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Neal, Barbara

She'll join when she's available.

0:0:3.250 --> 0:0:5.880

Neal, Barbara

All right, we've started so good morning everybody.

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Neal, Barbara

I'm calling this meeting of the Public Safety Communications Task force to order its 1119 on 8/30/2023 and I'm Barb Neil.

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Neal, Barbara

As a reminder, the meetings being recorded and that recording will be posted publicly following the meeting.

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Neal, Barbara

So I kind of did an informal roll call as we were all coming on, but I'll I'll do it again.

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Neal, Barbara

For the record, I see Paul White is here.

0:0:32.320 --> 0:0:32.920

Neal, Barbara

Good morning, Paul.

0:0:35.90 --> 0:0:35.540

White, Paul

Good morning.

0:0:37.380 --> 0:0:38.670

Neal, Barbara

Michael Wright is here.

0:0:38.680 --> 0:0:39.560

Neal, Barbara

Good morning, Michael.

0:0:40.460 --> 0:0:40.750

Michael Wright

Morning.

0:0:42.330 --> 0:0:43.600

Neal, Barbara

Ron kummetz.

0:0:43.640 --> 0:0:44.210

Neal, Barbara  
Good morning.

0:0:44.420 --> 0:0:45.400

Ron Kumetz (Guest)  
Hello, good morning.

0:0:46.240 --> 0:0:46.950

Neal, Barbara  
OK.

0:0:47.30 --> 0:0:48.160

Neal, Barbara  
And Jim, Matt, good morning.

0:0:49.710 --> 0:0:50.230

James Mack  
Good morning.

0:0:51.390 --> 0:0:51.850

Neal, Barbara  
Right.

0:0:51.960 --> 0:1:0.800

Neal, Barbara  
OK, so we do have a quorum also present of course is Cali Audette, who's providing our administrative support for the task force.

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Audet, Cally  
Yeah.

0:1:0.810 --> 0:1:9.670

Neal, Barbara  
Welcome back, Cali and we have a few other members or members of the public were uh visitors watching.

0:1:9.680 --> 0:1:12.190

Neal, Barbara  
So I see Mandy Wooster.

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Neal, Barbara  
Would you like to introduce yourself?

0:1:15.230 --> 0:1:15.730

Wooster, Mandy  
Good morning.

0:1:15.740 --> 0:1:17.40

Wooster, Mandy

My name is Maddie Wooster.

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Wooster, Mandy

I do policy development for the Department of Public Safety.

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Neal, Barbara

Morning, Mandy and Steven Whittaker.

0:1:24.790 --> 0:1:25.550

Neal, Barbara

I believe that's you.

0:1:32.260 --> 0:1:34.280

Neal, Barbara

If you're speaking, we can't hear you, Steven.

0:1:39.600 --> 0:1:51.950

Neal, Barbara

OK, I'm going to carry on to the first agenda item or second really, which is the approval of the agenda or any proposed additions or changes.

0:1:52.210 --> 0:1:58.630

Neal, Barbara

So the agenda was distributed to Task Force members late last week, and it's also posted on our web page.

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Neal, Barbara

Do task force members have any changes to the agenda?

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Neal, Barbara

No.

0:2:8.200 --> 0:2:8.770

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:2:8.820 --> 0:2:22.710

Neal, Barbara

Hearing none, we'll move on to approval of the Minutes from August 17th, 2023 and those excuse me, those meeting minutes were distributed late last week as well and are also available on the web page.

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Neal, Barbara

Is there a motion to approve the Minutes from August 17?

0:2:29.540 --> 0:2:30.30

Michael Wright

So moved.

0:2:31.240 --> 0:2:33.290

Neal, Barbara

Michael, thank you. Second.

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Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I'll second that.

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White, Paul

I can 2nd that it's Paul.

0:2:42.290 --> 0:2:42.920

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:2:43.0 --> 0:2:43.680

Neal, Barbara

Thank you, Paul.

0:2:44.970 --> 0:2:46.240

Neal, Barbara

Any discussion on the Minutes?

0:2:50.270 --> 0:2:56.530

Neal, Barbara

OK, I'm gonna do a roll call cause I'm not seeing very many people on camera here.

0:2:56.540 --> 0:3:2.270

Neal, Barbara

So this is if you are in favor of the approval of the Minutes, please say aye, Michael Wright.

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Michael Wright

Sorry, aye.

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Neal, Barbara

Kate Paul.

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White, Paul

I.

0:3:9.840 --> 0:3:10.200

Neal, Barbara

Ron.

0:3:11.80 --> 0:3:11.470

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I.

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Neal, Barbara

Jim.

0:3:17.550 --> 0:3:18.300

Neal, Barbara

You're muted, Jim.

0:3:25.810 --> 0:3:26.170

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:3:26.280 --> 0:3:30.940

Neal, Barbara

I'll vote in favor of them, which I believe is enough to get them approved. Correct.

0:3:31.790 --> 0:3:34.500

Neal, Barbara

Alright, minutes are approved.

0:3:34.940 --> 0:3:45.920

Neal, Barbara

So next on the agenda is an update or status really of the OR the two RFP's that were distributed.

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Neal, Barbara

So both the little RFP for project management and the big RFP for subject matter expertise, we're publicly posted on August 22nd.

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Neal, Barbara

I updates were posted on August 28th.

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Neal, Barbara

There were some items that were discovered that needed correction, so we we made the following correct.

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Neal, Barbara

Here's a summary.

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Neal, Barbara

So the title of the little RFP was changed to better reflect the purpose of the procurement as was addressed in an earlier task force meeting.

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Neal, Barbara

So we added the words project management, where initially it just said essentially task force support.

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Neal, Barbara

The little RFP indicated originally and expected start date of January 2024 and that was corrected because as we discussed in the task force meeting, we're expecting that work to begin as soon as possible.

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Neal, Barbara

So that change was made.

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Neal, Barbara

Umm, we also corrected the first paragraph and the little RFP to more clearly indicate the services that were being sought which which is project management.

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Neal, Barbara

So there had been a paragraph that we approved in the task force meeting earlier this month that was essentially moved up and incorporated into the first paragraph of the the RFP template.

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Neal, Barbara

And then both RFP's when they were originally released indicated that the projects were being funded by federal dollars, which requires bidders to do take additional steps in their in their bitter responses.

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Neal, Barbara

So these projects are not being funded by federal dollars.

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Neal, Barbara

So we corrected that, removed the.

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Neal, Barbara

The sections that referenced federal funding and any requirements related to them, it's it's noted that

there may come a point in as this project, the big project evolves where there are federal funds involved and if we issue RFP's Umm, that we're that are are going to use federal funds will note it in those you know subsequent RFP's.

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Neal, Barbara  
RFP's.

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Neal, Barbara  
'S.

0:6:8.890 --> 0:6:13.910

Neal, Barbara  
So umm, any questions on the changes that we made?

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Neal, Barbara  
OK.

0:6:18.830 --> 0:6:36.850

White, Paul

I don't have a question, but I would just for the for the benefit of the other task force members and just say that the reason these questions had to be made is, you know, after we as a group had approved these RFP's on August 17th, the documents then went through the process at the Agency of Digital Services.

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White, Paul  
Services.

0:6:50.330 --> 0:6:50.720

Neal, Barbara  
Yep.

0:6:37.760 --> 0:6:54.90

White, Paul

They went through a process at the BGS Procurement Office and then of course they went to the procurement officer at the Department of Public Safety and somewhere through those three different steps, kind of like the telephone game, some things got changed from what we had approved on the 17th.

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White, Paul

So we had to make some corrections to make sure they reflected what we as a group had approved two weeks ago.

