



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION
FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY
**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 29, 2024,
SPECIAL COMBINED BOARD AND FINANCE AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING VIA WEBEX**

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) held an open public special meeting of the FirstNet Authority Board and the Finance and Investment Committee. The meeting took place on Monday, January 29, 2024, via Webex at 3:00 PM EST. A video recording and transcript of the meeting, as well as the archived presentation, are available on the FirstNet Authority website: [FirstNet.gov](https://www.firstnet.gov).

INTRODUCTION

Board Chair Richard Carrizzo welcomed everyone who joined the FirstNet Authority's Special Combined Board and Finance and Investment Committee meeting. Chair Carrizzo shared that this meeting will allow the Board to consider an investment opportunity to evolve the FirstNet network to full 5G capabilities and set the FirstNet Authority on a path to deliver mission-critical 5G services for FirstNet subscribers.

The Board approved the December 13, 2023, Combined Board and Committees meeting minutes and took two Finance and Investment Committee and two Board Resolution votes related to the FY 2024 Budget and Network Investments.

Roll Call

Richard Carrizzo ("Chair"), Renee Gordon ("Vice Chair"), Billy Bob Brown Jr., Robert Brown, Joe Carlile, Alexandra Fernández-Navarro, Kristin Graziano, Billy Hewes, Peter Koutoujian, Warren Mickens, Sean McDevitt, Sylvia Moir, Jocelyn Moore, and Paul Patrick were present. Brian Crawford was unable to attend. A quorum was present for the Board and for the Finance and Investment Committee.

Conflicts Statement and Reminder

Prior to participating in the FirstNet Authority Special Combined Board and Finance and Investment Committee meeting, Board Secretary Jennifer Watts provided Board members with the meeting agenda and Conflict of Interest guidance provided by the Ethics Law and Program Division of the Department of Commerce Office of General Counsel that applies to all Board members. All Board members responded prior to the meeting that they did not need to recuse themselves from participation in any portion of the meeting, therefore indicating no conflicts of interest, and the meeting proceeded.

Votes Taken

Prior to proceeding with the business of the day, Chair Carrizzo requested a motion to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2023, Combined Board and Committees Meeting. Kristin Graziano made the motion. Paul Patrick seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to approve the December 13, 2023, Combined Board and Committees meeting minutes to be available to the public at the end of the meeting.

The Finance and Investment Committee voted to approve Finance and Investment Committee Resolution 34 – Recommendation on Revised Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.

- Sean McDevitt motioned to approve Finance and Investment Committee Resolution 34 – Recommendation on Revised Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, Joe Carlile seconded, and the Finance and Investment Committee unanimously voted to approve the resolution.

The Finance and Investment Committee voted to approve Finance and Investment Committee Resolution 35 – Recommendation on Network Investments.

- Joe Carlile motioned to approve Finance and Investment Committee Resolution 35 – Recommendation on Network Investments, Sean McDevitt seconded, and the Finance and Investment Committee unanimously voted to approve the resolution.

The Board voted to approve Resolution 116 – Revised Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.

- Kristin Graziano motioned to approve Board Resolution 116 – Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, Warren Mickens seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to approve the resolution.

The Board voted to approve Resolution 117 – Network Evolution.

- Paul Patrick motioned to approve Board Resolution 117 – Network Evolution, Peter Koutoujian seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to approve the resolution.

MATTERS DISCUSSED

Finance and Investment Committee Update

Finance and Investment Committee member Jocelyn Moore provided the Committee update as Committee Chair Brian Crawford was unable to attend the meeting. Moore updated that FirstNet Authority plans to evolve the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) through strategic investments of technology upgrades in 2024. These investments will ensure that the network maintains uniformity with commercial service providers and support the suite of 5G-enabled services for public safety. The Network's Band 14 spectrum will transition to 5G technology, and upgrades will be made to the dedicated fleet of deployables and enhanced mission-critical services. These investments will allow FirstNet to implement future network upgrades such as 6G proactively. Moore thanked AT&T and FirstNet Authority staff for their work to get the investment done.

Jocelyn Moore led the Finance and Investment Committee in a vote on Finance and Investment Committee Resolution 34, which documents the Committee's acknowledgement that FirstNet

Authority expects to collect an additional \$285,690,784 and the Committee's acknowledgement to increase the Fiscal Year 2024 budget total from \$450,868,617 per Board Resolution 115 to \$736,559,401 inclusive of additional recoveries from Fiscal Year 2023.

Resolution 34 documents the Committee's acknowledgement to increase the Fiscal Year 2024 allocation for the Reinvestment and Network Enhancement Fund from \$260,878,400 per Board Resolution 115 to \$546,569,184.

Jocelyn Moore led the Board in a vote on Finance and Investment Committee Resolution 35, which documents the Committee's having been briefed on the material items for reinvestment into the NPSBN. The Resolution recommends that the Board approve the material items for reinvestment into the NPSBN. This would provide a network evolution capability to subscribers of the NPSBN and directs management to take all actions necessary to obtain these services and to obligate the necessary funds through Fiscal Year 2024.

Board Chair Richard Carrizzo led the Board in a vote on Board Resolution 116, which acknowledges the expectation to receive additional income in Fiscal Year 2024, approves senior leadership's increase of FY 2024 budget inclusive of additional recoveries from year-end 2023, and approves senior leadership's allocations to the Reinvestment and Network Enhancement funding.

Additionally, Board Chair Carrizzo led the Board in a vote on Board Resolution 117, which allows for the FirstNet Authority to implement a Network Evolution capability for subscribers on the NPSBN.

The Committee members approved Finance and Investment Committee Resolution 34 and Committee Resolution 35, and the Board approved Board Resolution 116 and Board Resolution 117.

Closing Remarks

FirstNet Authority's Executive Director Joe Wassel noted that this a great day for the FirstNet Authority and stakeholders and thanked staff and all involved with getting FirstNet Authority to where it is.

Board Adjourned

Chair Carrizzo requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jocelyn Moore made the motion, Sylvia Moir seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.