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Richard Carrizzo:

Good morning. We're gathered today convening the First Responder Network Authority's Combined Board and Committees Meeting. I'm Richard Carrizzo, Board Chairman.

I wanted to start off first by saying how honored I am for being selected by Secretary Raimondo and her belief in me as I follow the five previous Chairpersons. Each of those Chairpersons provided great leadership to this Board and the first responder community and worked tirelessly for them. I also wanted to thank my co-Board members, and how much I believe in you and what we're doing, and all the support that you've given for the first responders also. I also want to thank this team, and the staff of FirstNet Authority for everything that you do. And I'd be remiss if I didn't thank my own community at Southern Platte Fire Protection District and the men and women that protect our community each and every day. So, thank you all.

But before we move on, I kind of want to tell a little bit of the story. Just kick our morning off before we hit our agenda. And that is that most of you know that I traveled to New York with my family latter week last year -- or excuse me, last week. And, as we know, it was pouring rain all in the northeast, which made the trip even more pleasurable. But one of the highlights was, as we went to the 9/11 Memorial, we were all to meet at the reflection pool. And so, as everybody came out carrying their umbrellas meeting over by the reflection pool, my wife was backed up to getting her picture taken by my niece and gentleman walked up early 30s kind of leaned in by my wife, which was a little odd, but she moved forward. And we watched him lean down, kiss the name on the top of the list. He wiped the rain, first time, he wiped the rain the second time, kissed it, and walked away. At this time, of course, we had tears that were just running down our faces.

To finish that story, it turned out that that man early 30s was 11 years old when his father perished on that horrific day as the towers came down. But as I watched him walk away -- with no umbrella for him, walk away. It hit me very quickly of why we're here today and that's because of 9/11. And I am here to pledge just as the others before me pledged, and I'm sure each of our Board members are pledging the same thing. And that is to make this the best public safety broadband network so, our first responders can go home each and every night after their tour.

So, with that, we'll get started. Again, welcome everybody. And we're holding our meeting in Broomfield, Colorado, near our Boulder offices. We're fortunate to have most of our Board here. Two of our Board members are joining us virtually, so glad you guys are here also. But I want to thank everybody for joining us today and a special welcome to our new CEO that's been here since the beginning of March, Joe Wassel. So, I've had the honor of spending some time with Joe and he has hit the ground running, fast and furious. So, welcome aboard. And we'll be hearing a little bit from Joe at the end of our meeting.

Also, before we begin today, I want to send a special thank you to Mayor Benjamin for everything he did as our previous Board chair. He became our Board chair February of 2021, and led this organization through a very productive year and a half. During that time as chair, we oversaw the continued development of the nationwide broadband network and increase adoption of the FirstNet by public safety and the introduction of many new services and features on FirstNet. Also, under Steve's leadership, the FirstNet Authority made major strategic investments to enhance the in-building coverage on the network. Public safety had identified that this was a high priority for them, and we took action. These are just a few of the accomplishments that Steve did during his time as chair and, on behalf of this whole Board and myself personally, I want to thank Steve for his leadership and again timeless effort in public safety, and we wish him well at the White House.

Today's agenda. Today we will receive Public Safety Advisory Committee update from Chief Lombard who's joining us live, get our Advocacy Committee, our Programs and Future Planning Committee, and Finance and Investment Committee updates. At this time, I'd like to ask the Board Secretary to call roll and confirm that each of the committees have a quorum today.

Janell Smith:

All right. I will mark you as present, Chair Carrizzo.

Richard Carrizzo:

Present.

Janell Smith:

Perfect [laughs].

Billy Bob Brown, Jr.

Billy Bob Brown, Jr.:

Present.

Janell Smith:

Robert Brown.

Robert Brown:

Present.

Janell Smith:
Brian Crawford.

Brian Crawford:
Present.

Janell Smith:
Alexandra Fernández Navarro.

Alexandra Fernández Navarro:
Present.

Janell Smith:
Renee Gordon.

Renee Gordon:
Present.

