



# Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2023

## Attendees:

**Board Members:** Nick Anazolone, Paul Fixx, Ray Lanier, William Piper, Mary Metcalf, Michael Strait, Morgan Wade, Sally Vallat

**Staff and Treasurer:** Shannon LaCasse, Denise Sullivan, Christa Shute, Kitty Ufford-Chase

**Contractors:** Zach Nichols NRTC

4:02

## Agenda Review

Add Executive Committee changes

## Updates

<b>Motioned: Michael Strait Seconded: William Piper</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Motion: to approve September 7 2023 minutes</b>	7	0	0

- **Discussion Summary: None**

## New Business

### Mobile Offering and Affordability

Create affordability bundles with a phone and broadband service

- The Affordability Connectivity Program can only be used on one service, a cell phone or broadband. By bundling this mobile plan with broadband they are able to apply the ACP discount.
- What is the average cost of a cell phone service in Caledonia and Orleans county now for individuals on ACP?
  - Christa will work with NEKCA to find this information

Sally Vallat entered at 4:17

Zach reviewed the NRTC mobile presentation

Zach left at 4:37

## October 14 GB Agenda

Christa reviewed the proposed agenda and presentations

Sally Vallat left

Discussed the Mobile Offering in more detail and agreed that Christa should proceed with adding an informational session to the October 14th GB agenda if the NTCA sign up credit has no time constraints. If there are time restraints, we will change the agenda to be a vote on pursuing the opportunity.

Nick left at 4:59

### Executive Committee changes

Morgan announced that she is stepping down as Vice Chair and the Executive Committee as of the October Governing Board meeting. She will remain on the Governing Board as the Canaan Representative.

### Grant Updates and Funding

<b>Motioned: Mary Metcalf Seconded: Morgan Wade</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Motion: Voted to go into Executive Session under the provisions of 1 VSA §313 with staff to discuss grant strategy, updates, and funding, as well as partner discussions finding that premature disclosure of confidential negotiations could substantially disadvantage the CUD if it were to be made public at this time.</b>	6	0	0

Bill left at 5:34

Michael left at 5:42

Morgan left at 5:44

Exited Executive Session; No Action was taken  
5:59

## Adjourn

*Drafted by Shannon LaCasse*

*NEK Broadband Clerk*