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Neal, Barbara  
Right.

0:7:2.270 --> 0:7:2.810

Neal, Barbara  
Thank you, Paul.

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Neal, Barbara  
That's good context if you are curious to see the full documents they are posted on the web page now.

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Neal, Barbara  
So as a reminder, the bitter questions are due for the little RFP by September 6 for the big RFP by September 8th.

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Neal, Barbara  
The and the little RFP responses are due September 26.

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Neal, Barbara  
Big RFP responses are due October 13th.

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Neal, Barbara  
Umm, the task force should plan to meet in.

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Neal, Barbara  
In my view, there's a couple different ways we can handle this, but.

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Neal, Barbara  
The task force should be involved in responding and reviewing any question, responding to and reviewing any questions that come in from vendors, rather than leaving that as kind of an administrative function of the Department of Public Safety.

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Neal, Barbara  
I think that goes a bit beyond administrative support and we as a group, in my opinion I guess would, I wanna stress would should be involved in those decisions.

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Kim Cheney (Guest)  
Right.



0:8:15.720 --> 0:8:49.100

Neal, Barbara

So in situations that I've been involved with, with RFP's at the 911 board, our practice is to wait for all of the questions to come in from the vendors by the due date and then review them and respond to them as one one action, if you will, one meeting to discuss all the questions and develop the responses, Department of Public Safety has historically handled that a little differently and they respond to the questions as they come in.

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Neal, Barbara

If we're going to have task force involvement in reviewing and responding to questions, that would mean a lot of task force meetings potentially, or we could do it all together as a group after the deadlines for each of those.

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Neal, Barbara

Each of those bitter questions, so I guess that's a question we should discuss and decide on.

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Neal, Barbara

And there's various components there that you might not agree with, with my opinion on all of that.

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Neal, Barbara

But open the floor for discussion.

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Neal, Barbara

Yep.

0:9:35.180 --> 0:9:37.110

White, Paul

Well, I'll go ahead, I guess.

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White, Paul

I don't.

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White, Paul

I don't necessarily have a preference.

0:9:39.660 --> 0:9:49.910

White, Paul

I will say that you know, I work as a contractor for the department, for the Agency of Transportation, and when I have to bid on those contracts, AOT does it the way you do it, Barb.

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White, Paul

They wait until the deadline for questions and then they answer all of the questions for all of their people, asking questions all at once.

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White, Paul

So nobody gets any information sooner than anybody else.

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White, Paul

However, with that said, if you know if the group wants to do it the way the Commissioner uh proposed with where we answer each question as it arrives, I'm not opposed to that.

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White, Paul

But like you said, it might mean getting the task force together more often to take up those questions as they come.

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Neal, Barbara

OK, Michael Cohen.

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Michael Wright

I I guess I would say I would propose that we wait and do it all as a all of them at once.

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Neal, Barbara

OK.

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Neal, Barbara

Jim, I see you nodding.

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Neal, Barbara

You agree with that?

0:10:41.240 --> 0:10:42.870

James Mack

Yeah, I I agree with that.

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James Mack

I'd rather wait and do them all at once.

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Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:10:47.700 --> 0:10:51.230

Neal, Barbara

Ron, do you have a an opinion or any thoughts on this issue?

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Ron Kumetz (Guest)

Umm.

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Ron Kumetz (Guest)

In the big picture and from my experience in in various other areas, I'd say that responding to the questions as soon as possible so that multiple vendors don't go down and incorrect path that one vendor happened to discover and ask a question about is a preferable way to do this.

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Kim Cheney (Guest)

Right.

0:11:18.720 --> 0:11:33.720

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I I'd say that maybe we should wait and see how many questions start arriving and then decide on whether or not we wanna have a meeting or you know, to to address those or if we wanna wait until they just all show up.

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Ron Kumetz (Guest)

So I I guess that really depends on whether the the, the, the, the pretense amount to a trickle or a deluge.

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Kim Cheney (Guest)

What?

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Neal, Barbara

Right.

0:11:43.770 --> 0:11:55.240

Neal, Barbara

I can tell you that I am aware of one question that's come in on the I think was on the big RFP which brought up this whole this whole topic of how are we gonna handle these?

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Neal, Barbara

So one question.

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Kim Cheney (Guest)

I'm.

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Neal, Barbara

Since they've been released, umm, I suppose we could ask the Commissioner just to monitor how many questions are coming in and if it feels like it's a deluge then we could have a a schedule a meeting to handle what we have and then a second meeting to handle what comes in following that.

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Neal, Barbara

Umm, but it it sounds like the consensus is will that the preferences to handle them come all at once in a timely manner so that we can get responses back?

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Neal, Barbara

Our response is back out as soon as possible so vendors can continue their work.

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Neal, Barbara

So with that said, that would imply that we would have a meeting next Thursday the 7th because little RFP questions are due on the 6th.

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Neal, Barbara

And then the big RFP questions are due on Friday.

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Neal, Barbara

So I would recommend that we meet on Monday, whatever that day is.

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Neal, Barbara

I think it's the 11th actually to review those questions.

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Neal, Barbara

If that works for everyone and we can discuss those specifics when we get to setting the next meeting dates, does that work for everyone?

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Neal, Barbara

OK, not hearing any objections to that, so OK.

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Neal, Barbara

The other thing that could streamline just keep in mind streamline those meetings is they could be special meetings that have just this topic on the on the agenda so that there's no other issues discussed.

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Kim Cheney (Guest)

Right.

0:13:29.50 --> 0:13:38.930

Neal, Barbara

If if you decide that's the way you want to approach it, OK, so update on congressionally directed spending application.

0:13:43.660 --> 0:13:43.940

Kim Cheney (Guest)

Right.

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Neal, Barbara

Commissioner Morrison did let me and Paul know earlier this week that the grant application was submitted on the 28th of August right before the deadline, and it is currently under independent review.

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Neal, Barbara

So I don't have a more of an update on that.

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Neal, Barbara

Maybe when the Commissioner can join us, she'll be able to tell us a little bit more about that.

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Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:14:8.610 --> 0:14:17.40

Neal, Barbara

Next agenda item is to solicit member input on task force priorities during the RFP process.

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Neal, Barbara

So the question is, what do we need to be thinking about while while the vendors are out there, hopefully working hard on their responses to us, I have a couple ideas, but I want to hear from other task force Members first.

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Neal, Barbara

So who's got some ideas here?

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Neal, Barbara

Alright, I will start then with my.

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Neal, Barbara

Well, actually I could start with.

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Neal, Barbara

The Commissioner had sent some thoughts over earlier for me, all the way reading, reading what she had and and tell you what I had on my list.

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Neal, Barbara

One of the things I'm a little keeps running through my mind about the task force is, umm, how we're represented, how the various constituencies stakeholders in the state are represented on the task force, right?

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Neal, Barbara

So we each have who we are representing, which is good and and all appropriate.

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Neal, Barbara

I am getting feedback from.

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Neal, Barbara

So from some people that there is maybe some missing representation.

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Neal, Barbara

So for example, local and county law enforcement don't have a specific the sworn side don't have a specific representation here.

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Neal, Barbara

Now Jim Mack was appointed by the Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police to represent the communications component of of their operations. So.

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Neal, Barbara

So it's more the sworn side that I'm hearing about, you know, sort of some missing represent representation.

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Neal, Barbara

I'm wondering too, how the fire service is represented.

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Neal, Barbara

We have.

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Neal, Barbara

We have Volunteer Fire service run through the Firefighters Association if I'm remembering who it is and what they represent, I'm wondering if there needs to be additional from the career side, the House.

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Neal, Barbara

The other thing is that I know is missing perhaps and I'm not mean.

