

Utah Broadband Center Advisory Commission 2023

Utah Broadband Center Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2023, 9:30 A.M.

Members Present: Senator Chris Wilson-Co-Chair, Kelleigh Cole, Lynne Yocom, James Toledo, and Rebecca Dilg.

Members Attending Virtually: Chris Parker, Senator Wayne Harper, Sophia DiCaro

Staff: Jim Grover, Todd Jensen, Claire Warnick, Elizabeth Henrikson

Visitors: Lisa Zundel, Vikram Ravi, Liz Gabbitas, Brian Christensen, Anne Williams, Katie Williams, Clint Jorgensen, Paul Tavella

Welcome: Senator Chris Wilson welcomed everyone to the January 10, 2023, Utah Broadband Center Advisory Commission meeting.

Outreach Updates: ISP Meetings and Workshops- Horrocks. Brian Christensen, Principal; Anne Williams, Public Involvement Manager. Brian and Anne review the public outreach Horrocks has done over the past few months. Clint Jorgensen gave a quick update, reviewing the one-on-one meetings Horrocks completed with 29 different ISP's within the last few months.

FCC Maps Update- Rebecca Dilg, Director, Utah Broadband Center. Rebecca reviews how the FCC has recently released new maps. We will receive funds based on the unserved areas marked on this map. The state of Utah has the fabric. We have submitted 112,982 total challenges for broadband serviceable locations. Of the 112,982 challenges, 50,761 were accepted by the FCC.

Capital Projects Fund & Broadband Access Grant- Claire Warnick, Program Manager, Utah Broadband Center. Claire says grant recipients for the Broadband Access Grant were awarded last summer. These grants are to be funded by Capital Projects Funds money. 10 million is allocated for these Broadband Access Grant projects. Five projects were selected for awards. Claire gives a brief update of the projects.

Planning Grants now open- Overview and Application Process - Claire Warnick; Liz Gabbitas, Digital Equity and Access Manager, State Library Division. Claire announces that we are opening up two new Planning Grant programs this week; the BEAD Planning Grants and the Digital Equity Planning Grants. These grants will be funded by BEAD and Digital Equity grant money that we have received from the Federal Government. The purpose of these funds are to support the development of local plans that will expand high speed internet access. Liz Gabbitas says that what we are really hoping to see come out of the Digital Access Planning Grants is organizations directly serving communities. We would like to see plans created that specifically address barriers really specific to the needs of communities.

Tribal Meeting: Utah Division of Indian Affairs American Indian Caucus -Rebecca Dilg; Katie Williams, Public Involvement Specialist, Horrocks. Katie Williams says we are planning on launching our Tribal Consultation process as required by the BEAD NOFO. Our initial tribal consultation will be with the Tribal Leaders January 31st at the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity. This will be our launching off point, with coordination efforts with the tribes in our state, says Katie. We will then work to meet with tribes individually.

Meeting minutes approval: The prepared minutes from the October 24, 2022, Utah Broadband Center Advisory Commission meetings are discussed and approved.

MOTION: Senator Chris Wilson, Co-Chair, motions to approve the minutes. The motion carried with Aye votes from Senator Chris Wilson, Senator Wayne Harper, Lynne Yocom, Kelleigh Cole, James Toledo, Chris Parker, and Sophia DiCaro. The motion passed unanimously. No Nay votes recorded.

Utah Broadband Advisory Commission Members decide on time and location of next meeting: After discussion, no date was determined, but an agreement was made for this to be discussed and determined at a later time.

Motion to adjourn: Lynne Yocom motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with Aye votes from Senator Chris Wilson, Co-Chair, Senator Wayne Harper, Lynne Yocom, Kelleigh Cole, James Toledo, Chris Parker, and Sophia DiCaro. The motion passed unanimously. No Nay votes recorded.