

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS TASK FORCE

Regular Meeting No. 18 – Meeting Minutes

January 31, 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
Paul White, Regional Dispatch Working Group, Vice-Chair
Mike Doenges, Mayor, Rutland City
James ‘Jim’ Mack, Shelburne Dispatch
Ron Kumetz, VSFA
Michael Wright, CEO of Calnex Ambulance

Task Force Members Absent

Jennifer Morrison, Public Safety Commissioner, Co-Chair

Others Present

Cally Audet, Task Force Clerk
Stephen Whitaker
Rick Burke, Televate
Dominick Arcuri, Televate
Richard Townsend, Altairis Technology Partners
Phillip Sisk, Mission Critical Partners

Approval of Agenda

No changes.

Approval of Minutes

- 01/17/2024 – Regular Meeting No. 17
- 01/26/2024 – Special Meeting No. 15

Motion: At 11:21 AM, Co-Chair Neal moved that the task force approve the minutes listed on the agenda as written; 2nd by Jim Mack. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Co-Chair Neal opened the floor to public comment.

Stephen Whitaker expressed various concerns regarding task force voting process, the development of the task force work plan, due diligence in vendor selection, congressionally directed spending, and task force member participation.

For additional details, please refer to the meeting transcript (attached), beginning at 0:3:53.200

Co-Chair Neal shared that an email to Mr. Whitaker on the morning of 1/31/24 had outlined language in the contract stating that a work plan would be executed or provided within five (5) days of contract signing or as agreed to by the State. She shared that the task force has a plan for addressing that work and would define the current status as in progress as agreed to by the state. She also shared that there had not yet been any further developments regarding the legal counsel RFP.

Stephen Whitaker requested Co-Chair Neal to clarify what the agreement is for when the work plan is to be available. Co-Chair Neal shared that there is a meeting planned for Friday (2/2/24) to address some of that work.

New Business

Co-Chair Neal introduced a letter received by a group of Addison & Rutland County legislative members and shared that the letter had been distributed to task force members prior to the meeting. She displayed the letter on the screen for attendees to see and recommended that the Task Force develop a response to the letter.

Paul White shared an observation that the letter was addressed only to the co-chairs and vice-chair on January 19th; however, he did not receive a copy of the letter until January 30, 2024. He also pointed out that this was not a letter from the entire caucus. He also reminded the group that many months prior he had been a strong proponent of getting pilot projects off the ground, however since there were no entities volunteering to participate as a pilot project further discussion of this matter was tabled for the time being.

Mike Doenges shared that he had a conversation with a few of the legislative members who had written the letter to the task force. He shared that he believed a letter as to the task force status regarding subject matter experts and project managers as well as passing along any information regarding the current state of the legal RFP would provide a helpful update.

He also shared that discussion was had regarding the limiting factors of the \$9 Million in congressional directed spending, and what that process looks like. He shared that the reception was good during that conversation and there was a real willingness to listen. He shared with the legislative members in attendance at his meeting that pilot projects were not off the table, but that the task force is not at that stage in planning as of yet, as there is no level of governance established.

He explained that the task force is taking a metered approach and is using the contracts and subject matter experts to put together what the package should and would look like, and then at a point deemed appropriate a pilot project(s) may or could be a part of the solution or next steps. He shared that in his opinion, the task force is working to the best of their ability and with the appropriate process so that there are no gaps or mistakes that these members of the legislature were initially fearing.

Mike also shared during his meeting that in his opinion, he believed that Rutland is ready and right for a pilot project with the appropriate planning and feedback from the subject matter experts.

Co-Chair Neal addressed Paul's statement regarding the lapse in time between the date the letter was addressed, and the date the letter was received. She shared that she too had only been made award one day prior to the rest of the task force members, as she believed it had been faxed to the Commissioners office only on that Monday (1/29/2024).

Co-Chair Neal shared that the co-chairs and vice-chair would work to develop a response to the letter and circulate to the task force members to solicit their individual opinions and share their independent feedback prior to sending. Task force members agreed.

Co-Chair Neal also made the task force members aware that, the Co-Chairs and Vice-Chair were asked to testify at Senate Finance to provide a status update and overview of legislative reports and shared that she would be providing that testimony on her own.

No other new business.

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

Motion: At 11:37 AM, Co-Chair Neal moved that the Task Force finds sharing information about bidder responses publicly would put the task force at a substantial disadvantage in making a decision about awarding a contract or contracts; 2nd by Jim Mack. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: At 11:37 AM, Barb Neal moved that the task force enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing one or more contracts and invite members of the Televate project management team; 2nd by Jim Mack. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session was entered at 11:37 AM. Task Force Members Barb Neal, Paul White, Ron Kumetz, Jim Mack, Michael Wright, Mike Doenges and clerk, Cally Audet attended, as well as Televate representatives, Rick Burke, and Dom Arcuri.

Motion: Mike Doenges moved that the task force exit Executive Session; 2nd by Jim Mack. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session ended at 1:03 PM.

Potential Action(s) as a Result of Executive Session

Motion: At 1:05 PM, Mike Doenges moved to authorize the Co-Chairs and Vice-Chair to enter into contract negotiation with the vendor as discussed in executive session; 2nd by Ron Kumetz. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Set Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next meeting was scheduled as a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 11:15 AM.

