



**NEKCV EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**APPROVED SEPTEMBER 4, 2025**

<b>DATE</b>	Thursday, August 21, 2025	<b>START TIME</b>	5:30 PM	<b>LOCATION</b>	on Zoom and at 306 Meadow St., Brighton
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<b>ATTENDANCE - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>			
Nick Anzalone	Ray Lanier	Brian Machesney	Chuck Burt
Mike Strait	Siobhan Perricone	Jeremy Matt	

<b>ATTENDANCE - GOVERNING BOARD</b>			
Rudy Chase			

<b>ATTENDANCE - STAFF</b>			
Chris Fortuna	Christa Shute	Matt Hubbard	Kitty Ufford-Chase
Richard Azimov	Tonya Ozone		

<b>ATTENDANCE - GUESTS</b>			
Jose Aguayo			

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	
5:30	The meeting began with a quorum.	

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5:31	Agenda Review: No modifications requested to the agenda.	
5:32	Motion To Approve Draft Minutes For Aug 7 2025.	<p>Motion by Mike Straight.  Seconded by Siobhan Perricone.  Passed with no objections.</p>
5:33	<p>Public Comment:</p> <p><b><u>Rudy Chase:</u></b></p> <p>Craftsbury’s postmaster lives on Shadow lake in Glover, he informed Rudy 1-2 weeks ago that trucks were meeting around Shadow lake. Got great response. The postmaster was very happy he got answer that fast. Tonya/Kitty were involved. Rudy asked Postmaster today about current status and the postmaster said he expected service presently. Everything shows our reputation is earned. Greensborough last week: there is a 3 way intersection where nobody stops/goes. He saw a NEKCV SUV, and he was proud to see it. We have come along ways that we have SUVs on the road. Rudy is waiting for the SUV to show up that it would be his turn!</p> <p>No more public comment.</p>	
5:37	<p>Discussion and Motion to enter executive session</p> <p>Nick Anzalone has reviewed the material to be discussed in Executive Session, and under the provisions of 1 V.S.A. § 313 there is clarity that this material is not suitable for public discussion as premature disclosure could disadvantage the CUD if it were made public at this time.</p>	<p>Motion by Jeremy Matt.  Seconded by Chuck Burt.  Passed with no objections.</p>
5:38	<i>Jose Aguayo Transferred to Waiting Room Entered Executive Session</i>	
5:48	<i>Exited Executive Session</i>	

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	<p>No action was taken during executive session except the vote to exit executive session, motioned by Chuck Burt, and seconded by Siobhan and it carried unanimously.</p> <p>Jose Aguayo Re-Entered Into Session</p>	
5:49	<p>Motion to authorize executive director to enter into a contract with Lamoille Fibernet</p>	<p>Motion by Jeremy Matt.</p> <p>Seconded by Siobhan Perricone</p> <p>Passed by voice vote unanimously.</p>
5:50	<p>Discussion whether to discuss operational update in public session or executive session:</p> <p>Christa Shute agrees that it should be discussed whether this is information suitable for public session or executive session. Christa Shute states that we clearly have the discretion/ability to take this information solely into executive session, while solely carrying out governance during public session. Christa Shute states that what is to be shared in the operational update for today is customer revenues, customer accounts, passings and installations, and the towns that we are in. Christa Shute states this is information our competitors can use against us and this is generally why we go into executive session. Nevertheless, Christa Shute offers the executive committee the chance to offer topics they might consider discussing in public session. Jeremy Matt shares the same concerns but mentions that marketing information is generally public, but is concerned to ensure we do not lose a competitive advantage. Jeremy Matt defers to Christa Shute.</p> <p>Brian Machesney agrees that Jeremy makes good points. Brian Machesney offers a strategy that in the future, a summary for public consumption could be prepared, on the basis of analysis whether that information would not lead to disadvantage.</p> <p>Christa says that for next time we will prepare in advance and have material for public and material for private, and in this present session the Operational Update will best be done in Executive</p>	

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	Session, as will be evident when that material is presented. Nick Anzalone concurs.	
5:54	Motion to enter executive session and discuss operational update under the provisions of 1 V.S.A. § 313	Motion by Mike Strait. Seconded by Jeremy Matt Passed with no objections.
5:54	Jose Aguayo Transferred to Waiting Room Entered Executive Session	
6:18	Exited Executive Session No action was taken during executive session except the vote to exit executive session, motioned by Chuck Burt, and seconded by Jeremy Matt and it carried unanimously. Jose Aguayo Re-Entered Into Session	
6:18	Chuck Burt provides his appreciation and thanks to the team for great work. Brian Machesney "seconds" the comments by Chuck Burt. Christa Shute does congratulate the team. Christa mentions the 1,000 mile milestone that has been hit under all of our funding sources and that we are looking forward to the next 1,000.	
6:19	Discussion whether to discuss grant update in public session or executive session:  Nick Anzalone has reviewed the material to be discussed in Executive Session and there is clarity that this material is not suitable for public discussion as premature disclosure could disadvantage the CUD if it were made public at this time. Christa wishes to mention a few things in public session first, mentioning participating in BEAD grant application, that Reconnect has a few construction grants that have been approved by the USDA, and it is anticipated to start construction in the next 2-3 months in Concord, Granby, Victory, Brighton, Burke, Holland and Derby. Also we Closed on Community Connect contract, that contract services primarily Groton but also some of Rygate. That construction should be completed late fall, with service available by the end of the year. Also, re CVfiber construction grant: We are looking at availability in Marshfield, Cabot, Calais, between October And November, being	

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	2 segments: Marshfield-01 October, and Marshfield-03 slight delay heading into November.	
6:22	Motion to enter executive session and discuss grant update under the provisions of 1 V.S.A. § 313	Motion by Jeremy Matt  Seconded by Brian Machesney  Passed with no objections.
6:22	<i>Jose Aguayo Transferred to Waiting Room Entered Executive Session</i>	
6:58	<i>Exited Executive Session No action was taken during executive session except the vote to exit executive session, motioned by Jeremy Matt, and seconded by Chuck Burt and it carried unanimously. Jose Aguayo Re-Entered Into Session</i>	
6:58	Closing Statements Christa Shute going on vacation as of 08/22/2025 Discussion for September 4th Executive Committee meeting, Decision to do this meeting without Christa Shute as she will still be on vacation. Decision to use that time to address Mission Statement, Bylaws, and how to provide feedback on Christa's performance.	
7:00	<i>Motion To Adjourn</i>	Motion by Jeremy Matt  Seconded by Chuck Burt  Passed with no objections.
7:01	<i>Meeting Adjourned</i>	