Janell Smith:
Kristin Graziano.

Kristin Graziano:
Present.

Janell Smith:
Billy Hewes.

Billy Hewes:
Present.

Janell Smith:
Peter Koutoujian.

Peter Koutoujian:
Present.

Janell Smith:
Warren Mickens.

Warren Mickens:
Present.

Janell Smith:
Sylvia Moir.

Sylvia Moir:
Present.

Janell Smith:
Jocelyn Moore.

Jocelyn Moore:

Present.

Janell Smith:

Paul Patrick.

Paul Patrick:

Present.

Janell Smith:

Mr. Chair, we do have a quorum for the Board as well as for all four committees. Now, I'll read the conflict statement.

Prior to participating in the FirstNet Authority Combined Board and Committees Meeting today, the Board members have reviewed the agenda as well as the conflict-of-interest guidance provided by the Ethics Law and Program Division of the Department of Commerce Office of General Counsel regarding the conflict-of-interest standards that apply to the Board members. All Board members have responded prior to today's meeting that they do not have a conflict and will not need to recuse themselves from participating in any portion of this meeting.

Thank you.

Richard Carrizzo:

Thank you, Madam Secretary.

Before you all -- you've received the minutes from the February meeting. Are there any additions or corrections to those minutes at this time?

I'm seeing none, I will take a motion to accept these minutes.

Kristin Graziano:

Mr. Chairman, Kristin Graziano, I'll make a motion that we accept these minutes.

Richard Carrizzo:

Thank you.

Sylvia Moir:

And Mr. Chair, Sylvia Moir, I second.

Richard Carrizzo:

Thank you. All in favor, say aye.

Multiple Speakers:

Aye.

Richard Carrizzo:

All opposed say nay.

Are there any abstentions?

I'm seeing none, the February meeting minutes are accepted. Madam Secretary, please make the minutes available to the public following this meeting.

We're going to start now with our Public Safety Advisory Committee update from our PSAC Chair Chief Lombard.

Christopher Lombard:

Well, good morning, everyone. It's great to see you all. I'd like to thank the FirstNet Advisory Board and Authority for having me today to speak.

I want to extend my congratulations to you on receiving or being appointed to the full-time permanent chair spot on behalf of the PSAC. It's -- you've been a great advocate for us participating in most all of our meetings when and where you were able. So, from the public safety perspective, we recognize that we have a friend in you [laughs]. So, congratulations.

Also, to Joe, the new CEO, congratulations to you on the appointment. As with Chief Carrizzo, you're a familiar face, and that makes a lot of us very comfortable to know that we're going to be able to just keep moving on as we build out this great network.

I'm pleased that the PSAC has several accomplishments to highlight this past quarter. Our ongoing webinar series most recently highlighted the Authority's experimental engagement program, we were able to see the contents of the mobile field kits in action and hear plans for bringing them on the road for stakeholders this summer. I'm certainly looking forward to seeing more of those devices and interactive engagements in the near future. The PSAC's Tribal Working Group or the TWG is also continuing to meet for its monthly teleconferences and is looking to plan something in person in the D.C. area in the near future. We're actually discussing it just yesterday at our regular meeting. We are excited to work closely with the tribal team on the Authority side. I'd like to thank Jocelyn Moore for stepping in to assist and support Paul Patrick as the Board liaison to the Tribal Working Group. As Chief Carrizzo is now the Board chair, he has asked Jocelyn to take over his role in supporting this group, and I'm thrilled to have them on our team.

Lastly, we're completing the 2023-2025 membership reappointment process with six new members. Ferdinand Milanes, from AASHTO, Deputy Chief Keith Kelley from IACP, Cathy Clark from the IAEM, Sheriff Ray Scifres -- I'm sorry, Scifres, from National Association of Counties, Mike Lynch from NATOA, and Michael Jacobson from SEARCH. I'm personally very excited to see some familiar faces among this list, and some new ones willing to serve. Next slide, please.