Motion: There being no further business, Jim Mack made a motion to adjourn; 2nd by Ron Kumetz. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cally Audet
Cally Audet, Clerk

02/02/24
Date

DRAFT

0:0:0.0 --> 0:0:2.170

Neal, Barbara

Start the recording and we'll get going.

0:0:3.560 --> 0:0:4.330

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:0:4.920 --> 0:0:6.100

Neal, Barbara

Good morning everybody.

0:0:6.570 --> 0:0:11.270

Neal, Barbara

I am calling this meeting of the Public Safety Communications Task force to order.

0:0:11.280 --> 0:0:13.210

Neal, Barbara

It is 1117.

0:0:13.680 --> 0:0:22.70

Neal, Barbara

On January 31st, 2024, as a reminder, the meetings being recorded and that recording will be posted on the Task force web page.

0:0:22.80 --> 0:0:29.90

Neal, Barbara

Following the meeting, let's start with a roll call of Task Force members.

0:0:30.360 --> 0:0:36.360

Neal, Barbara

Umm Jen Morrison is not here today and I believe Paul White just joined.

0:0:36.370 --> 0:0:37.590

Neal, Barbara

Paul, are you here?

0:0:39.620 --> 0:0:42.450

White, Paul

Uh, if I can manage to get myself unmuted, yes, I'm here.

0:0:43.20 --> 0:0:43.750

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:0:43.790 --> 0:0:45.730

Neal, Barbara

Good morning, Michael, right.

0:0:46.450 --> 0:0:47.690

Michael

I'm here. Morning.

0:0:49.170 --> 0:0:49.930

Neal, Barbara

Mike Dungeness.

0:0:50.760 --> 0:0:51.390

Doenges, Mike

I am here.

0:0:51.400 --> 0:0:51.760

Doenges, Mike

Good morning.

0:0:52.690 --> 0:0:54.360

Neal, Barbara

Thank and Ron krumitz.

0:0:58.160 --> 0:0:59.710

Neal, Barbara

I see your hand is raised, Ron.

0:0:59.720 --> 0:1:0.180

Neal, Barbara

Good morning.

0:1:2.450 --> 0:1:4.510

Neal, Barbara

And Jim Mack.

0:1:5.580 --> 0:1:5.840

James Mack

Here.

0:1:7.220 --> 0:1:7.930

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:1:8.200 --> 0:1:20.160

Neal, Barbara

Also joining us is Kelly Audette as our administrative support person and our project Manager project management team from televote, Rick Burke and Dominic are Curry.

0:1:21.800 --> 0:1:22.110

Dominick Arcuri

Morning.

0:1:20.820 --> 0:1:26.410

Neal, Barbara

Umm so morning we have a few members of the public.

0:1:26.420 --> 0:1:28.960

Neal, Barbara

It looks like Steven, would you like to introduce yourself?

0:1:32.370 --> 0:1:34.280

d3d379c9-ef0e-48b1-bd2a-e8771ab8bea6

Umm, I'm here.

0:1:36.830 --> 0:1:37.240

Neal, Barbara

Thank you.

0:1:37.250 --> 0:1:39.490

Neal, Barbara

Steven Phillips sisk.

0:1:40.980 --> 0:1:43.110

Phillip Sisk

Good morning, Phil SIS with mission critical partners.

0:1:43.920 --> 0:1:46.60

Neal, Barbara

Morning, Richard Townsend.

0:1:47.660 --> 0:1:50.410

Richard Townend

Good morning Richard Townend with Alteris technology partners.

0:1:52.50 --> 0:1:53.140

Neal, Barbara

Good morning.

0:1:53.350 --> 0:1:58.360

Neal, Barbara

And I think that covers everybody on my list.

0:1:59.570 --> 0:2:2.560

Neal, Barbara

So let's move on to approval of the agenda.

0:2:2.570 --> 0:2:12.550

Neal, Barbara

The agenda was distributed to Task Force members by email, and it's also available on our web page to do Task Force members have any changes to the agenda.

0:2:16.400 --> 0:2:22.360

Neal, Barbara

OK, hearing nothing will consider the agenda approved and move on to approval of the Minutes.

0:2:22.700 --> 0:2:25.750

Neal, Barbara

We have two sets of minutes to approve.

0:2:25.840 --> 0:2:33.590

Neal, Barbara

One is from the regular meeting on regular meeting #17 on January 17th.

0:2:33.700 --> 0:2:36.50

Neal, Barbara

Are there any changes needed to these minutes?

0:2:40.820 --> 0:2:41.410

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:2:41.900 --> 0:2:49.30

Neal, Barbara

We also need to consider the special meeting #15 minutes from January 26, 2024.

0:2:49.220 --> 0:2:51.360

Neal, Barbara

Any changes for these minutes?

0:2:56.520 --> 0:2:56.780

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:2:57.750 --> 0:3:3.380

Neal, Barbara

Umm, I will make a motion then that we approve the Minutes that are listed on today's agenda.

0:3:3.990 --> 0:3:4.900

Neal, Barbara

Is there a second?

