



Governing Board Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2023

In-Person Location: Vermont State College- Moore Community Room

Attendees: See attached list.

10:07 am

Role Call & Agenda Review - 2 Min

Public Comment - 2 Min

None

Consent Agenda - 1 Min

- Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motioned: Morgan Wade Seconded: Mary Metcalf	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to approve the Consent Agenda.	30	0	0

Updates

Executive Committee Action Review & Affirmation

Motioned: Dana Caspersen Seconded: William Davis	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: that the Governing Board affirms receipt and confirmation, with no proposed revision or alteration, of the Executive Committee Actions document.	30	0	0

Celebrating Progress & Appreciation

Morgan, Paul, and Christa reviewed the committees and the members and gave recognition to Morgan and Evan for their dedication to the organization. Morgan will step down from the executive committee and as vice chair effective today.

Motioned: Morgan Wade Seconded: Mary Metcalf	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to appoint Sally Vallat to the executive committee	30	0	0

Partner Fireside Chat

10:29 am

Motioned: Evan Carlson Seconded: Mary Metcalf	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to go into Executive Session with staff and consultants to discuss the Partner Fireside Chat finding that premature disclosure could substantially disadvantage the CUD if it were to be made public at this time.	30	0	0

11:01 Ben Tilford Left

12:03 exited executive session
No action was taken.

Lunch Break

12:05 Andy Montroll entered
12:12 Evan Carlson left
12:37 John Stone left
12:50 Steve Crossman left

Audit Results and 2024 Budget Approval

Denise reviewed the 2024 budget for approval

Motioned: Morgan Wade Seconded: Mary Metcalf	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to approve the draft budget for presentation to the public for comment and consideration.	29	0	0

Partnership Update/Grant Strategy and ETC Discussion

1:00pm

Motioned: Morgan Wade Seconded: Marty Feltus	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to go into Executive Session with staff and consultants to discuss the Partnership Update and Grant Strategy as well as the ETC discussion finding that premature disclosure could substantially disadvantage the CUD if it were to be made public at this time.	29	0	0

1:20 Marjorie Kramer entered online

1:28 John Stone entered online

1:47 exited executive session

No action was taken

Motioned: Morgan Wade Seconded: Paul Fixx	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to authorize the Executive Director to submit a petition in substantially the same form as presented by the NEK Broadband attorney to the Public Utilities	30	0	0

Commission to seek a non-dominant Eligible Telecommunications Carrier status.			
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1:52 Shawn Burroughs left

Customer Journey

Kitty, Julia, and Kurt walked through the steps the customer experiences starting with registering with Crowd Fiber and ending with installation.

- 2:00 Larry Labor entered online
- 2:01 James Peyton left
- 2:13 William Gilbert entered online
- 2:15 Evan Carlson entered online
- 2:17 Seth O'Brien left
- 2:30 Woodman Page entered online
- 2:43 John Stone left online
- 2:45 Peggy Stevens left
- 3:00 Marjorie Kramer left

Stan Williams (Guest Speaker)

Closing Remarks

Paul and Chirsta recapped the day. Paul reminded board members to take the time to fill out the meeting survey that was sent today via email.

New Business

Other Business

Adjourn 3:14

	For	Against	Abstain
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Motioned: Mary Metcalf Seconded: Morgan Wade			
Motion: to adjourn at 3:14	26	0	0

- **Discussion Summary:** no discussion was held.

Drafted by

Shannon LaCasse, NEK Broadband, Clerk

Name	Member Town	Type			
Rob Dewees	Albany	Primary	v	Voting	33
Kathleen Monroe	Barnet	Alternate	p	Present	6
Neil Glassman	Barnet	Primary	v	Staff/Vendor	17
Amy Crouch	Barton	Alternate		Public	1
Christopher Altmus	Barton	Primary			
Nate Nugent	Bloomfield	Primary			
James Ozone	Brighton	Alternate	v		
Michael Strait	Brighton	Primary			
Noah Bond	Brighton	Alternate			
Amber Hastings	Brownington	Primary			
William Davis	Brownington	Alternate	v		

<i>David Caron</i>	<i>Brunswick</i>	<i>Primary</i>			
<i>Theresa Caron</i>	<i>Brunswick</i>	<i>Alternate</i>			
<i>Todd Vendituoli</i>	<i>Burke</i>	<i>Primary</i>			
<i>Ann Morgan Wade</i>	<i>Canaan</i>	<i>Primary</i>	<i>v</i>		
<i>Frank Sawicki, Jr</i>	<i>Canaan</i>	<i>Alternate</i>			
<i>John Kellogg</i>	<i>Charleston</i>	<i>Alternate</i>			
<i>Peggy Stevens</i>	<i>Charleston</i>	<i>Primary</i>	<i>v</i>		
<i>Bill Humphrey</i>	<i>Concord</i>	<i>Primary</i>			
<i>David Barlow</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>Primary</i>	<i>v</i>		
<i>Phil Marquette</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>Alternate</i>			
<i>Brian Machesney</i>	<i>Craftsbury</i>	<i>Alternate</i>			
<i>Katherine Sims</i>	<i>Craftsbury</i>	<i>Alternate</i>			
<i>Rudy Chase</i>	<i>Craftsbury</i>	<i>Primary</i>			
<i>Jonathan Baker</i>	<i>Danville</i>	<i>Primary</i>	<i>v</i>		
<i>Bob Kelley</i>	<i>Derby</i>	<i>Alternate</i>			
<i>Grant Spates</i>	<i>Derby</i>	<i>Alternate</i>			
<i>Karen Chitambar</i>	<i>Derby</i>	<i>Primary</i>			