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Neal, Barbara

There's nothing we can do to change the makeup of the task force members, absent legislative involvement, but we can still reach out and engage with these groups if we think it's appropriate.

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Neal, Barbara

But the non piece app emergency communications aren't aren't here, who may have a different perspective on things.

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Neal, Barbara

So one of the things we put into the RFP was to develop a stakeholder engagement plan.

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Neal, Barbara

I'm thinking we should have a pretty good list of who we think we want to do outreach for or to and those would be my thoughts on that.

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Neal, Barbara

I wonder, does anybody else have any any input on the stakeholders we should be keeping in mind here for like a targeted outreach?

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White, Paul

Sure.

0:17:46.370 --> 0:17:49.760

White, Paul

This is Paul and I'm sorry I don't have a camera on today.

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White, Paul

I'm just attending by my phone.

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Neal, Barbara

It's OK.

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White, Paul

Ohm, I agree with everything you said, Barb.

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White, Paul

I guess I would add to that list the.

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White, Paul

The municipalities who are gonna find them, and they may be somewhat represented through Michael or through Ron, but there's a bunch of small municipalities who eventually are gonna, who currently receive all their dispatching for free from the state police and they are eventually gonna find themselves told to go elsewhere.

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White, Paul

And they really are the ones that sort of started this whole process over a year ago.

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White, Paul

How we ended up where we are today and so I think I don't know if it's through the league of cities and Towns or somehow reaching those communities that are gonna have to start paying for something they've never paid for before.

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Neal, Barbara

Yep, that's a good point.

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Michael Wright

Or or.

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Michael Wright

I guess the add to that what Paul said is the ones that may not be a regional center.

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Michael Wright

So as a for instance, St Jay obviously has a dispatch center here and they actually have plans to move that into a new building and kind of expand their dispatching.

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Michael Wright

Ohm.

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Michael Wright

Uh, space, I guess.



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Michael Wright

But if it went to, let's say, Newport, then you know that early heads up would be important I think.

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Neal, Barbara

OK.

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Michael Wright

But I don't know what's going.

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Michael Wright

It's going to take some time before we know that information I guess, but I guess getting that word out that it's possible that something like that happens.

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Neal, Barbara

OK.

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Neal, Barbara

Yep, that's a good point.

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White, Paul

And.

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James Mack

Back when 911 first came online, it was put out to all the dispatch centers who wanted to jump in on being neither one facility.

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James Mack

I'm doing the same thing.

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James Mack

Be a good idea to do to all the dispatches today.

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James Mack

See who wants to expand their operations and take on additional areas.

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James Mack

Yes.

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Neal, Barbara

Yes.

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Neal, Barbara

See who even has an interest?

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Neal, Barbara

Yeah, ohm.

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Neal, Barbara

Wait.

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White, Paul

Yeah, that's a good point.

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White, Paul

I mean, that was that was kind of done last year when when the Commissioner was planning to award that that was that the nine million was that the 11 million I've lost track of the pots of money.

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White, Paul

But there was a group of 10 or 11 or 12 agencies that stepped forward last year to ask for some of that federal funding to either create a new or expand an existing dispatch center that could sort of serve as a regional center.

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White, Paul

And then they all got shut down because the legislature sort of changed the direction of things.

0:20:50.330 --> 0:20:53.570

White, Paul

And so there is a group of them that are already sort of pre identified.

0:20:56.480 --> 0:20:56.760

Neal, Barbara

Yep.

0:20:53.580 --> 0:20:57.810

White, Paul

But yeah, we should do another another query to make sure to see who's still of it.

0:20:57.880 --> 0:21:0.130

White, Paul

See who's still interested and who might be interested.

0:21:0.140 --> 0:21:1.900

White, Paul

Now, that didn't raise their hand last year.

0:21:4.550 --> 0:21:4.770

Neal, Barbara

Right.

0:21:4.490 --> 0:21:28.620

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

It would seem to me that to do the best justice to this task at hand, somehow creating a master list of fire police and, you know, fire, law enforcement and EMS agencies and and where and how they're dispatched might be a good way to avoid, you know, leaving somebody fall through the cracks.

0:21:31.760 --> 0:21:32.850

Neal, Barbara

I think that's a good idea.

0:21:32.860 --> 0:21:40.530

Neal, Barbara

I also think that we probably have a good list to start from on the 911 side.

0:21:40.760 --> 0:21:43.280

Neal, Barbara

Umm that we I could pull together.

0:21:46.620 --> 0:21:47.360

White, Paul

Yeah, and that was.

0:21:46.190 --> 0:21:50.20

Neal, Barbara

So that would be the the dispatch agencies that we interact with.

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Neal, Barbara

So we'd have to be careful.

0:21:51.90 --> 0:21:52.280

Neal, Barbara

We didn't lose anyone.

0:21:53.30 --> 0:22:6.980

Neal, Barbara

Also, through the associations like the Sheriff's Association, the Chiefs of Police, the whatever other, some entities stakeholders would be involved the the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and so forth.

0:22:7.510 --> 0:22:8.880

Neal, Barbara

Paul, were you gonna say something more?

0:22:10.470 --> 0:22:11.780

White, Paul

That I was just gonna say.

0:22:11.790 --> 0:22:13.320

White, Paul

Yeah, that's that's correct.

0:22:19.550 --> 0:22:19.810

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:22:13.330 --> 0:22:22.430

White, Paul

And that also was included as an attachment in last year's working groups final report, although that is a little dated, that information is a little dated now.

0:22:22.440 --> 0:22:25.970

White, Paul

I'm sure it changes periodically, umm.

0:22:26.570 --> 0:22:27.350

Neal, Barbara

It does. Yeah.

0:22:28.650 --> 0:22:29.700

Neal, Barbara

So I will.

0:22:30.440 --> 0:22:33.810

Neal, Barbara

I'll look into that and get at least a start of a list going.

0:22:35.390 --> 0:22:46.240

White, Paul

But that but that also is something that we are proposing the contractor to do under the big RFP is to identify you know every Community and who they're dispatched by.

0:22:46.250 --> 0:22:50.140

White, Paul

Cause you know some communities are multiple dispatched by multiple entities.

0:22:51.690 --> 0:22:52.140

Neal, Barbara  
Right.

0:22:52.150 --> 0:22:52.510

Neal, Barbara  
So the.

0:22:51.810 --> 0:22:55.40

White, Paul  
You know, like Berlin, for example, the town of Berlin's a good example.

0:22:55.50 --> 0:22:57.400

White, Paul  
Example, they're police is dispatched by the state police.

0:22:57.590 --> 0:23:3.210

White, Paul  
Their fire is dispatched by Montpelier and their ambulance is dispatched by Lamar County. So.

0:23:5.230 --> 0:23:5.640

Neal, Barbara  
Right.

0:23:5.650 --> 0:23:9.60

Neal, Barbara  
So yeah, they'll be their job to kind of round out that information.

0:23:9.70 --> 0:23:19.400

Neal, Barbara  
So we have a complete picture and also I don't want you to us to be doing the work that we're gonna hire a contractor to do, right, to do the stakeholder engagement.

0:23:19.230 --> 0:23:19.490

White, Paul  
Right.

0:23:19.410 --> 0:23:30.400

Neal, Barbara  
But I think it I I would propose and actually I would do this if if if you find it valuable, I think we should put together and I'll do it.

0:23:30.410 --> 0:23:36.100

Neal, Barbara  
If you want a summary of what the task force has done to date, you know we were formed.

0:23:36.110 --> 0:23:57.940

Neal, Barbara  
Here are the Members the the summary of the RFP's that have been issued and kind of just a summary

of what we've done and get that out at least to our you know the constituencies that we all represent and maybe some easily identifiable other entities that we want informed.