0:3:5.850 --> 0:3:6.330

James Mack

2nd.

0:3:6.30 --> 0:3:6.330

Michael

Account.

0:3:8.20 --> 0:3:9.880

Neal, Barbara

Thank you, Jim, any discussion?

0:3:13.420 --> 0:3:13.830

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:3:13.880 --> 0:3:17.380

Neal, Barbara

All in favor, please raise your hand or signify by saying aye.

0:3:18.770 --> 0:3:19.80

Doenges, Mike

Aye.

0:3:19.320 --> 0:3:19.690

Michael

I.

0:3:21.220 --> 0:3:27.110

Neal, Barbara

All right, I am seeing all eyes including Ron's hand being up electronically.

0:3:27.340 --> 0:3:29.70

Neal, Barbara

So the Minutes are approved.

0:3:30.810 --> 0:3:33.110

Neal, Barbara

OK, let's go to public comment.

0:3:36.510 --> 0:3:44.160

Neal, Barbara

If you would like to make public comment, would you please raise your hand or otherwise indicate and Steve and I'm making an assumption that you will comment.

0:3:44.170 --> 0:3:48.500

Neal, Barbara

So I'm inviting others to let me know if they would like some time.

0:3:51.870 --> 0:3:53.150

Neal, Barbara

Looks like no others.

0:3:53.200 --> 0:3:54.800

Neal, Barbara

So Steven, go ahead.

0:3:54.810 --> 0:3:57.350

Neal, Barbara

We've allotted 10 minutes for public comment.

0:3:59.860 --> 0:4:0.650

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Ohh I won't.

0:4:0.860 --> 0:4:2.520

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I won't take 10 minutes of your time.

0:4:4.920 --> 0:4:6.430

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One, just a point of process.

0:4:6.440 --> 0:4:11.910

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I don't think a raised hand ambiguous raised hand counts as an affirmative roll call.

0:4:11.920 --> 0:4:15.450

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Vote inconsistent with open meeting law.

0:4:15.780 --> 0:4:21.220

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I think Ron needs to get his microphone working, and since he's a communications engineer, he should be able to manage that.

0:4:24.240 --> 0:4:31.690

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Because he could also just have a question or a point of process or any other thing, the raised hand doesn't mean an informative vote.

0:4:32.760 --> 0:4:42.680

d3d379c9-ef0e-48b1-bd2a-e8771ab8bea6

The word plan, I think it's unconscionable that the contract required a work plan by the 12th, and here it is the 29th or 30th and we don't have a work plan.

0:4:43.660 --> 0:4:48.270

d3d379c9-ef0e-48b1-bd2a-e8771ab8bea6

Uh, and everybody seems to just be, you know, Lada, Lada.

0:4:48.600 --> 0:5:18.110

d3d379c9-ef0e-48b1-bd2a-e8771ab8bea6

And that's not OK, because the legislature is concerned, or some in the legislature are concerned, they're taking it up this afternoon and we got nothing to show and all the points I raised that were missing from the required report to the legislature or ignored by the task force, I raised specific requirements for

inclusion and quoted the law that required inclusion in the report to the legislature on the 15th and y'all ignored them.

0:5:18.220 --> 0:5:20.620

d3d379c9-ef0e-48b1-bd2a-e8771ab8bea6

So I really wonder who's.

0:5:20.70 --> 0:5:21.800

Rick Burke

So really wonder who's.

0:5:23.490 --> 0:5:24.600

d3d379c9-ef0e-48b1-bd2a-e8771ab8bea6

I'm getting echo now.

0:5:25.440 --> 0:5:26.500

d3d379c9-ef0e-48b1-bd2a-e8771ab8bea6

Uh, who's?

0:5:28.370 --> 0:5:37.230

d3d379c9-ef0e-48b1-bd2a-e8771ab8bea6

Practicing due diligence here, or who's holding anybody's feet to the fire or accountable for the dysfunction of this task force. So.

0:5:39.670 --> 0:5:46.400

d3d379c9-ef0e-48b1-bd2a-e8771ab8bea6

The work plan, the legal counsel I don't believe is still been contracted for the subject matter.

0:5:46.410 --> 0:5:59.440

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Experts still have not been contracted for the I don't know whether legislation pending is on the agenda for after public comment or not, but I'll wait and hear.

0:6:0.70 --> 0:6:0.770

d3d379c9-ef0e-48b1-bd2a-e8771ab8bea6

I just.

0:6:1.170 --> 0:6:12.370

d3d379c9-ef0e-48b1-bd2a-e8771ab8bea6

I've raised repeatedly many policy issues the the 9,000,000 has to be out the door this year and it needs to be spent on regional dispatch transition.

0:6:12.660 --> 0:6:16.0

d3d379c9-ef0e-48b1-bd2a-e8771ab8bea6

That doesn't mean just whatever the department wants for its own.

0:6:16.830 --> 0:6:30.340

d3d379c9-ef0e-48b1-bd2a-e8771ab8bea6

I LMR and microwave so this task force is supposed to consult and differentiate what is fluffing the departments, feathering the department's own nest and what is related to regional dispatch.

0:6:30.350 --> 0:6:32.120

d3d379c9-ef0e-48b1-bd2a-e8771ab8bea6

And I have not heard these discussions.

