



Governing Board Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2023

In-Person Location: None - see note re ACT 78 below.

Attendees: See attached list.

5:33 pm

Role Call & Agenda Review - 2 Min

Public Comment - 2 Min

None

Consent Agenda - 1 Min

- Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

Updates

Executive Committee Action Review & Affirmation

Motioned: Morgan Wade Seconded: Mary Metcalf	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: that the Governing Board affirms receipt and confirmation, with no proposed revision or alteration, of the Executive Committee Actions document- including the Finance Committee Charter Change	30	0	0

Noah Bond entered at 5:38pm

**BEAD Process Update and Off grid evaluation plan
with Executive Director Update**

- Christa reviewed the active customer list and construction progress per DA Donna Dzugas entered at 5:43pm
- Christa introduced the new construction company - Advantage - and shared initial successes with their work.
- Christa reviewed public information about grant status.
- Christa went over the BEAD process and where we currently are in the process.
- The Off-grid evaluation plan was discussed. Based on board member feedback the process will be (1) an email from staff to board members with a list of addresses in a google sheet that also has a snip of the addresses in question in the town; and then (2) five working days later that email will be sent to the town clerks in town with a cc to the board members and a note to the town clerk that the board member is there to assist as needed. The process will give board members an opportunity to proactively work with the town clerks to ensure that the information is collected.

Entered Executive Session at 6:17pm

Motioned: Morgan Wade Seconded: Noah Armstrong	For	Against	Abstain
Motion: to go into Executive Session with staff and consultants for construction and grantrelated updates, finding that premature disclosure could substantially disadvantage the CUD if it were to be made public at this time.	31	0	0

Marjorie Kramer and Rob Dewees entered while we were in Executive Session

Exited at 6:53

No action was taken

Executive Committee Strategic Planning

Paul asked that if any board members have any interest in helping to develop a strategic plan to please contact Christa, Kitty, or himself.

Adjourn 6:57pm

	For	Against	Abstain
Motioned: Morgan Wade Seconded: Jock Gill			
Motion: to adjourn at 6:57	33	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		Present	5
Neil Glassman	Barnet	Primary	v	Staff/Vendor	4
Amy Crouch	Barton	Alternate		Public	0
Christopher Altmius	Barton	Primary			
Nate Nugent	Bloomfield	Primary			42

James Ozone	Brighton	Alternate			
Michael Strait	Brighton	Primary			
Noah Bond	Brighton	Alternate	v		
Amber Hastings	Brownington	Primary			
William Davis	Brownington	Alternate	v		
David Caron	Brunswick	Primary			
Theresa Caron	Brunswick	Alternate			
Todd Vendituoli	Burke	Primary			
Ann Morgan Wade	Canaan	Primary	v		
Frank Sawicki, Jr	Canaan	Alternate			
John Kellogg	Charleston	Alternate			
Peggy Stevens	Charleston	Primary	v		
Bill Humphrey	Concord	Primary			
David Barlow	Coventry	Primary	v		
Phil Marquette	Coventry	Alternate			
Brian Machesney	Craftsbury	Alternate			
Katherine Sims	Craftsbury	Alternate			

Rudy Chase	Craftsbury	Primary	v		
Jonathan Baker	Danville	Primary			
Bob Kelley	Derby	Alternate			
Grant Spates	Derby	Alternate			
Karen Chitambar	Derby	Primary	v		
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	v		
Terrence Curran	Groton	Alternate	p		
Zac Conaway	Groton	Alternate			
John Orlowski	Guildhall	Primary	v		
Richard Schiller	Guildhall	Alternate	p		
Paul Fixx	Hardwick	Primary	v		

Andrew Bouchard	Holland	Primary			
Ed Brady	Holland	Alternate			
Le-Ann Tetrault	Jay	Alternate			
Lynnette Deaette	Jay	Primary	v		
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			
Marty Feltus	Lyndon	Alternate	v		
Jack Donnelly	Maidstone	Primary			
Eric Pope	Morgan	Primary	v		

Larry Labor	Morgan	Alternate			
Ben Tilford	Newark	Primary			
Mark Whitworth	Newark	Alternate	v		
Chris Vachon	Newport City	Alternate			
Woodman Page	Newport City	Primary	v		
David Ghelli	Newport Town	Alternate			
Wendy Matthews	Newport Town	Primary	v		
Cheryl Shepherd	Norton	Alternate			
Sally Vallat	Norton	Primary			
Jock Gill	Peacham	Primary	v		
Nelson Elder	Ryegate	Alternate			
Shawn Burroughs	Ryegate	Primary			
Annie McLean	Sheffield	Alternate			
Claire Polfus	Sheffield	Primary			
Nicolas Anzalone	St Johnsbury	Primary			
David Tucker	Sutton	Alternate			
Evan Carlson	Sutton	Primary	v		

Robert Simms	Sutton	Alternate			
Gaston Bathalon	Troy	Alternate	v		
Robert Langlands	Troy	Primary			
Anthony Soldo	UTGs	Alternate			
David Conley	UTGs	Primary	v		
Seth O'Brien	Walden	Primary	v		
Bill Piper	Waterford	Primary	v		
Mike Barrett	Waterford	Primary			
Carrie Glessner	Westfield	Primary	V		
Laura Emery	Westfield	Alternate			
Donna Dzugas	Westmore	Primary	v		
Linda Michniewicz	Westmore	Alternate			
Ray Lanier	Westmore	Alternate	p		
David Stahler Jr.	Wheelock	Primary			
Eileen Boland	Wheelock	Alternate	v		
Bradley Horstman	Wolcott	Alternate			

Bruce Wheeler	Wolcott	Alternate			
Caro Thompson	public				
Andy Montroll		NEK Broadband General Council			
Shannon LaCasse		NEK Broadband	s		
Denise Sullivan		NEK Broadband			
Ktty		NEK Broadband	s		
Erik Townsend		NEK Broadband			
Christa Shute		NEK Broadband	s		
Jason Stebbins		NEK Broadband			
Danielle Sukkaew		NEK Broadband	s		
Kurt Gruending		WCVT			
Mike Reed		MBI			
Andrew Gaidys		NRTC			
Roger Nishi		WCVT			

Todd Garthaffner		WCVT			
Lee Willette		MBI			
Steve Crossman		NRTC			
Matt Hubbard		MBI			
Heather Alger		NEKCA - ACP			
Julia Andrews		Marketing			

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