Committee early to address FirstNet issues well before AT&T was selected as the contractor to build it. He gave an overview of the process and work conducted

before and subsequent to the release of the draft state plan. He reminded the council that the scope is a 25-year plan and project. Chief Duyck indicated that after its due diligence, the review team encourages the SIEC to opt-in to the plan presented by FirstNet and AT&T. Chief Duyck outlined steps to move a recommendation to opt in forward to the Governor's office through the Office of the State CIO.

David Soloos added acknowledgement of Steve Noel/FirstNet for his advance work and assistance to David and the SIEC on behalf of Oregon.

Motion: Chief Duyck moved that the SIEC recommend to the State CIO that the State of Oregon opt-in to the plan as presented by FirstNet and AT&T. Tom Johnston seconded the motion.

Larry Warren said he would abstain as a representative of the State CIO's Office. Joel Lujan and Dave Stuckey did not have access to the plan in the portal and said they would abstain due to lack of comfort with level of available information.

Discussion:

Chair Rakosi noted that opting in does not obligate anyone to subscribe to FirstNet or buy its services. Chief Duyck acknowledged that not all SIEC members were on the review team and privy to the details and shared that AT&T indicated wanted to consult with the SIEC body to work through the design and implement. Chief Duyck indicated he would facilitate adding interested SIEC Council members to list of people with access to the secured portal.

Adam Haas indicated support for the opt in option, having been on the review team. He shared concerns on behalf of the nine Tribes on coverage gaps. He acknowledged AT&T for outreach to the Tribes. He stated that he has become comfortable that AT&T is fully aware of the concerns and have the intent to address them in the future.

Tom Johnston voiced that opting in will provide better circumstances for cities, counties and first responders.

Andrew Phelps stated that an opt in decision might be perceived as an endorsement of the product and would suggest an alternative wording of the motion to not opt out rather than opt in. This friendly amendment was not accepted. He also expressed concern that a delay could negatively impact the negotiated package on the table.

Chief Duyck advised that to take advantage of the negotiation package he would recommend opting in without delay.

Luci Moore expressed discomfort with unknowns and an inability to have a discussion with AT&T. She requested access to the portal.

Joel Lujan asked for more time and more information, but indicated he was not questioning the process; he wanted more comfort in the decision.

Chief Rakosi reiterated the depth and scope of the plan review.

Adam Hass pointed out that, with many states that will opt in, waiting could muddy the water. He opined there was no reason to delay the decision as the recommendation doesn't obligate the State or anyone to do anything. He reiterated the depth and scope of the plan review.

The motion to recommend opting in to FirstNet carried with 9 yes votes, zero no votes, and four abstentions.

Yes: Andrew Phelps, John Hartsock, Tom Johnston, Adam Haas, Bob Cozzie, Mike Duyck, Rock Rakosi, Roger Johnson, Chris Tamarin.

No: None.

Abstained: Luci Moore, Dave Stuckey, Joel Lujan, Larry Warren.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Staff: Chair Rock Rakosi**

No report.

## **STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Staff: Bob Cozzie, Committee Chair**

Cozzie noted that the committee met earlier today to continue updating the State Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) and Charter. The work is progressing and will include SIEC policy review. This is being conducted with technical assistance (TA) from the US Dept. of Homeland Security's Office of Emergency Communications. Part of the focus is on governance, and further updates will occur in the next two years focusing on other areas.

Cozzie also noted that the SIEC's requested TA for a statewide strategic plan for Next Generation of 911 (NG911). Cozzie and Mark Tennyson of OEM are co-chairing that effort and expect a product within 6 months.

## **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Staff: Rick Iverson, Committee Chair**

Iverson gave a brief, high-level overview of some recent activities related to the implementation of the state radio network.

## **STATE RADIO USERS GROUP (SRUG)**

Luci Moore reported that all the bills for the state radio project had been paid on time. The SRUG will continue to meet if and as needed.

## **700 MHz REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Staff: John Hartsock, Committee Representative**

The Region 35 700/800 committee will meet September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

## **INTEROPERABILITY FUNDS CLOSE-OUT**

**Staff: Rick Iverson**

After the close of all the awarded grant projects, approximately \$80,000 remains unobligated. This allowed purchase of an additional ISSI unit yet unspoken for. There was no opposition or alternative suggested for the use of the funds, and this course of action was accepted by unanimous consent. Auto roaming on the state radio network is about 24-36 months away. They are trying to make it so everyone up and down the I-5 corridor can talk to one another, but the issue will be governance.

## **2017-2019 OSCIO Budget and FTE for the SIEC**

**Staff: Larry Warren.**

Warren reported that, despite a difficult environment, the State CIO budget will be sufficient to continue to provide the current level and expand staff support for the SIEC. David Soloos will begin recruitment/hiring process to bring on additional staff to assist with planning, technical and administrative support.

**SPOC/SWIC UPDATE – David Soloos**

Soloos briefed the SIEC on several activities this quarter including overseeing the three technical assistance grants, considerations for the next RADIO conference, an overview of the Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group (WECCWG), the NCSWIC Funding & Sustainment Committee, and interoperability of P25 trunked digital systems. He also reminded people to watch how the FCC deals with microbanding from 12.5 to 6.25.

**RADIO SYSTEM REPORTS**

WCCCA and C-Com have chosen Motorola as their vendor.

**OPEN DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS & PUBLIC TESTIMONY –**

Steve Noel of FirstNet reported that 12 states have opted in to date. He indicated the portal was still open for new access and would be up and updated for three years.

**ADJOURN**

Hearing no other comments or business, Chair Rakosi adjourned the meeting at 3:06 PM.