0:6:35.300 --> 0:6:35.460

efac003c-7dfb-485e-b404-c9f86421a82e

Hello.

0:6:40.280 --> 0:6:40.730

efac003c-7dfb-485e-b404-c9f86421a82e

The deeper.

0:6:32.130 --> 0:6:42.580

d3d379c9-ef0e-48b1-bd2a-e8771ab8bea6

Those must be done in open session, so I'm I don't know what else to say other than that some of y'all need to either speak up or get off the task force, you know.

0:6:43.230 --> 0:6:43.610

d3d379c9-ef0e-48b1-bd2a-e8771ab8bea6

Umm.

0:6:45.30 --> 0:6:50.730

d3d379c9-ef0e-48b1-bd2a-e8771ab8bea6

And again, a proposal for expanding the task force and getting some more engaged.

0:6:51.120 --> 0:6:53.30

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Uh participants.

0:6:53.470 --> 0:7:6.370

d3d379c9-ef0e-48b1-bd2a-e8771ab8bea6

Uh is being discussed, but I think you've heard this before and I welcome some courageous and diligent members of the task force speaking up on these topics.

0:7:8.280 --> 0:7:8.720

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That's enough.

0:7:11.530 --> 0:7:12.90

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:7:12.710 --> 0:7:13.720

Neal, Barbara

Thank you, Steven.

0:7:14.30 --> 0:7:17.900

Neal, Barbara

I can address a couple of your comments right away if that's helpful.

0:7:18.600 --> 0:7:18.940

Neal, Barbara

Umm.

0:7:19.220 --> 0:7:32.810

Neal, Barbara

As I told you in an email This morning, the contract states that the work plan will be execute or provided within 5 days of contract signing or as agreed to by the state.

0:7:33.120 --> 0:7:38.830

Neal, Barbara

The task force has a plan for addressing that work and televators an agreement with us.

0:7:38.840 --> 0:7:39.50

Neal, Barbara

When?

0:7:39.60 --> 0:7:41.110

Neal, Barbara

How that's moving forward.

0:7:41.900 --> 0:7:56.190

Neal, Barbara

So I would define that piece as in progress as agreed to by the state, and you're correct that legal counsel there has been no, umm, no execution of a contract on that as yet.

0:7:57.360 --> 0:7:58.20

Neal, Barbara

All right.

0:7:58.90 --> 0:7:59.280

Neal, Barbara

So moving on to.

0:8:0.650 --> 0:8:5.970

d3d379c9-ef0e-48b1-bd2a-e8771ab8bea6

Barb, can you clarify what that agreement is for when the the work plan is to be available?

0:8:9.310 --> 0:8:16.340

Neal, Barbara

I can let you know that there's a meeting planned on this Friday to address some of that work.

0:8:19.510 --> 0:8:20.750

Neal, Barbara

Alright, we're moving on to.

0:8:20.100 --> 0:8:21.980
d3d379c9-ef0e-48b1-bd2a-e8771ab8bea6
So there's no there's no deliverable date.

0:8:22.920 --> 0:8:23.690
Neal, Barbara
It's uh.

0:8:23.350 --> 0:8:27.600
d3d379c9-ef0e-48b1-bd2a-e8771ab8bea6
Think the task force has the task force voted to extend this date indefinitely.

0:8:28.700 --> 0:8:31.770
Neal, Barbara
Steven, the task force does not have to vote to extend it.

0:8:39.840 --> 0:8:40.930
d3d379c9-ef0e-48b1-bd2a-e8771ab8bea6
But who is the state?

0:8:40.940 --> 0:8:42.560
d3d379c9-ef0e-48b1-bd2a-e8771ab8bea6
The state is the task force.

0:8:43.710 --> 0:8:47.270
d3d379c9-ef0e-48b1-bd2a-e8771ab8bea6
The task that yeah, yeah.

0:8:53.640 --> 0:8:53.980
efac003c-7dfb-485e-b404-c9f86421a82e
And.

0:8:31.780 --> 0:8:56.420
Neal, Barbara
It's stated in the contract that the that deliverable is due within five days or as agreed upon by the state and we are now Steven, we are going to move on to new business now we're moving on, OK, under new business, we received an task force members should have received an email from Kelly.

0:8:56.430 --> 0:9:4.600
Neal, Barbara
I think yesterday, Umm, a letter from a group of legislators in the Addison and Rutland County area.

0:9:5.830 --> 0:9:11.860
Neal, Barbara
Let me pull that up and we can take a look at it as a group.

0:9:28.670 --> 0:9:29.30
Neal, Barbara
OK.

0:9:30.580 --> 0:9:31.550

Neal, Barbara

Can everyone see that?

0:9:32.580 --> 0:9:32.680

Dominick Arcuri

Yes.

0:9:33.670 --> 0:9:33.760

James Mack

Yes.

0:9:33.830 --> 0:9:34.420

Neal, Barbara

Excellent.

0:9:35.10 --> 0:9:49.800

Neal, Barbara

OK, hopefully task force members have had a chance to review that the letter I'm looking for impressions or comments of my thought is that we can reply to this group with a status of.

