

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS TASK FORCE

Regular Meeting No. 17 – Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2024

Via Microsoft Teams

11:17 AM - Call to Order

Co-Chair Neal brought the meeting to order and conducted roll call for Task Force members. She reminded the attendees that the meeting was being recorded.

The following were in attendance:

Task Force Members Present

Barbara Neal, E911 Director, Co-Chair
Jennifer Morrison, Public Safety Commissioner, Co-Chair
James ‘Jim’ Mack, Shelburne Dispatch
Ron Kumetz, VSFA
Michael Wright, CEO of Calex Ambulance

Task Force Members Absent

Paul White, Regional Dispatch Working Group, Vice-Chair
Mike Doenges, Mayor, Rutland City

Others Present

Cally Audet, Task Force Clerk
Stephen Whitaker
Jason Gagne, Windham County Sheriff’s Dept.
Jim Morgan, Altairis Technology Partners
Rick Burke, Televate
Dominick Arcuri, Televate
Richard Townend, Altairis Technology Partners
Jeff Burnham, Springfield Police Chief

Approval of Agenda

No changes.

Approval of Minutes

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Motion: At 11:21 AM, Ron Kumetz moved that the task force approve the minutes listed on the agenda as amended; 2nd by Jim Mack. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Co-Chair Neal opened the floor to public comment.

Stephen Whitaker addressed recurring concerns regarding distribution of reports, and various task force processes raised at prior Task Force meetings and requested further conversation with Task Force members regarding these matters.

Co-Chair Neal shared that a copy of the legislative report can be posted to website following the meeting.

New Business

Co-Chair Neal shared that the chairs testified at GovOps yesterday regarding changes to the Budget Adjustment Act. The committee is working on developing language to ensure access to the second allotment of funds for subject matter experts, as well as pilot project planning should the need arise.

Executive Session – For the purpose of discussing one or more contracts

Motion: At 11:27 AM, Co-Chair Neal moved that the Task Force finds sharing information about bidder presentations and responses publicly would put the task force at a substantial disadvantage in making a decision about awarding a contract for a successful bidder(s); 2nd by Co-Chair Morrison. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: At 11:28 AM, Barb Neal moved that the task force enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing one or more contracts and invite Televate representatives as well; 2nd by Jim Mack. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session was entered at 11:28 AM. Task Force Members Barb Neal, Jennifer Morrison, Ron Kumetz, Jim Mack, Michael Wright and clerk, Cally Audet attended, as well as Televate representatives, Rick Burke, and Dom Arcuri.

Motion: Jim Mack moved that the task force exit Executive Session; 2nd by Co-Chair Morrison. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session ended at 1:09 PM.

Potential Action(s) as a Result of Executive Session

None.

Set Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Members had discussion regarding changing the next meeting from Wednesday, January 24 to Friday, January 26, 2024.

The next meeting is now scheduled as a special meeting on Friday, January 26, 2024, at 9:00 AM.

Motion: There being no further business, Ron Kumetz made a motion to adjourn; 2nd by Jim Mack. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cally Audet
Cally Audet, Clerk

01/17/24
Date