



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - April 16, 2026

Thursday, April 2, 2026 on Zoom and at 306 Meadow St., Brighton

5:30 pm

Attendees:

Executive Committee Members: Nick Anzalone, Brian Machesney, Jeremy Matt, Mary Metcalf, Sally Vallat, Siobhan Perricone, Paul Fixx, Mike Strait, Tom Fisher, Christa Shute

Governing Board Members: Rudy Chase, Mark Fulton, Neil Glassman, John Morris, Peter Carbee, Ed Brady, Richard Schiller, Martin Klein, Bill Davis

Additional Staff: Tonya Ozone, Chris Fortuna, Kitty Ufford-Chase, Julia Vallera, Matt Hubbard, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick

NEKCV Consultant: Caro Thompson

5:33pm The meeting started with a quorum.

Note - In the interest of time, and ensuring that important agenda items are covered and quorum maintained to enable the committee to vote on these proposals, the decision was made and communicated at the beginning of the meeting that there would be adjustments made to the order in which agenda items would be covered. No additions were made to the agenda.

Agenda Review

Approval of Draft Minutes for February 26, 2026

Motioned: Nick Anzalone Seconded: Mike Strait	Passed with no objections Passed with objections Failed
Motion: to approve the February 26, 2026 Minutes	Passed with no objections.

Public Comment: None.

Executive Committee and Governing Board Meeting Schedule Proposals

Public Discussion Summary: The suggestion was made to amend the approved meeting schedule for 2026 NEKCV Meeting Calendar for EC/FC/GB. The suggestion, originally introduced at the last Governing Board meeting, is to move to a single Executive Committee meeting per month, rather than two. It will be held on the last Thursday of the month (rather than both the first and third Thursdays), with a couple of exceptions at the end of the year. Additionally, it was decided that an additional Governing Board meeting would be added, to be held in August 2026. Please see revised [2026 Meeting Schedule](#). If an emergency meeting is needed outside of this schedule, one may be scheduled as the need arises. It was suggested to “Save the Date” for a celebratory event to be held on May 15th that will be open to all NEKCV staff, all Executive Committee members, all Governing Board members and spouses.

The in-person location for all meetings is in Brighton. There are zoom links for all meetings.

Executive Committee Meetings April - Dec 2026:

- Thursday, April 16, 2026 5:30pm - 7pm
- Thursday, May 28, 2026 5:30pm - 7pm
- Thursday, June 25, 2026 5:30pm - 7pm
- Thursday, July 30, 2026 5:30pm - 7pm
- Thursday, Aug. 27, 2026 5:30pm - 7pm
- Thursday, Sept. 24, 2026 5:30pm - 7pm
- Thursday, Nov. 12, 2026 5:30pm - 7pm

Governing Board Meetings April - Dec 2026:

- Thursday, May 14, 2026 5:30pm - 7pm
- Thursday, Aug. 13, 2026 5:30pm - 7pm
- Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026 Full day, In person
- Thursday, Dec. 10, 2026 5:30pm - 7pm

Optional Celebration Event:

Friday, May 15, 2026 4:30 - 8

<p>Motioned: Jeremy Matt Seconded: Mary Metcalf</p>	<p>Passed with no objections Passed with objections Failed</p>
<p>Motion: To approve a revised 2026 Meeting Schedule for Executive Committee and Governing Board meetings, moving to one Executive Committee meeting per month and adding an additional Governing Board meeting.</p>	<p>Passed with no objections</p>

Purchasing Approval

Public Discussion Summary: With the possibility of getting into BEAD construction this year, and with the possibility of rising prices and longer lead times, we would like to order additional materials, under the same RFP already approved with Netceed. In order to do so, the request is being made to extend the Netceed contract under the previous RFP (RFP-10-17-2025) by up to 2 million dollars. Order will be placed next week.

Motioned: Jeremy Matt Seconded: Mike Strait	Passed with no objections Passed with objections Failed
Motion: To approve to extend the Netceed contract under the previous RFP-10-17-2025 by up to \$2 million dollars.	Passed with no objections

Strategy Update: RDOF, Kingdom Fiber, Pricing

Motioned: Sally Vallat Seconded: Tom Fisher	Passed with no objections Passed with objections Failed
Motion: to go into Executive Session under the provisions of 1 VSA §313 with staff, consultants and Board Members in order to discuss pricing strategy and details of how we negotiate that in areas with Kingdom Fiber, finding that premature disclosure could substantially disadvantage the CUD if it were to be made public at this time.	Passed with no objections.

Executive session was entered at 5:56pm and ended at 6:46pm. No action was taken in executive session and nothing discussed in the session was suitable to put on the record, except the motion to exit executive session, that was moved by Nick Anzalone and seconded by Sally Vallat.

5:59pm - Martin Klein entered the meeting

6:14pm - Paul Fixx left the meeting

6:15pm - Bill Davis entered the meeting

Public Discussion Summary: None

Motioned: Sally Vallat Seconded: Mike Strait	Passed with no objections Passed with objections Failed
Motion: To authorize the addition of a 50/50 Mbps internet service for \$59. Additionally, to authorize a credit to Kingdom Fiber, to pass through to any Kingdom Fiber customers inside an RDOF block within Reconnect to eliminate the installation fee, so long as such credit does not use grant funds.	Passed with no objections

Financial Update & Grant Update:

Public Discussion Summary: Christa Shute said that she is cautiously optimistic, that we are working really well with the State of Vermont, their contractor RSM, the State Historic Preservation Office, the Agency of Natural Resources and the Agency of Transportation. She is very pleased with the cooperation getting through both the State and Federal permitting processes and with the work done by staff to cover the permits for over 1,000 miles.

Motioned: Jeremy Matt Seconded: Siobhan Perricone	Passed with no objections Passed with objections Failed
Motion: to go into Executive Session under the provisions of 1 VSA §313 with staff, consultants and Board Members in order to discuss financial and grant updates, finding that premature disclosure could substantially disadvantage the CUD if it were to be made public at this time.	Passed with no objections.

Executive session was entered at 6:50pm and ended at 6:57pm. No action was taken in executive session and nothing discussed in the session was suitable to put on the record, except the motion to exit executive session, that was moved by Nick Anzalone and seconded by Mary Metcalf.

Adjourn

Motioned: Nick Anzalone Seconded: Siobhan Perricone	Passed with no objections Passed with objections Failed
Motion: To adjourn at 7:00pm.	Passed with no objections

Drafted by Elizabeth Fitzpatrick