0:9:52.160 --> 0:10:2.210

Neal, Barbara

The pilot project work and also provide some clarification upon the on the use of that \$9 million or the allowable uses of the 9,000,000.

0:10:2.740 --> 0:10:4.330

Neal, Barbara

But other thoughts?

0:10:4.950 --> 0:10:6.430

Neal, Barbara

Comments on that, Paul, go ahead.

0:10:8.380 --> 0:10:10.880

White, Paul

Umm yeah.

0:10:10.890 --> 0:10:29.90

White, Paul

I mean, this is maybe just me being petty, but I noticed that this letter was addressed to the two Co chairs into me dated 12 days ago and I don't know how they transmitted the letter, but the first time I saw it was when I got it from Cali yesterday, so I'm not sure what their intent was there.

0:10:29.100 --> 0:10:35.250

White, Paul

And my second thing that I noticed was this is not signed by the entire Rutland in Addison County delegations.

0:10:35.260 --> 0:10:36.130

White, Paul

It's only signed.

0:10:36.320 --> 0:10:43.490

White, Paul

It's signed by the Rutland County Senators, one of the two Addison County senators and two Rutland County representatives.

0:10:43.550 --> 0:10:49.730

White, Paul

Well, they're quite a few members not included on this so called letter from the delegation or the caucuses.

0:10:51.220 --> 0:10:53.850

White, Paul

But beyond that, more to the crux of it.

0:10:53.860 --> 0:10:56.950

White, Paul

You know, I was going back many months.

0:10:56.960 --> 0:11:8.110

White, Paul

I was a strong proponent of getting pilot project going, but since there was no entity jumping up saying pick me pick me, I wanna be the pilot project.

0:11:18.220 --> 0:11:18.350

James Mack

But.

0:11:8.190 --> 0:11:18.770

White, Paul

I backed off from that, so I'm curious to see what they seem to think that there is somebody ready and waiting in the wings in Rutland City that wants to take this on, but I have not heard that from anybody.

0:11:22.660 --> 0:11:22.940

Neal, Barbara

Right.

0:11:22.950 --> 0:11:23.370

Neal, Barbara

Go ahead, Mike.

0:11:24.230 --> 0:11:24.860

Doenges, Mike

OK, great.

0:11:25.410 --> 0:11:28.590

Doenges, Mike

So I did happen to have a conversation with a couple of these people.

0:11:28.600 --> 0:11:47.730

Doenges, Mike

I I think of response to the letter as to our status, where we are at currently our process with our subject matter experts and our project managers as well as maybe even I'm passing along the information about where we are with the legal RFP as well would be good for an update.

0:11:47.740 --> 0:11:55.670

Doenges, Mike

The conversations that I had in response to this also included the discussion around the limiting factors of the 9,000,000 and what's being done there.

0:11:56.630 --> 0:12:0.200

Doenges, Mike

Umm, the the reception was good.

0:12:0.210 --> 0:12:2.560

Doenges, Mike

I think there's willingness to listen in here.

0:12:2.700 --> 0:12:3.500

Doenges, Mike

What's going on?

0:12:3.560 --> 0:12:11.960

Doenges, Mike

What I said, you know, to the people that came to my office for this discussion is pilot projects are not off the table.

0:12:11.970 --> 0:12:13.880

Doenges, Mike

We aren't at that stage yet.

0:12:13.890 --> 0:12:34.740

Doenges, Mike

We don't even have a level of governance that we've established yet because our subject matter expert has not been hired and has not done their investigation, and now I know that I've come into this kind of fresh where a lot of you have been working on this for several years, but the approach that I took with the people that I represented, that I think we may want to consider in our response to the greater group.

0:12:36.900 --> 0:12:39.370

Doenges, Mike

Is that we are taking a metered approach.

0:12:39.380 --> 0:12:54.130

Doenges, Mike

We are using these contracts and these subject matter experts to put together what the package should and would look like and then at some point I pilot project may or could be a part of the solution or the next steps of the solution.

0:12:54.380 --> 0:12:58.430

Doenges, Mike

But I think that we are almost starting at Ground Zero here.

0:13:2.450 --> 0:13:2.670

White, Paul

Right.

0:12:58.660 --> 0:13:4.890

Doenges, Mike

Instead of starting two years in which is some of the perception, I think that is out there.

0:13:5.440 --> 0:13:5.680

White, Paul

Right.

0:13:4.960 --> 0:13:13.750

Doenges, Mike

So the fact that we're starting at Ground Zero with a new task force and a new procedure and a new set of policies and process, things are moving slower than people would like to see.

0:13:13.760 --> 0:13:29.880

Doenges, Mike

But we are doing it in my opinion and again I share this as my opinion that the task force is doing it to the best of their ability and with the appropriate process so that we are not going to have the gaps and mistakes that they are actually fearing in the in this situation.

0:13:29.890 --> 0:13:33.100

Doenges, Mike

So I think providing that information would be valuable.

0:13:33.590 --> 0:13:37.750

Doenges, Mike

I think a status update would be valuable and a next steps in the response saying.

0:13:37.760 --> 0:13:38.190

Doenges, Mike

Here's what.

0:13:38.200 --> 0:13:38.490

Doenges, Mike

What?