Hadley Piper	Glover	Alternate			
Noah Armstrong	Glover	Primary	v		
Sheryl Brown	Granby	Alternate			
Sonia Peters	Granby	Primary	v		
John Stone	Greensboro	Alternate	p		
Mary Metcalf	Greensboro	Primary	v		
Mike Gaiss	Groton	Primary			
Terrence Curran	Groton	Alternate	v		
Zac Conaway	Groton	Alternate			
John Orlowski	Guildhall	Primary			
Richard Schiller	Guildhall	Alternate			
Paul Fixx	Hardwick	Primary	v		
Andrew Bouchard	Holland	Primary			
Ed Brady	Holland	Alternate	v		
Le-Ann Tetrault	Jay	Alternate			
Lynnette Deaette	Jay	Primary			
Tara Morse	Jay	Alternate			

Dana Caspersen	Kirby	Primary	v		
Malcolm Doak	Kirby	Alternate	p		
Beth Ellingwood	Lemington	Alternate			
William Gilbert	Lemington	Primary	v		
Faye Starr	Lowell	Alternate			
Marjorie Kramer	Lowell	Primary	v		
Harry Williams	Lunenburg	Primary			
James Peyton	Lunenburg	Alternate	v		
Marty Feltus	Lyndon	Alternate	v		
Jack Donnelly	Maidstone	Primary			
Eric Pope	Morgan	Primary			
Larry Labor	Morgan	Alternate	v		
Ben Tilford	Newark	Primary	v		
Mark Whitworth	Newark	Alternate			
Chris Vachon	Newport City	Alternate	v		
Woodman Page	Newport City	Primary	p		
David Ghelli	Newport Town	Alternate	v		
Wendy Matthews	Newport Town	Primary			

Cheryl Shepherd	Norton	Alternate			
Sally Vallat	Norton	Primary	v		
Jock Gill	Peacham	Primary			
Nelson Elder	Ryegate	Alternate			
Shawn Burroughs	Ryegate	Primary	v		
Annie McLean	Sheffield	Alternate			
Claire Polfus	Sheffield	Primary			
Nicolas Anzalone	St Johnsbury	Primary	v		
David Tucker	Sutton	Alternate			
Evan Carlson	Sutton	Primary	v		
Robert Simms	Sutton	Alternate			
Gaston Bathalon	Troy	Alternate			
Robert Langlands	Troy	Primary			
Anthony Soldo	UTGs	Alternate			
David Conley	UTGs	Primary			
Seth O'Brien	Walden	Primary	v		
Bill Piper	Waterford	Primary			

Mike Barrett	Waterford	Primary	v		
Carrie Glessner	Westfield	Primary			
Laura Emery	Westfield	Alternate	v		
Donna Dzugas	Westmore	Primary	v		
Linda Michniewicz	Westmore	Alternate			
Ray Lanier	Westmore	Alternate	p		
David Stahler Jr.	Wheelock	Primary	v		
Eileen Boland	Wheelock	Alternate	p		
Bradley Horstman	Wolcott	Alternate	v		
Bruce Wheeler	Wolcott	Alternate			
Caro Thompson	public		public		
Andy Montroll		NEK Broadband General Council	s		
Shannon LaCasse		NEK Broadband	S		
Denise Sullivan		NEK Broadband	S		
Erik Townsend		NEK Broadband	S		

<i>Christa Shute</i>		<i>NEK Broadband</i>	<i>S</i>		
<i>Jason Stebbins</i>		<i>NEK Broadband</i>	<i>S</i>		
<i>Danielle Sukkaew</i>		<i>NEK Broadband</i>	<i>S</i>		
<i>Kurt Gruending</i>		<i>WCVT</i>	<i>S</i>		
<i>Mike Reed</i>		<i>MBI</i>	<i>S</i>		
<i>Andrew Gaidys</i>		<i>NRTC</i>	<i>S</i>		
<i>Roger Nishi</i>		<i>WCVT</i>	<i>S</i>		
<i>Todd Garthaffner</i>		<i>WCVT</i>	<i>S</i>		
<i>Lee Willette</i>		<i>MBI</i>	<i>S</i>		
<i>Steve Crossman</i>		<i>NRTC</i>	<i>S</i>		
<i>Matt Hubbard</i>		<i>MBI</i>	<i>S</i>		
<i>Heather Alger</i>		<i>NEKCA - ACP</i>	<i>s</i>		
<i>Julia Andrews</i>		<i>Marketing</i>	<i>S</i>		