U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY
FINANCE COMMITTEE CHARTER

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Origin

The FirstNet Board established the Finance Committee to review, approve, oversee, and recommend actions (as described below) related to FirstNet's financial policies, controls, and procedures; budget; financial reporting; and investments.

Committee Membership

The Finance Committee shall consist of at least three members. Finance Committee members shall be recommended by the Finance Committee Chair and appointed by the FirstNet Board Chair for such term or terms as the FirstNet Board may determine. Finance Committee members shall serve at the pleasure of and may be replaced at any time by the FirstNet Board Chair. Only members of the FirstNet Board may serve as a member of the Finance Committee.

Committee Structure and Operations

The FirstNet Board Chair shall designate one member as the Finance Committee Chair. The Finance Committee shall meet publicly in person or telephonically at least three times a year, with additional meetings to occur, or actions to be taken by unanimous written consent, when deemed desirable or appropriate by the Chair or a majority of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee Chair will determine the time and place for each meeting.

The Finance Committee may, in its discretion, form and delegate authority to one or more subcommittees. The Finance Committee Chair may invite such members of management to attend Finance Committee meetings or portions thereof as the Finance Committee Chair may deem desirable or appropriate. Any member of the FirstNet Board may attend any meeting and may participate as the Finance Committee Chair deems appropriate.

Committee Duties and Responsibilities

In addition to the principal duties and responsibilities described below, the Finance Committee will undertake such other duties and responsibilities as the FirstNet Board may delegate or direct and will report to the FirstNet Board periodically and as may be

deemed necessary by the Finance Committee. The primary duties and responsibilities of the Finance Committee are as follows:

1. Review and recommend FirstNet's annual budget to the FirstNet Board.
2. Review and approve management's internal budget guidelines and priorities, and monitor compliance with such guidelines.
3. Review the independent financial audit process to include receiving and evaluating reports and documents, participating in engagements with the independent financial auditor (as appropriate), and establishing appropriate communications channels and frequency.
4. Review FirstNet's quarterly and fiscal year-end financial reports.
5. Review FirstNet's material financial controls.
6. Review and notify the FirstNet Board of obligations and expenditures over $10 million and recommend whether the FirstNet Board should request review of the obligation or expenditure. This responsibility does not apply to obligations or expenditures for investment that have already been approved by the Board.
7. Review management's recommendation for obligation of funds from the *Reinvestment in Network Enhancement Fund* category.
8. Review the material terms and make recommendations to the FirstNet Board, regarding:
    a. obligations and expenditures greater than $25 million in value or with a period of performance greater than 5 years and all real property leases; and
    b. any other financial transactions requiring approval by the FirstNet Board.

Annual Summary of Accomplishments and Charter Review

The Finance Committee shall review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter annually and recommend any proposed changes to the FirstNet Board for approval. The Finance Committee shall provide to the FirstNet Board an annual summary of accomplishments. The FirstNet Board shall compare the Finance Committee's accomplishments with the requirements of this Charter. The summary to the FirstNet Board may take the form of an oral report by the Finance Committee Chair, or by any other Finance Committee member.

Resources and Authority

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Finance Committee shall have the necessary resources and authority, consistent with the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, to discharge its duties and responsibilities, including the authority to obtain advice or assistance from internal or external legal, human resource, accounting or other experts, advisors, or consultants, as appropriate, all in coordination with management and the FirstNet Board.

Nothing contained in this Charter shall be construed as circumscribing the authority of the Inspector General under the Inspector General Act and applicable Department of Commerce Administrative Orders, and nothing contained in this Charter is intended to restrict the authority of the Inspector General to conduct, supervise, and coordinate audits, inspections, evaluations, investigations, and other reviews relating to the programs and any other operations of FirstNet.

Nothing contained in this Charter is intended, and it should be interpreted to exclude, any expansion of the responsibility of the FirstNet Board or its members beyond, or violation of, applicable statutory or regulatory requirements and authorities.