0:13:38.540 --> 0:13:41.850

Doenges, Mike

What's next on our list would be valuable for them to hear.

0:13:42.60 --> 0:13:47.230

Doenges, Mike

And that the pilot projects are not off the table, I think as well would be valuable for them to hear as well.

0:13:47.480 --> 0:13:53.180

Doenges, Mike

I did share my opinion that I think Rutland is ready and ripe for a pilot project and that's how it comes.

0:13:53.190 --> 0:13:59.450

Doenges, Mike

And whether that's, you know, leveraging the resources that we already have in our own city Police Department, we're establishing an entity.

0:13:59.540 --> 0:14:8.740

Doenges, Mike

I hope that the governance that the subject matter experts recommend to us and what we choose from that will guide that process as we move forward, so I know that was long winded.

0:14:8.790 --> 0:14:13.590

Doenges, Mike

I apologize, but I do think that there's a appropriate response in some of that information that I shared.

0:14:14.520 --> 0:14:15.870

Neal, Barbara

Yes, I think there is.

0:14:16.50 --> 0:14:22.160

Neal, Barbara

That's a lot of good information and things to include in the kind of a comprehensive response to them.

0:14:22.170 --> 0:14:25.500

Neal, Barbara

So they know where we stand and where we think we're going anyway.

0:14:26.360 --> 0:14:39.180

Neal, Barbara

Umm, so I can work on UM, pulling together a response that perhaps Jen and Paul and I can collaborate on to make sure we've got all the bases covered.

0:14:39.400 --> 0:14:43.120

Neal, Barbara

Paul, to answer your question, I became aware of the letter.

0:14:43.210 --> 0:14:45.580

Neal, Barbara

I think it was two days ago Monday.

0:15:2.740 --> 0:15:2.870

White, Paul

OK.

0:14:47.590 --> 0:15:4.230

Neal, Barbara

I believe it was faxed to the Commissioners office and on that day on Monday, so I'm not sure if there was another mechanism of delivery that I don't know about, but that was the first I'd heard of it as well, or seen the letter, I should say.

0:15:9.50 --> 0:15:9.390

Neal, Barbara

Right.

0:15:4.820 --> 0:15:9.770

White, Paul

Yeah, I had heard that there was one being batted around, but I didn't know.

0:15:9.780 --> 0:15:11.220

White, Paul

I didn't know that it was actually sent.

0:15:13.980 --> 0:15:14.740

Neal, Barbara

Right, yeah.

0:15:12.780 --> 0:15:15.190

White, Paul

To anybody, but we got regardless.

0:15:15.200 --> 0:15:17.100

White, Paul

Here it is. Umm.

0:15:17.900 --> 0:15:18.570

Neal, Barbara

Alright, OK.

0:15:18.580 --> 0:15:28.150

Neal, Barbara

So does that sound like the best plan to put together a a draft response and kind of circulate it between Jen and Paul and me?

0:15:30.360 --> 0:15:30.480

James Mack

Yes.

0:15:30.420 --> 0:15:31.480

Neal, Barbara

Uh, OK.

0:15:32.360 --> 0:15:37.200

Neal, Barbara

And it's a task force, OK, with us sending that when it's complete or do you want to see it again?

0:15:37.210 --> 0:15:39.600

Neal, Barbara

Our next meeting is not scheduled for two weeks.

0:15:44.700 --> 0:15:45.990

Michael

I know that you've been sending out.

0:15:44.640 --> 0:15:46.910

James Mack

I don't think I need to necessarily see.

0:15:46.970 --> 0:15:48.550

James Mack

See you to approve it in advance.

0:15:48.560 --> 0:15:53.480

James Mack

I'd be happy to see it, but not necessarily to approve it.

0:15:54.900 --> 0:16:10.150

Doenges, Mike

Barb, do you wanna give us, like, the the draft and then give us like a response window and if no one responds with any comments, then you can send it like that will give us the ability to give you a little feedback if we need to but you know.

0:16:10.90 --> 0:16:10.720

Neal, Barbara

Yeah, I'm.

0:16:17.850 --> 0:16:18.120

Doenges, Mike

Ohh.

0:16:10.770 --> 0:16:19.400

Neal, Barbara

I'm gonna do a quick check in with Paul here about whether or not that's we're able to do that or you know kind of have a conversation by email.

0:16:22.210 --> 0:16:23.230

Doenges, Mike

Got it, got it.

0:16:19.410 --> 0:16:24.330

Neal, Barbara

I think it might be an open meeting law problem. Umm.

0:16:27.480 --> 0:16:27.820

White, Paul

Umm.

0:16:30.660 --> 0:16:30.930

White, Paul

I don't.

0:16:29.920 --> 0:16:32.820

Doenges, Mike

I think if you individually respond, we're OK.

0:16:32.510 --> 0:16:34.460

White, Paul

Yeah, I mean, we're not asking for a vote.

0:16:34.470 --> 0:16:37.170

White, Paul

We're not asking for a thumbs up or a thumbs down.

0:16:37.180 --> 0:16:40.800

White, Paul

I think we're just saying this is the draft as we have it.

0:16:40.810 --> 0:16:45.40

White, Paul

If anybody has any concerns, make them known by, you know, tomorrow at 5:00.