A little bit on the PSAC look ahead. So, looking down the road, the PSAC will continue to gather virtually every other month for regular updates from the FirstNet Authority engagement

teams. We are also planning our first in person meeting in 2023 coming up in June, in conjunction with the 5x5 Public Safety Innovation Summit, which I'm excited to attend. We are also looking to meet in November of this year with the Board again, as I know many of the PSAC members, me included, really enjoy the camaraderie and the collaboration that comes from spending time together, PSAC and Board members.

One final remark I want to say is our support staff from the FirstNet Authority, Kenzie Capece had her last couple of days this past week. She's been a phenomenal asset to us. And I know many of you know her from some of her additional support with activities that you guys have done. She's not going too far. Board Member Billy Bob Brown over here at CISA ECD has scooped her up. So, Billy Bob's [laughs] scored. Well done, well played. So, a big thank you to Kenzie for all of her past several years of support.

If there's no other questions, that concludes my update, and I'll turn the floor back over to Chair Carrizzo.

Richard Carrizzo:

Thank you, Chief, and appreciate everything you're doing and the PSAC is doing also.

This time we're going to turn it over to Sylvia Moir, our representative reporting out today for the Advocacy Committee

Sylvia Moir:

Thank you very much, Board Chair Carrizzo. I'm representing the Advocacy Committee because of your ascension. So, congratulations. And while I am presenting today, make no mistake, that the work is done by FirstNet staff and public safety members who go above and beyond to serve not only in their communities every day, but they serve on this vital committee. And they serve on this vital committee to advance the very dependable and essential FirstNet network for our nation's first responders.

I'd like to share some of the engagement highlights from the second quarter of fiscal year 2023, our recent collaborations with public safety stakeholders, and the upcoming 5x5 conference. Next slide, please.

In the second quarter of 2023, FY 2023, our team continued to meet with stakeholders across the country to gather feedback on the network and advance the FirstNet experience. Our team participated in a whopping 426 Public Safety engagements ranging -- ranging from 1-on-1s to state, regional, and national conferences. Just about one-third of those were national events and the other 276 engagements occurred across 49 states and territories. The team reached more than 11,000 stakeholders through these engagements and collected more than 400 feedback items ranging from operational needs to use cases to current challenges. Last quarter, we started sharing how many tours were conducted at the Boulder FirstNet Lab and Public Safety Immersive Test Center. In conjunction with the Public Safety Communications Research Division, the team in Boulder facilitated five tours for 35 total visitors, including Department of Commerce leadership, local, state, public safety, as well as our federal partners. The team looks

forward to hosting the National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators, the NCSWIC, for tours later this month. Next slide, please.

Regarding Market Engagement Office highlights for the Bataan Memorial Death March which included nearly 5000 participants, the MEO staff provided technical support to the U.S. Army Installation Management Command for FirstNet integration into this event. Through extensive planning and coordination, the MEO staff facilitated the use of response for FirstNet application to enhance situational awareness and mutual aid channels across six different units and installations including relevant state agencies. The federal stakeholders successfully populated layers in the response for FirstNet application, leveraging existing geospatial data. In March, MEO staff attended the International Association of Fire Chiefs Wildland Urban Interface Conference in Reno, Nevada. It was a big deal. With more than 200 Fire Officers in attendance, this is the largest conference of the nation dedicated to WUI-related issues. The MEO staff met with the WUI policy Board. The Board members expressed interest in the location-based services and the FirstNet deployable fleet. Specifically, the recently announced Mini Compact Rapid Deployable, or the mini CRD, it's trademarked, so you can't use it without permission. But the mini CRD. This conference always provides a unique opportunity to gather targeted feedback related to the wildland fire challenges for coverage and the use of deployables. Finally, I'd like to highlight the FirstNet Authority attendance at the 2023 IWCE Expo with staff from across the organization. Chair Carrizzo co-presented tips to maximize the use of the FirstNet network during incidents. MEO staff facilitated three excellent panels of public safety stakeholders covering topics ranging from wildfire and all-hazards response to aviation and maritime operational requirements to the connected responder. That was significant. The team also engaged public safety attendees to understand adoption to date, operationalization of FirstNet, and operational needs. This conference also provides and presents an opportunity for us to meet with industry representatives to continue learning about relevant, existing, and future technologies.