0:23:58.650 --> 0:23:59.210

Neal, Barbara

Umm.

0:23:59.970 --> 0:24:10.850

Neal, Barbara

If you think that's a worthwhile to kind of start the stakeholder engagement in a very informal way, I'll put that I'll put that summary together and we can take a look at it next week.

0:24:16.250 --> 0:24:16.700

White, Paul

Yeah, I think.

0:24:15.180 --> 0:24:21.590

James Mack

Well, I also don't think it would be bad, dad, but some of these agencies out there know that the RFP is coming in.

0:24:25.660 --> 0:24:25.800

Neal, Barbara

Yes.

0:24:26.660 --> 0:24:27.40

White, Paul

Right.

0:24:21.600 --> 0:24:28.400

James Mack

A vendor's gonna be asking them a lot of questions about their operations and if they're interested in expanding their operation.

0:24:31.270 --> 0:24:31.500

Neal, Barbara

Yep.

0:24:34.910 --> 0:24:35.230

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:24:38.920 --> 0:24:39.180

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:24:47.770 --> 0:24:48.230

Michael Wright

Would it?

0:24:41.450 --> 0:24:52.230

Neal, Barbara

I'll put together a summary and we can we can talk about it next week, which negates what I said about it being a special meeting just to talk about the other responses.

0:24:52.240 --> 0:24:52.650

Neal, Barbara

But we can.

0:24:52.660 --> 0:24:53.430

Neal, Barbara

We'll figure that out.

0:24:53.480 --> 0:24:54.720

Neal, Barbara

Michael, did you have something more?

0:24:55.430 --> 0:24:57.540

Michael Wright

Yeah, I was just thinking, would it be beneficial?

0:25:0.130 --> 0:25:13.860

Michael Wright

After maybe the letters are sent out or the your information that you're gonna send out, maybe some regional meetings that we all sign into to answer questions or get feedback from.

0:25:14.110 --> 0:25:21.100

Michael Wright

So we could have one based out of Rutland, maybe one based out of St Johnsbury one Chittenden County or whatever.

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Jim Morgan (Guest)

What?

0:25:21.110 --> 0:25:26.720

Michael Wright

Maybe four different regional meetings that we could update everybody on.

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Michael Wright

What is current?

0:25:28.10 --> 0:25:29.80

Michael Wright

What's happening?

0:25:29.150 --> 0:25:31.60

Michael Wright

What to expect that type of stuff?

0:25:31.70 --> 0:25:42.720

Michael Wright

I think that would be really well received and allow them again the opportunity to ask any questions that maybe some of us haven't even thought of at this point.

0:25:43.90 --> 0:25:43.430

Neal, Barbara

Right.

0:25:45.390 --> 0:25:50.540

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

Yeah, I I think I think it's gonna be imperative to actually push this on people.

0:25:51.190 --> 0:26:6.760

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

My experience with Vcom uh was that there were some, some agency that sort of chose to ignore things and then they're excuse going forward was nobody told us about that.

0:26:6.770 --> 0:26:25.120

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

So I think when agencies don't respond, it's sort of imperative that we, uh, you know, reach out to their select boards or or take whatever you know is necessary so that communities are not left in the dust because some fire, EMS or law enforcement.

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Ron Kumetz (Guest)

You know, Chief decided that this was not important.

0:26:32.970 --> 0:26:33.440

Neal, Barbara

Right.

0:26:34.610 --> 0:26:35.20

White, Paul

That's all.

0:26:33.490 --> 0:26:38.750

Neal, Barbara

Yeah, I think I think opening up the lines of communication is really important. Agree.

0:26:40.250 --> 0:26:41.820

White, Paul

That's that's that's an excellent.



0:26:41.890 --> 0:26:48.710

White, Paul

That's that's an excellent point, because just because the Fire Chief knows doesn't necessarily mean that the town manager knows or the select board knows.

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Neal, Barbara

Right.

0:26:51.760 --> 0:26:54.720

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I exception you picking the Fire Chief to be the victim here.

0:26:54.860 --> 0:26:55.110

White, Paul

Yeah.

0:26:58.910 --> 0:26:59.250

Neal, Barbara

Alright.

0:26:56.540 --> 0:27:0.450

White, Paul

Yeah, just an example.

0:27:0.460 --> 0:27:1.220

White, Paul

Just as an example.

0:27:3.430 --> 0:27:3.940

Neal, Barbara

So good.

0:27:3.950 --> 0:27:9.880

Neal, Barbara

So on that stakeholder engagement communications piece, I've got a couple take takeaways.

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Neal, Barbara

One is to update that master list of agencies and contacts and draft this summary that we'll talk about next week.

0:27:18.950 --> 0:27:26.660

Neal, Barbara

So, umm, so if we're done for now with that topic, there is one other thing that we need.

0:27:26.670 --> 0:27:40.610

Neal, Barbara

I think we need to be thinking about as the vendors are hopefully working on their responses and that is how we will evaluate the RFP responses when they come in.

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Neal, Barbara

It could be a I suppose the some of the options are.

0:27:45.760 --> 0:27:46.870

Neal, Barbara

It could be the entire task.

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Neal, Barbara

Force.

0:27:47.240 --> 0:27:57.10

Neal, Barbara

It could be a a subset of our already kind of small task force, or what's your?

0:27:57.20 --> 0:27:59.610

Neal, Barbara

What are your thoughts on that?

0:28:3.490 --> 0:28:5.740

Neal, Barbara

And maybe maybe I should frame it up this way.

0:28:5.810 --> 0:28:17.140

Neal, Barbara

I don't know how much experience people have with RFP's and their evaluation, but there is there is a a matrix that we defined in the RFP, right?

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Neal, Barbara

That will be kind of guiding our discussions.

0:28:20.810 --> 0:28:32.920

Neal, Barbara

Sometimes RFP's can be lengthy, so if there's if there are a number of responses, it will take some time to read and digest that, and then we would meet as a group to to.

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Neal, Barbara

So, but my experience in the past has been there.

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Neal, Barbara

They are reviewed and evaluated individually by the evaluation team, and then there's a discussion to come to a final a final assessment of each.

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Neal, Barbara

So there is, there is some work involved.

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Neal, Barbara

So what do task force members think is a good approach for that?

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Neal, Barbara

While I see you're unmuted, I don't know if you wanted to say.

0:29:5.630 --> 0:29:8.870

White, Paul

Yeah, I was just gonna say considering that we're a pretty small group already.

0:29:10.480 --> 0:29:11.570

White, Paul

Who are a group of seven?

0:29:11.580 --> 0:29:14.910

White, Paul

And I think there's only been one or two times that we've had all seven of us together.

0:29:14.920 --> 0:29:16.790

White, Paul

We're generally is only five or six.

0:29:17.260 --> 0:29:17.490

Neal, Barbara

Right.

0:29:16.840 --> 0:29:22.430

White, Paul

I think that as many of us as can do, it should make up the review team.

0:29:26.450 --> 0:29:26.790

Neal, Barbara

Anybody.

0:29:27.640 --> 0:29:28.340

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

Yeah, I agree.

0:29:29.690 --> 0:29:30.360

Neal, Barbara

Ron, OK.

0:29:32.620 --> 0:29:33.140

James Mack  
Same here.

0:29:33.900 --> 0:29:34.810

Neal, Barbara  
OK, great.

0:29:34.820 --> 0:29:36.50

Neal, Barbara  
I agree with that as well.

0:29:36.60 --> 0:29:40.890

Neal, Barbara  
I would, and I was hoping that would be the case, that we would all take a look at that.