0:16:45.50 --> 0:16:47.200

White, Paul

And if we hear from nobody, it'll be sent.

0:16:47.290 --> 0:16:48.730

White, Paul

I'd personally comfortable with that.

0:16:49.700 --> 0:16:50.760

Neal, Barbara

OK, OK.

0:16:53.150 --> 0:16:53.390

White, Paul

Right.

0:16:50.930 --> 0:16:54.360

Doenges, Mike

And just don't hit reply all when you send your replies right?

0:16:58.20 --> 0:16:58.310

Neal, Barbara

Right.

0:16:54.370 --> 0:16:58.580

Doenges, Mike

So just just hit individual reply correct.

0:16:58.320 --> 0:17:4.870

Neal, Barbara

And if it if it appears there needs to be a broader discussion about it, we can call a meeting and do that have that discussion.

0:17:4.930 --> 0:17:6.50

Neal, Barbara

So, OK, fair enough.

0:17:6.210 --> 0:17:6.430

Doenges, Mike

Good.

0:17:7.520 --> 0:17:7.980

Neal, Barbara

Umm.

0:17:9.520 --> 0:17:10.270

Neal, Barbara

All right.

0:17:10.380 --> 0:17:12.750

Neal, Barbara

Anything else on this topic from Task Force members?

0:17:15.680 --> 0:17:32.510

Neal, Barbara

OK, I do also under new business want to make you aware that I've we've been actually the Commissioner, Paul and I were asked to testify today at Senate Finance on a status of the task force work.

0:17:32.680 --> 0:17:34.410

Neal, Barbara

I'll be doing that testimony.

0:17:34.420 --> 0:17:35.630

Neal, Barbara

Jen's not available in Paul.

0:17:35.640 --> 0:17:55.280

Neal, Barbara

Won't be available, so I will be going over the legislative report that we provided to them and hopefully answering any questions they may have or bringing back questions if I need additional input from the Commissioner of Paul.

0:17:57.450 --> 0:18:2.820

Neal, Barbara

OK, so moving on well, let me ask this.

0:18:2.930 --> 0:18:5.800

Neal, Barbara

Do task force members have any other new business?

0:18:10.680 --> 0:18:11.230

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:18:11.710 --> 0:18:17.970

Neal, Barbara

So moving on then to next agenda item is executive session for the purpose of discussing one or more contracts.

0:18:18.180 --> 0:18:34.110

Neal, Barbara

So I will start us off by making a motion that the task force find that sharing information about bitter responses publicly would put the task force at a substantial disadvantage in making a decision about awarding a contract or contracts.

0:18:34.560 --> 0:18:35.590

Neal, Barbara

Is there a second?

0:18:36.900 --> 0:18:37.360

James Mack

2nd.

0:18:38.150 --> 0:18:39.0

Neal, Barbara

Thank you, Jim.

0:18:39.90 --> 0:18:39.930

Neal, Barbara
Any discussion?

0:18:42.720 --> 0:18:43.110

Neal, Barbara
OK.

0:18:43.380 --> 0:18:45.990

Neal, Barbara
All in favor of making that finding?

0:18:50.340 --> 0:18:50.700

Michael
Aye.

0:18:46.0 --> 0:18:54.730

Neal, Barbara
Please raise your hand or indicate by saying aye and I see all task force hands are up alright.

0:18:54.740 --> 0:19:9.320

Neal, Barbara
So the next step then is I will make a motion that we move into executive session for the purpose of discussing one or more contracts and that the televote project management team be included in that executive session.

0:19:10.770 --> 0:19:11.780

Neal, Barbara
Is there a second for that?

0:19:12.730 --> 0:19:13.170

James Mack
2nd.

0:19:14.300 --> 0:19:14.940

Neal, Barbara
Thanks, Jim.

0:19:14.980 --> 0:19:18.10

Neal, Barbara
All in favor, raise your hand or indicate by saying aye.

0:19:21.0 --> 0:19:29.600

Neal, Barbara
All hands are up, so we will move into executive session via the other link.

0:19:29.710 --> 0:19:36.600

Neal, Barbara
And Callie, you can do your usual notifications to our other to our guests for when we return.

0:19:37.50 --> 0:19:37.400

Neal, Barbara

All right.

0:19:37.410 --> 0:19:39.130

Neal, Barbara

We'll see you on the other link. Thanks.

0:19:40.80 --> 0:19:42.680

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

Barbed before I ditch my phone connection, can you hear me now?

0:19:43.560 --> 0:19:45.80

Neal, Barbara

Yes, I can, Ron, yes.

0:19:45.20 --> 0:19:45.710

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

Ohhh.

0:19:45.780 --> 0:19:47.420

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

Alright, that problem is gone.

0:19:47.690 --> 0:19:48.60

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:19:48.550 --> 0:19:48.750

White, Paul

Yeah.

0:19:48.70 --> 0:19:48.980

Neal, Barbara

We'll see you on the other link.

0:0:0.0 --> 0:0:1.690

Neal, Barbara

OK, great.

0:0:1.800 --> 0:0:4.100

Neal, Barbara

Kelly has started the recording back up.