And I know I said finally, but that wasn't finally, because finally, I'd like to talk about the 5x5 Public Safety Innovation Summit. We are really excited about this summit. We're excited to co-host it with the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Public Safety Communications Research Division next month. It will be held June 28th through 30th in San Diego, California. The agenda was published online last week, and registration is open through both the FirstNet Authority and PSCR websites. The Summit includes seven tracks such as mission critical services, network services and coverage, and open innovation and commercialization. We are super excited to bring public safety across all the disciplines and levels of government, industry, and academia together in the same space to advance public safety communications technology. I'm also excited to announce that we've opened the nomination period for the Chief Harlin R. McEwen Public Safety Broadband Communications Award. This was established in 2017, and this award recognizes the spirit of service, commitment, and dedication that's a proud tradition among public safety. This award was created in honor of Chief Harlin R. McEwen for his extraordinary expertise, his experience, and his leadership in founding the Public Safety Advisory Committee, or the PSAC as the Chair, and I see Chris Lombard smiling and beaming with joy.

This award honors an individual, in this environment, who has displayed remarkable leadership or made individual and significant contributions in the field of public safety broadband communications. Any sworn or civilian member of public safety is eligible for this award. There are many past winners that are remarkable, and they include Chief McEwen himself, the late Tom Sorley, who was the second PSAC Chair, Sheriff Neil Miller from Nebraska, Chief Jeffrey Lane from Florida, Chief Michael Duyck from Oregon, and a current PSAC EC member and John Stevens of New Hampshire. The nomination period will close on May 24th. And we look forward to recognizing the recipient at the upcoming 5x5 Summit in San Diego, California.

So, that was the actual finally, and Chief Carrizzo, I'm delighted to tell you this concludes my presenting on behalf of the Advocacy Committee. This serves as the update, and I'll turn it over to you, sir.

Richard Carrizzo:

Thank you for your report, Sylvia. Appreciate it.

Next, we'll hear from Jocelyn Moore, Chair of the Programs and Future Planning Committee.

Jocelyn Moore:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Sylvia, you're a hard act to follow. I'm going to try to rearrange the agenda, so I can be not-after you. But great report, Sylvia.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and super excited about your new position. Congratulations, I want to add my voice to the chorus. Just looking forward to your leadership and what we're going to accomplish together going forward. So, congratulations.

Joe, welcome. Your energy is infectious. And we are looking forward to your leadership of FirstNet and all that you're going to accomplish as well.

And I also want to give Lisa a shout out just for everything that you've done to lead us to this point, all of the work, the ongoing work in the transition and just being a steady hand, a very capable hand of leadership, for the FirstNet Board and for our first responder community.

So, with that, Mr. Chairman, I will move to my remarks. And good morning to all of my fellow Board members. On March 23, we had our most recent Programs and Future Planning Committee meeting, where we had several key updates from the staff.

First, we received an update on the FirstNet network status. More specifically, a detailed overview of task order for radio access network Band 14, final operational capacity, that's a lot, the FOC. This covers the nationwide deployment of the network toward FOC. I would like to

point out that even though final -- I'm taking a page out of your book. Even though final is part of the term FOC, this is referring to the initial five year build out of the FirstNet Band 14 spectrum. There is still much more work to do after FOC to fully realize the potential of FirstNet, and we look forward to growing the network beyond the contractually required Band 14 coverage or this initial build out. I want to underline that. We look forward to growing the network beyond the contractually required Band 14 coverage for this initial build out.

The second item on our agenda was internal dashboards that were -- that provided an overview of FirstNet authority team coverage, so that we can really begin to leverage and track progress on the National Public Safety Broadband Network. This visualization will help us not only determine where we've been, but where we are going in terms of the build out. It will also help us as we continue to hold AT&T accountable, not only for contractual deliverables, but making sure that we have the continuous analytics and data to gauge our progress and to make sure that we are delivering for the first responder community consistently.