0:29:40.900 --> 0:29:50.210

Neal, Barbara  
So we'll we'll keep that in mind and and look at the schedule and get the meetings on the on the calendar, maybe even next week.

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Neal, Barbara  
I don't not ready quite in my head to do it yet, but you know to allow some time for evaluation and then getting back together to to discuss.

0:30:0.850 --> 0:30:2.890

Neal, Barbara  
So OK, that sounds good.

0:30:2.900 --> 0:30:19.240

Neal, Barbara  
So we talked about stakeholder engagement, communications with them and now we've talked about the response evaluation team or approach other things that we need to be considering right now.

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Neal, Barbara  
OK.

0:30:33.980 --> 0:30:40.310

Neal, Barbara  
It's a big question, so it's not like we have to be one and done in this conversation, right?

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Neal, Barbara  
We can come back to this after the fact or or in future meetings.

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Neal, Barbara

I think we've got a pretty good start on things to do right now.

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Neal, Barbara

Paul, do you happen to have the Commissioners email in front of you and do we wanna go over some of the things that she listed?

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White, Paul

Uh, if you bear with me just a second here.

0:31:9.360 --> 0:31:10.460

White, Paul

I think I can.

0:31:9.160 --> 0:31:11.170

Neal, Barbara

That's I'm doing the same thing and I apologize.

0:31:11.180 --> 0:31:13.0

Neal, Barbara

I should have this up and running before.

0:31:17.890 --> 0:31:18.440

Neal, Barbara

Here we go.

0:31:18.490 --> 0:31:19.50

Neal, Barbara

I found it.

0:31:22.80 --> 0:31:33.840

Neal, Barbara

So one of her questions, and this was kind of just an informal exchange, so was whether or not we needed a separate RFP to identify options for sustainable financing?

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Neal, Barbara

Now the Commissioner and Paul and I had a little exchange where we think that that is covered in the existing big RFP and so it may be best to wait until we get those responses, see how vendors might address that and then decide if we need to go to some other process.

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Neal, Barbara

So the other thing she mentioned was.

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Neal, Barbara

She talked about who was going to be involved in reviewing and scoring the RFP's that we've covered.

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Neal, Barbara

That and there had has been a suggestion at a couple of meetings now that the task force should consist, should consider getting its own legal counsel.

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Neal, Barbara

Umm, earlier we were we were engaged with the Department of Public Safety, Legal Counsel in the, you know, development of well the confidentiality policy and just as a kind of consulting for how to do things right.

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Neal, Barbara

The 901 boards legal counsel is through the Attorney General's Office, and he was involved in some of the very preliminary work.

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Neal, Barbara

Very preliminary work, but neither of those are independent and representing just the task force, so I'm not sure I have a strong opinion on this, but I'm wondering if others on the task force do.

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White, Paul

Well, I will.

0:33:20.60 --> 0:33:20.440

White, Paul

I had.

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Neal, Barbara

Yep.

0:33:22.620 --> 0:33:42.730

White, Paul

Suggested we talk about this because I actually I had a call from Mr Cheney, who was I think is the one who has brought this to our attention a couple times and considering that he is a former Attorney general of our state, I thought his if it's his opinion that we should have outside counsel, that it certainly was at least worthy of a discussion.

0:33:42.820 --> 0:33:52.370

White, Paul

I I'm personally I'm not thinking of a scenario where I think either the AG's office or DPS's legal counsel would be conflicted.

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White, Paul  
Be conflicted.

0:33:53.130 --> 0:33:56.480

White, Paul  
However, it certainly is possible and I guess I don't.

0:33:56.850 --> 0:34:3.190

White, Paul  
I don't know if we need our own outside counsel or not, but Umm Kim had brought it up a couple of times.

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White, Paul  
I thought it certainly was worth the task forces discussion.

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Neal, Barbara  
Oops, can you hear me funny?

0:34:14.670 --> 0:34:14.960

Neal, Barbara  
Beeps.

0:34:14.970 --> 0:34:16.530

Neal, Barbara  
I'm not sure where they're coming from, but.

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Neal, Barbara  
Any other, Mr Cheney, I see your hand and I just wanna check to see if task force members have any other input on this.

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Neal, Barbara  
And then I'll take a comment from Mr Cheney.

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James Mack  
I haven't seen a need as of yet for one, but it doesn't rule out the fact that we may need one at some point potentially.

0:34:41.220 --> 0:34:41.670

Neal, Barbara  
Right.

0:34:41.680 --> 0:34:51.10

Neal, Barbara

And if we do, it would not be fun to then have to go out through some long lengthy process to get one to, you know, to get legal counsel.

0:34:53.480 --> 0:34:53.820

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:34:56.10 --> 0:34:58.360

Neal, Barbara

I'm gonna take a comment from Mr Cheney.

0:34:59.520 --> 0:34:59.840

Neal, Barbara

Go ahead.

0:35:8.220 --> 0:35:9.350

Neal, Barbara

You're muted, Kim.

0:35:9.360 --> 0:35:11.850

Neal, Barbara

If if you can hear me, we can't hear you.

0:35:20.850 --> 0:35:21.130

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:35:24.890 --> 0:35:25.830

Neal, Barbara

I'm still not hearing.

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Neal, Barbara

All right.

0:35:34.620 --> 0:35:39.970

Neal, Barbara

I think what we'll do, hopefully we can hear Kim in a little bit, but right now still muted.

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Neal, Barbara

So I think it might make sense for me to go back and talk to the Commissioner about how would we would do this.

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Neal, Barbara

I suspect it might be another RFP, but I I'm not certain what the process would be so I can have a conversation with her and also the vice chair Paul White could be involved and we can figure out what potential next steps are on that front.



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Kim Cheney (Guest)

I think I've unmuted.

0:36:11.880 --> 0:36:12.550

Neal, Barbara

There you are.

0:36:12.600 --> 0:36:13.610

Neal, Barbara

Yes, go ahead.

0:36:14.120 --> 0:36:14.740

Neal, Barbara

Go ahead, Kim.

0:36:14.130 --> 0:36:21.250

Kim Cheney (Guest)

Sorry, look the problem I foresee is any regional.

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Kim Cheney (Guest)

Hannity new or expanded?

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Kim Cheney (Guest)

Is gonna be a very complicated job.

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Kim Cheney (Guest)

It's gonna require understanding the requirements for proportional representation taxation.

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Kim Cheney (Guest)

A lot of very complicated things that is not normally in the wheelhouse of assistant attorneys general.

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Kim Cheney (Guest)

And.

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Kim Cheney (Guest)

The experience that I had with this is it's fraught with conflicts amongst people, not only people who want.

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Kim Cheney (Guest)

Usually more power than others, but how to resolve them equitably and actually construct a regional organization?

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Kim Cheney (Guest)

So I don't think this is necessarily a day to day problem on procedures and the like, but I think it's a long range problem.

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Kim Cheney (Guest)

If you're ever gonna construct a a regional system that works and.

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Kim Cheney (Guest)

I'm puzzled over it for hours and I can't say that I really understand all the ends and outs of it.

0:37:50.710 --> 0:37:59.640

Kim Cheney (Guest)

It's it's complex, so I think you need somebody familiar with intermunicipal.

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Kim Cheney (Guest)

Organization.

0:38:8.650 --> 0:38:12.760

Kim Cheney (Guest)

And it's something that's task force is going to have to face.

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Kim Cheney (Guest)

At one point, if they ever decide to go regional.

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Kim Cheney (Guest)

And you could do an RFP or you can informally.

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Kim Cheney (Guest)

I suppose ask, I suppose the RFP is a way to do it, but it may be that.

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Kim Cheney (Guest)

That some of you all have worked with somebody who you think is competent.