0:0:7.320 --> 0:0:9.180

Neal, Barbara

Let me get my notes in front of me again.

0:0:8.580 --> 0:0:10.280

Rick Burke

Get my notes in front of me again.

0:0:16.960 --> 0:0:19.310

Neal, Barbara

OK, I believe we.

0:0:18.50 --> 0:0:20.460

Rick Burke

OK, I believe we.

0:0:21.480 --> 0:0:22.510

Neal, Barbara

I have quite an echo.

0:0:27.970 --> 0:0:28.480

Doenges, Mike

You're good now.

0:0:26.380 --> 0:0:29.270

Neal, Barbara

Umm, looks like we're good now, OK.

0:0:31.460 --> 0:0:37.30

Neal, Barbara

Alright, next agenda item is potential action as a result of executive session.

0:0:37.260 --> 0:0:39.640

Neal, Barbara

Do we have a motion, Mike?

0:0:40.760 --> 0:0:41.250

Doenges, Mike

Sure.

0:0:41.320 --> 0:0:49.580

Doenges, Mike

I'll make the motion to authorize the chairs and the vice chair to enter into contract negotiations with the vendor, as discussed in executive session.

0:0:50.400 --> 0:0:51.80

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I will second that.

0:0:51.40 --> 0:0:51.530

James Mack

2nd.

0:0:52.470 --> 0:0:53.560

Neal, Barbara

Thank you, Ron.

0:0:53.810 --> 0:0:54.650

Neal, Barbara

Any discussion?

0:0:57.930 --> 0:0:58.380

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:0:58.670 --> 0:1:1.880

Neal, Barbara

All in favor, raise your hand or indicate by saying aye.

0:1:2.640 --> 0:1:3.130

Doenges, Mike

Aye.

0:1:3.130 --> 0:1:3.460

Michael

I'm.

0:1:4.80 --> 0:1:4.380

James Mack

Alright.

0:1:3.940 --> 0:1:7.660

Neal, Barbara

I see all task force members hands are up, including rons.

0:1:9.960 --> 0:1:12.90

Neal, Barbara

And that is how we shall proceed.

0:1:13.690 --> 0:1:23.580

Neal, Barbara

OK, so the next meeting of the task force is scheduled for February 14th at 11:15, I believe.

0:1:23.590 --> 0:1:23.800

Neal, Barbara
Right.

0:1:23.810 --> 0:1:24.160

Neal, Barbara
Cali.

0:1:25.450 --> 0:1:26.190

Neal, Barbara
OK.

0:1:27.30 --> 0:1:34.960

Neal, Barbara

So we will see everyone then if there happens to be a need for a special meeting in between, then we'll let you know.

0:1:35.790 --> 0:1:43.190

Neal, Barbara

But otherwise, thank you very much for all your work today and I'll talk to you all soon.

0:1:44.900 --> 0:1:45.210

James Mack

Thank you.

0:1:45.670 --> 0:1:45.950

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

You then?

0:1:45.900 --> 0:1:46.400

Michael

Have a good day.

0:1:46.280 --> 0:1:46.940

Doenges, Mike

Motion to adjourn.

0:1:45.990 --> 0:1:47.470

Audet, Cally

We need a motion to adjourn.

0:1:47.490 --> 0:1:48.440

Neal, Barbara

Ohh, that's right.

0:1:48.350 --> 0:1:48.690

Michael

All.

0:1:48.450 --> 0:1:48.840

Neal, Barbara

I'm sorry.

0:1:48.210 --> 0:1:49.10

James Mack

Motion to adjourn.

0:1:48.850 --> 0:1:50.110

Neal, Barbara

My motion.

0:1:50.120 --> 0:1:50.750

Neal, Barbara

Thank you, Jim.

0:1:52.820 --> 0:1:53.470

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I'll second that.

0:1:53.150 --> 0:1:55.440

Neal, Barbara

A second thank you, Ron.

0:1:55.570 --> 0:1:56.200

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:1:56.250 --> 0:1:57.60

Neal, Barbara

All in favor?

0:1:57.70 --> 0:1:57.860

Neal, Barbara

Raise your hand.

0:1:58.550 --> 0:2:0.200

Neal, Barbara

Indicate by saying aye. Thanks.

0:2:0.110 --> 0:2:0.600

Doenges, Mike

I.

0:2:0.200 --> 0:2:0.670

James Mack

I.

0:2:0.240 --> 0:2:0.840

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I.

0:2:1.80 --> 0:2:1.910

Neal, Barbara

OK, great.

0:2:1.920 --> 0:2:3.290

Neal, Barbara

Now we are adjourned.

0:2:3.300 --> 0:2:4.190

Neal, Barbara

And we'll see you.

0:2:4.270 --> 0:2:6.130

Neal, Barbara

We'll see you soon.

0:2:6.620 --> 0:2:7.120

Michael

Have a good day.

0:2:6.350 --> 0:2:7.230

Neal, Barbara

Take care everybody.

0:2:7.560 --> 0:2:7.770

James Mack

Sure.

0:2:7.740 --> 0:2:7.960

Neal, Barbara

Bye bye.

0:2:6.930 --> 0:2:8.530

White, Paul

OK. Second.