The third item on our agenda was future planning, and it's an item near and dear to my heart. As I've said, we have to not only know where we've been and where we are but where we are going so that we can continue to deliver for the first responder community going forward. So, our update included an overview of the upcoming 2023 roadmap, including implementation as well as efforts related to ongoing collaboration with the committee, the FirstNet Authority team, and AT&T as we enter the next phase of the FirstNet network evolution and coverage expansion.

The briefing and discussion were invaluable to the committee to ensure we understand the current progress and the planning efforts underway. I'm also pleased to report that the adoption and usage of the FirstNet network services by our nation's first responders continues to grow at a tremendous pace, and I'll share some recently announced highlights on the next several slides. Next slide, please.

FirstNet Momentum. This slide has been updated by the FirstNet Authority team based upon the AT&T earnings, which were released on the first quarter last week on April 20. For the first quarter, excuse me. Some key metrics from the FirstNet network growth announced over this last quarter include: we have more than 590 FirstNet ready devices available to be used by public safety on the FirstNet Network, along with more than 200 unique public safety applications in the FirstNet catalog for those devices. These devices include support for our license Band 14 spectrum, which has now been deployed in all 56 states and territories. Haven't seen that number before, 56. Got it [laughs]. We have over 150 FirstNet dedicated deployable network assets, which supported over 1,200 deployables across the nation in 2022. Next slide, please.

FirstNet connections, we have added approximately 300,000 more device connections since we met last quarter in Austin. 300,000, that is significant. Now we have more than 4.7 million device connections on the FirstNet network. And I enjoy seeing this graphic continue to grow from the beginning in 2018 when we started adding our FirstNet public safety connections to the network to 2023, where we see the connection stand now at over 4.7 million. Next slide, please.

Lastly, I'd like to talk a little bit about FirstNet agencies, a similar growth illustration to highlight our growth and show that we now have more than 25,000 agencies, public safety agencies and organizations across the nation using FirstNet for their mission critical communications.

In closing, Mr. Chairman and members of the Board, the Programs and Future Planning Committee is very pleased with the success to date of the FirstNet network. We are not, however, satisfied, and we're going to continue to push to deliver even more for our first responder community.

Thank you again for the time, and I now turn the meeting back over to you.

Richard Carrizzo:

Thank you, Jocelyn. Appreciate your report.

Next, I'm going to turn it over, the meeting, to get an update on our Finance and Investment Committee from our chair Brian Crawford.

Brian Crawford:

Thank you, Chief, Chair Carrizzo.

Before I get into my financial comments, it's not lost on me and should not be lost on this body or those that are on camera, that you are the first public safety chief officer to chair this distinguished Board. So, no pressure. But along with the enormous responsibility being the FirstNet chair and those accomplishments that had been done by the prior Board chairs, which are monumental at this point, you carry the weight of millions of first responders who will look to you for guidance, and I can tell you -- that's right.

[laughter]

But from our first meeting in New Orleans at Hurricane Katrina, in 2005, you have demonstrated nothing but professionalism, compassion, and a love for public safety that I'm so excited to see you bring in chairing this body. So, congratulations.

And to Joe, welcome. We look forward to great things from you as well.

All right, on to finance. Some more boring subject matter, but it's all good. So, thank you, Chief Carrizzo. So, next slide.

Slide 15 illustrates the Authority's Fiscal Year 2023 operating budget, execution results, for the six months ending 31st of March 2023. The cumulative 39.3 million of obligations is within the boundaries of the Authority's operations budget forecast. And Kim Farington, our very able-bodied CFO and her accounting and budget teams expect that trend to continue throughout this fiscal year. Next slide, please.