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Kim Cheney (Guest)

This, and we can have a discussion about it.

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Kim Cheney (Guest)

Thank you very much for listening.

0:38:48.880 --> 0:38:49.650

Neal, Barbara

Thank you.

0:38:50.60 --> 0:38:54.290

Neal, Barbara

Appreciate your comments and I see the Commissioner has joined us.

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Neal, Barbara

Good morning, Jen.

0:38:57.70 --> 0:38:57.680

Morrison, Jennifer

Good morning, Barb.

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Neal, Barbara

So we were just, we were just we just covered three different items in the solicit member input for task Force priorities agenda item and I can summarize a them for you perhaps after the meeting, umm, we've got a a bit of a plan for some early stakeholder engagement and communications and we were just finishing up the conversation on the whether or not the task force itself needs a legal counsel which is what Mr Cheney was commenting on and before you joined, I think I had said that I would go back to you and also with Paul White to discuss what our next steps might be.

0:39:44.480 --> 0:39:53.470

Neal, Barbara

Everyone is tending towards this is not a bad idea to have independent legal counsels.

0:39:53.480 --> 0:40:0.750

Neal, Barbara

So I think we need to put our heads together and just figure out what the path forward on that might look like and we can bring it back to the group.

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Neal, Barbara

Umm, hopefully soon in a future meeting.

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Morrison, Jennifer

Very good.

0:40:8.100 --> 0:40:8.600

Morrison, Jennifer

That's good.

0:40:8.610 --> 0:40:8.970

Morrison, Jennifer

Thank you.

0:40:10.700 --> 0:40:11.390

Neal, Barbara

Yes.

0:40:11.720 --> 0:40:17.670

Neal, Barbara

So we also have discussed the RFP response evaluation team and and the group decided best.

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Neal, Barbara

Best case is for the task force itself as a whole to be involved with that, so we'll be looking at getting calendars scheduled for that and so on.

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Neal, Barbara

So are there other?

0:40:32.990 --> 0:40:36.990

Neal, Barbara

Comments or considerations that we need to be thinking about now?

0:40:40.200 --> 0:40:42.530

Neal, Barbara

While the RFP process is evolving.

0:40:49.50 --> 0:40:49.290

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:40:52.270 --> 0:40:53.10

Neal, Barbara

We have.

0:40:55.250 --> 0:40:56.530

Neal, Barbara

Quite a few tasks?

0:40:56.540 --> 0:40:58.300

Neal, Barbara

Umm, just from that brief conversation.

0:40:58.310 --> 0:40:59.940

Neal, Barbara

So we'll get to work on that.

0:41:0.70 --> 0:41:4.820

Neal, Barbara

We can now move on to the public comment period of the meeting.

0:41:4.830 --> 0:41:13.400

Neal, Barbara

We do have a number of people on the call, so I'm going to limit, uh, public comment to 3 minutes.

0:41:15.480 --> 0:41:24.550

Neal, Barbara

And if you would like to comment as a member of the public, would you please so indicate raise your hand if you can.

0:41:35.110 --> 0:41:36.620

Neal, Barbara

OK, I'm not seeing any hands.

0:41:39.80 --> 0:41:39.430

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Can you?

0:41:38.390 --> 0:41:40.360

Neal, Barbara

Steven, I've seen the light yet.

0:41:40.710 --> 0:41:40.990

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It didn't.

0:41:40.370 --> 0:41:41.220

Neal, Barbara

Now I can hear you.

0:41:42.990 --> 0:41:43.710

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It's Steve Whittaker.

0:41:44.360 --> 0:41:45.210

Neal, Barbara

Yes, go ahead Steven.

0:41:47.120 --> 0:41:49.950

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Uh, a couple of cautions. The.

0:41:52.800 --> 0:42:36.60

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The governance piece that I've been saying and that Paul White brought up with the last meeting related to interim, you can't really pave the way for pilot projects which have to be approved by the end of this year without addressing the governance, even if it's an interim governance guidance, representative governance, uh by served members was I think a phrase that was in an earlier RFP, but again that relates to what Kim Chaney just said regarding legal counsel, you're not gonna find a a national consulting firm that knows Vermont politics and municipal law to the degree necessary to.

0:42:39.980 --> 0:42:42.970

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Put some interim guidance for governance in place.

0:42:43.20 --> 0:42:48.510

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So you're gonna need to deal with that immediately in order to even begin convening.

0:42:49.230 --> 0:42:53.940

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Uh, what's called the Joint Survey Committee in Vermont? Statute.

0:42:54.270 --> 0:42:56.190

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Uh towards a regional?

0:42:57.210 --> 0:43:2.710

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Uh, authority of some sort that's gonna own public safety.

0:43:2.720 --> 0:43:4.470

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Communications infrastructure.

0:43:4.680 --> 0:43:16.750

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So the folks that have worked on that are Giuliani Gillies, people like that, who are experts in municipal corporations.

0:43:17.160 --> 0:43:22.950

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So I would encourage you to waste no time in getting that expertise on board.

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Otherwise, you're gonna have subject matter experts trying to subcontract to them to get their governance recommendations in place, which is gonna create unworkable delays.

0:43:37.650 --> 0:44:3.610

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Umm, but the RFP, I'm concerned that the task force feels capable of, you know, reviewing these RFP's when no one helped write the RFP's, the RFP's apparently were drafted by Department of Public Safety and ADS personnel, and there's no specificity of what the test and no even understanding or comprehension of what these tasks entail.

0:44:3.620 --> 0:44:34.290

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These tasks entail, and so I think we're kind of stuck behind the 8 ball without some significant revisions to the RFP, especially the subject matter expert, the one or two changes to the project manager RFP

would be to define the problem and to lay out the next four months worth of tasks because it's not just administrative support, which is the Department of Public Safety's obligation.

0:44:34.300 --> 0:44:41.530

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It is hit the ball hit the ground running and get any pilot projects in shape to be voted on before the end of the year.

0:44:41.920 --> 0:44:47.570

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That, and I would say the project manager should be designing the public engagement piece.

0:44:48.140 --> 0:45:4.140

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I would caution against what I heard earlier in the meeting about just ask whoever's currently in place if they're interested in growing, because most of what we're seeing in the mess that we ran into before was due to the lack of regional governance.

0:45:4.480 --> 0:45:17.830

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So you know, until you get regional governance guidance in place, you can't really fairly pull the communities on who wants to expand or create an authority or create a new center.

0:45:18.200 --> 0:45:21.880

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So this stuff is more complicated than.

0:45:24.440 --> 0:45:33.960

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Can be left to a task force that didn't write the RFP and isn't even gonna know whether it meets the requirements, cause the requirements are not well defined in the RFP, so.

0:45:38.670 --> 0:45:49.720

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The financing study can wait till another meeting, but governance, interim governance and interim technical standards need to be first on the plate in order to get pilot project.

0:45:49.790 --> 0:46:5.420

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I think you should amend the RFP and invite specific proposals to address pilot projects by year end as a way to prove out their strategy, their concept and their workflow.

0:46:6.250 --> 0:46:7.960

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Not doing so is gonna.

0:46:8.230 --> 0:46:9.790

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The task is too big.

0:46:9.870 --> 0:46:12.180

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That's why we don't have a 10 year telecom plan.

0:46:12.190 --> 0:46:16.670

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The state is too big and too diverse to handle it.

0:46:16.950 --> 0:46:25.920

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Ohh, in one fell swoop and you will not get started if you don't focus on a specific geographic area and prove that it works.

0:46:26.410 --> 0:46:34.790

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You know, we don't wanna sync 10 or \$11 million into this and find out that it was the wrong track like we did with a prior projects, so.

0:46:39.360 --> 0:46:41.930

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I think that's probably enough.

0:46:41.940 --> 0:46:43.490

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I didn't hear you pull.

0:46:43.500 --> 0:46:53.810

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How many people wanted to talk before you limited it to 3 minutes because there might have been more opportunity there? Thanks.

0:46:58.580 --> 0:46:59.410

Neal, Barbara

Sorry, I was muted.

0:46:59.420 --> 0:46:59.970

Neal, Barbara

Thank you, Steven.

0:47:0.580 --> 0:47:8.390

Neal, Barbara

Umm, I will ask again if there are any guests or members of the public that would like to provide comment.

0:47:17.200 --> 0:47:22.770

Neal, Barbara

OK, hearing none, we can go on to.



0:47:24.930 --> 0:47:29.940

Neal, Barbara

New business which is setting the next business date unless there's other new.

0:47:29.950 --> 0:47:31.150

Neal, Barbara

Is there any other new business?

0:47:34.720 --> 0:47:34.920

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:47:35.810 --> 0:47:38.220

Neal, Barbara

Alright, so setting the next meeting date.

0:47:38.230 --> 0:47:46.760

Neal, Barbara

So we talked about meeting after the RFP questions are do the little RFP questions are due on the 6th.

0:47:46.810 --> 0:47:58.930

Neal, Barbara

So I would recommend we meet on Thursday the 7th and again on Monday the 11th, which is after the big RFP questions or two.

0:48:0.600 --> 0:48:2.920

Neal, Barbara

So I guess we should take one at a time.

0:48:5.190 --> 0:48:8.500

Neal, Barbara

I'll throw out Thursday the 7th at 11:15.

0:48:10.190 --> 0:48:12.340

Morrison, Jennifer

Barb, I'm unavailable on the 7th and 8th.

0:48:13.630 --> 0:48:14.260

Neal, Barbara

For the whole day.

0:48:15.880 --> 0:48:16.190

Morrison, Jennifer

Correct.

0:48:17.260 --> 0:48:17.560

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:48:19.530 --> 0:48:21.0

Neal, Barbara

Well, that will change our plan then.

0:48:23.460 --> 0:48:24.530

Neal, Barbara

What does?

0:48:25.580 --> 0:48:26.960

Neal, Barbara

What does the 8th look like?

0:48:31.660 --> 0:48:33.100

White, Paul

I think she said the 7:10 eight.

0:48:32.290 --> 0:48:34.160

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I'm fine on either the 7th or the 8th.

0:48:40.390 --> 0:48:42.200

White, Paul

Probably know is what is the.

0:48:42.260 --> 0:48:42.670

White, Paul

Is there a?

0:48:42.500 --> 0:48:43.530

Morrison, Jennifer

Store the 8th work.

0:48:44.770 --> 0:48:45.50

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:48:46.530 --> 0:48:47.180

Neal, Barbara

I'm sorry, Paul.

0:48:47.190 --> 0:48:47.730

Neal, Barbara

What did you say?

0:48:50.130 --> 0:48:52.780

White, Paul

Do you know the the due date on the 6th?

0:48:52.790 --> 0:48:54.10

White, Paul

Is it 4:00 o'clock?

0:48:54.20 --> 0:48:55.810

White, Paul

The questions are due or 1:00 o'clock.

0:48:56.620 --> 0:48:57.630

Neal, Barbara

It is 3:00 o'clock.

0:48:58.870 --> 0:48:59.500

White, Paul

3:00 o'clock.

0:48:59.810 --> 0:49:5.260

White, Paul

So would it be unreasonable to think we could meet like immediately thereafter 6th?

0:49:6.120 --> 0:49:15.370

Neal, Barbara

Umm, Commissioner, do you think that the procurement person could get us the questions at three o'clock like on the dot?

0:49:17.180 --> 0:49:25.770

Morrison, Jennifer

I I can certainly ask a I I think we could take a swing at it, and at least we'd have most of them right.

0:49:25.870 --> 0:49:34.250

Morrison, Jennifer

Because if something came in at 2:59 and we didn't have it, then we could come back to it when we convene the second time to talk about the questions for the big RFP.

0:49:35.640 --> 0:49:36.790

Neal, Barbara

No, actually that's a good.

0:49:36.980 --> 0:49:38.320

Neal, Barbara

That's a good point we could.

0:49:41.20 --> 0:49:45.800

Neal, Barbara

Why don't we plan to meet at 3:15 on Wednesday the 6th?

0:49:50.490 --> 0:49:51.290

Neal, Barbara

That work for everybody.

0:49:52.720 --> 0:49:53.500

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

That works for me.

0:49:53.670 --> 0:49:53.790

White, Paul

Yes.

0:49:54.870 --> 0:49:55.820

Neal, Barbara

Hey, Paul.

0:49:57.490 --> 0:49:57.620

White, Paul

Yes.

0:49:55.830 --> 0:49:58.500

Neal, Barbara

Good, Jim, I'll see you nodding, Michael.

0:49:58.710 --> 0:49:59.900

Neal, Barbara

OK, perfect.

0:49:59.910 --> 0:50:4.90

Neal, Barbara

So 3:15 on September 6th.

0:50:7.720 --> 0:50:8.180

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:50:8.310 --> 0:50:12.730

Neal, Barbara

And then the big RFP questions are due on the 8th.

0:50:12.860 --> 0:50:19.500

Neal, Barbara

So we should look to Monday the 11th if possible.

0:50:20.450 --> 0:50:26.870

Neal, Barbara

Umm, I'm not available on the 12th, So what does the 11th look like at?

0:50:29.590 --> 0:50:30.40

Neal, Barbara

I don't know.

0:50:30.50 --> 0:50:32.710

Neal, Barbara

Pick a time 1115 maybe?

0:50:32.460 --> 0:50:34.720

Morrison, Jennifer

Anytime after 12 and it.

0:50:34.890 --> 0:50:35.220

Morrison, Jennifer

Yeah.

0:50:32.240 --> 0:50:35.590

White, Paul

Afternoon would be after six, yeah.

0:50:35.230 --> 0:50:37.460

Morrison, Jennifer

It anytime after 12 noon is fine with me.

0:50:38.230 --> 0:50:38.450

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:50:39.350 --> 0:50:39.850

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I will be.

0:50:38.880 --> 0:50:41.40

White, Paul

Yeah, I was just going to say afternoon would be better for me.

0:50:41.710 --> 0:50:41.890

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:50:42.610 --> 0:50:43.10

Neal, Barbara

Thanks, mom.

0:50:42.360 --> 0:50:46.940

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I will be out of town on the 11th and probably the 12th as well.

0:50:49.820 --> 0:50:50.140

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:50:52.940 --> 0:50:59.40

Neal, Barbara

I'm not sure we want to move the questions out to the to the 13th.

0:50:59.640 --> 0:51:0.270

Neal, Barbara

Thoughts on that?

0:51:3.960 --> 0:51:10.340

Neal, Barbara

The purpose being to get back to them as quickly as possible so that they can continue their work.

0:51:15.280 --> 0:51:23.300

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

I would say that if you're considering the 12th and you have it in the afternoon, then I'm likely to be here.

0:51:23.980 --> 0:51:29.910

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

Umm I I'm really hoping to be back late on the 11th, but things happen.

0:51:30.840 --> 0:51:31.140

Neal, Barbara

Right.

0:51:29.920 --> 0:51:32.580

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

So I just wanted to be safe.

0:51:37.880 --> 0:51:39.980

Neal, Barbara

I'm not available on the 12th so.

0:51:41.750 --> 0:51:42.330

White, Paul

Would it be?

0:51:42.30 --> 0:51:42.530

Neal, Barbara

Well.

0:51:44.820 --> 0:51:47.570

White, Paul

So if the the questions are due on Friday the 8th.

0:51:50.50 --> 0:51:50.880

White, Paul

Is that also?

0:51:48.970 --> 0:51:51.970

Neal, Barbara

We could do the same thing, but although the Commission, yeah.

0:51:51.250 --> 0:51:52.160

White, Paul

Is that also with?

0:51:52.530 --> 0:52:11.510

White, Paul

Well, I was just thinking is if that's, is that also a three o'clock thing or just wondering if we could just if we could get the questions sent to us by email and then we could, you know think about them over the weekend and somebody who's not gonna be available on Monday, maybe send their feedback by email back to the chairs.

0:52:13.510 --> 0:52:14.350

Ron Kumetz (Guest)

That sounds reasonable.

0:52:15.220 --> 0:52:15.500

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:52:19.230 --> 0:52:19.630

Neal, Barbara

All right.

0:52:20.540 --> 0:52:21.250

Neal, Barbara

I like that idea.

0:52:26.470 --> 0:52:27.900

Neal, Barbara

So let's go back to Monday.

0:52:27.910 --> 0:52:31.560

Neal, Barbara

Then anytime in the afternoon was what was last on the table.

0:52:31.570 --> 0:52:32.590

Neal, Barbara

So how about 1:00 o'clock?

0:52:35.650 --> 0:52:36.180

Morrison, Jennifer

Fine by me.

0:52:37.40 --> 0:52:37.380

Neal, Barbara  
Great.

0:52:37.390 --> 0:52:39.150

Neal, Barbara  
Thanks, James.

0:52:39.160 --> 0:52:39.810

Neal, Barbara  
Nodding.

0:52:40.0 --> 0:52:41.230

Neal, Barbara  
Michaels, that work for you?

0:52:42.660 --> 0:52:54.420

Neal, Barbara  
OK, 911 at 1:00 PM and will email the the questions out to Task Force members when they come in on the 8th.

0:52:54.630 --> 0:52:56.530

Neal, Barbara  
So, Commissioner, go ahead.

0:52:59.430 --> 0:53:10.970

Morrison, Jennifer  
Barb, I just want to make sure that one of my staff texted me and I wanna make sure that the description of the congressionally directed sending application was accurate.

0:53:26.160 --> 0:53:26.940

Neal, Barbara  
I see. OK.

0:53:11.710 --> 0:53:29.50

Morrison, Jennifer  
The the grant was submitted for this most recent deadline, with the supporting documentation requested part of that supporting documentation is a request for funding for an independent expert review the independent expert review doesn't happen unless we are awarded the grant.

0:53:32.440 --> 0:53:34.270

Neal, Barbara  
Yes, I think I did say that incorrectly.

0:53:34.280 --> 0:53:39.390

Neal, Barbara  
Then I because I I said that it was under independent review so that that's a good clarification.



0:53:39.400 --> 0:53:39.780

Neal, Barbara

Thank you.

0:53:41.250 --> 0:53:41.610

Morrison, Jennifer

Thank you.

0:53:44.40 --> 0:53:45.780

Morrison, Jennifer

And Callie, will you send?

0:53:46.750 --> 0:53:52.920

Morrison, Jennifer

Just a summary of these dates, the of of what I need to ask the Business Office for please because I'm driving and I can't take the notes right now.

0:53:53.90 --> 0:53:53.390

Morrison, Jennifer

Thank you.

0:53:53.490 --> 0:53:54.940

Audet, Cally

Yes, I can do that.

0:53:54.950 --> 0:54:3.650

Audet, Cally

I also just wanted to ask if these would be scheduled as special meetings or if they're going to be full regular meetings.

0:54:8.40 --> 0:54:18.270

Neal, Barbara

I think this September 6th one where we're meeting at 3:15 in the afternoon should be a special meeting that is specific to the questions to the on the little RFP.

0:54:20.680 --> 0:54:21.170

Neal, Barbara

Umm.

0:54:21.380 --> 0:54:32.110

Neal, Barbara

And I would recommend that the Monday meeting at 1:00 o'clock be a regular meeting so that we can discuss the questions to the big RFP.

0:54:33.180 --> 0:54:47.510

Neal, Barbara

And also I will have that that summary that we were putting that I'm going to put together for the stakeholders that we identify, I'll have that together and ready for review by then as well.

0:54:47.520 --> 0:54:52.790

Neal, Barbara

So, uh, I should look to the to the Commissioner, though, to see as coach.

0:54:52.900 --> 0:54:54.630

Neal, Barbara

Do you have any other opinion on that?

0:54:54.640 --> 0:54:55.360

Neal, Barbara

How we should do that?

0:55:2.640 --> 0:55:4.30

Neal, Barbara

Oops, I think we lost.

0:55:4.220 --> 0:55:5.100

Neal, Barbara

I think we lost her.

0:55:6.480 --> 0:55:7.670

Neal, Barbara

So let's proceed with that.

0:55:7.680 --> 0:55:18.930

Neal, Barbara

So special meeting on the 6th Cali, just for the questions and then regular meeting on the 11th and I'll get you agendas.

0:55:22.240 --> 0:55:23.0

Audet, Cally

OK, perfect.

0:55:23.80 --> 0:55:23.450

Audet, Cally

Thank you.

0:55:24.170 --> 0:55:24.490

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:55:25.570 --> 0:55:27.710

Neal, Barbara

And, UM, good.

0:55:27.760 --> 0:55:29.410

Neal, Barbara

OK, so I think we have that all down.

0:55:30.140 --> 0:55:32.790

Neal, Barbara

Anything else from task force members for today?

0:55:37.550 --> 0:55:37.720

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:55:38.540 --> 0:55:42.800

Neal, Barbara

Uh, do we have a motion to adjourn?

0:55:48.190 --> 0:55:48.840

White, Paul

I'll move we adjourn.

0:55:48.760 --> 0:55:50.240

Michael Wright

So moved Paul.

0:55:51.260 --> 0:55:51.690

James Mack

2nd.

0:55:50.330 --> 0:55:53.660

Neal, Barbara

OK, I got call moved.

0:55:53.500 --> 0:55:53.730

Michael Wright

That's.

0:55:53.670 --> 0:55:54.280

Neal, Barbara

I got Michael.

0:55:54.290 --> 0:55:54.800

Neal, Barbara

Seconded.

0:55:54.810 --> 0:55:57.540

Neal, Barbara

But I'll let Kelly keep track of all that y'all set.

0:55:57.590 --> 0:55:57.850

Neal, Barbara

OK.

0:55:58.710 --> 0:56:0.630

Neal, Barbara

Umm, all in favor say aye.

0:56:1.750 --> 0:56:2.750

Michael Wright

Aye, aye.

0:56:2.240 --> 0:56:3.0

Morrison, Jennifer

Hi. Hi.

0:56:2.400 --> 0:56:3.590

James Mack

Alright, I.

0:56:4.530 --> 0:56:5.560

Neal, Barbara

We are adjourned.

0:56:5.570 --> 0:56:6.690

Neal, Barbara

Thank you very much.

0:56:7.880 --> 0:56:8.130

White, Paul

Great.

0:56:8.140 --> 0:56:8.910

White, Paul

Thank you, Barb.

0:56:9.20 --> 0:56:9.420

Michael Wright

Great day.

0:56:8.860 --> 0:56:10.610

Neal, Barbara

Everybody yet we'll talk to you soon.

0:56:10.620 --> 0:56:11.90

Neal, Barbara

Yep.

0:56:11.150 --> 0:56:11.340

Neal, Barbara

Bye, bye.