And I'm also happy to report, and I've said this before. It seems like this is a broken record. I think we just copy and paste this from each year, but it is not an easy task to have audits done continuously year after year and come back with no findings. So, Mr. Chair and fellow Board members, I'm happy to report the First Responder Network Authority's independent auditors Harper, Rains, Knight & Company, PA for the 10th year in a row provided an unmodified

opinion of the First Responder Network Authority's Fiscal Year 2022 Financial Statements finding no material weaknesses, no significant deficiencies, and no management level findings. So, for CFO Farington and those responsible for that remarkable work of stewardship for our finances and the public safety's finances, basically, because it's theirs, congratulations once again.

That concludes the Finance and Investment Committee's report. I'll hand the floor back over to you, Chair Chief Carrizzo.

Richard Carrizzo:

Thank you, Brian, and appreciate your report and really appreciate you and your friendship.

Is there any other new business to come before the Board today? Seeing none, that does conclude our business for the Board today. And at this time, I'd like to turn it over to our new CEO Joe Wassel for a few comments. Or as many comments as you would like.

Joe Wassel:

I'll try and keep it quick and pithy. I'm not very good at doing it. So, somebody keep me on the clock here. But there's a lot to say, there's a lot to do. But I will try and keep my remarks poignant and quick here.

I do want to thank everyone for their warm welcome. I think today is Day 38 for me, drinking from the firehose, as they say, I think it's appropriate in public safety to say that and it's been just a wild and amazing ride. So, happy to be here. Have just for a moment, got to spend some time with Chief -- Mayor Benjamin, who's now up at the White House, so a strategic partner for us, who welcomed me, very much, into the job.

And for Chair Carrizzo, congratulations to you. We were fast friends at a burger place on one of our trips and really enjoyed our time. And I think it's just going to be a great partnership. And so, congratulations on the position to you and your family. It's a big deal. And I know the entire Board and the entire community and FirstNet Authority are -- and the PSAC are excited about it. So, congratulations on that.

Also, to Chris Lombard from the PSAC of the voice of public safety always in our ear, always informing our vision and guidance. It's nice to see you in person. And I look forward to working with the PSAC moving forward.

To the FirstNet Authority team, and I've met almost everybody, which is fantastic, in a short period of time. I do want to thank Lisa Casias for holding down the fort with Ed's departure, Ed Parkinson, who's out doing amazing things, and Lisa held the fort down and has welcomed me in and so thank you very much for your leadership, your support, and in welcoming me into the FirstNet Authority.

So, as I have said in a couple of other forums, but I'll say it here for the record, that this is a dream give-back job for me. I'm 34 years in the Department of Defense. Teri Takai came to the Department after being the CIO of Michigan and California, got to the Department of Defense

and asked two questions in 2012 – does DOD have any first responders and do we care about FirstNet? So, we went to go find out if we had first responders and the short story is the Department of Defense has 150,000 fire, police, and EMS inside 6000 fence lines worldwide, looking after 3.24 million people inside those fence lines. So, we are the largest public safety entity under one governance structure on the planet. And did we care about FirstNet? We do care about FirstNet. They care about FirstNet. And some of the adoption rates within the Department of Defense are very impressive under Teri Takai's leadership and the Office of Public Safety Communications that we stood up over the last few years there.

So, to take a step out of the Department of Defense and be here in the Department of Commerce is a great fit. It feels terrific. The flag if you haven't paid attention to the Department of Commerce flag found out some people really haven't kind of unfolded it. And to see that there's a ship and a lighthouse. The ship for me is three ships – actually, we're going to change that -- five ships after talking to Mayor Hewes, we're getting lots of ships. We're getting an entire Armada -- leadership, partnership, friendship, mentorship, and ownership. And that is to say that we're going to own the problem and drive the solution. And so, that's what we're going to do and sail on those ships. And these towers, both fixed and mobile, really are the lighthouses of today. Right? They are the guidance; they are what connect us. That's what gives our first responders what they need. So, the analogy kind of works. Couldn't be happier to be here.

I'll say just a few a few additional things. The progress that this team has made over the last five years, the initial build-out complete milestone of just a few weeks ago is really spectacular. And, I think it is worthwhile to take a moment, just a moment, and look back and really understand what a tremendous accomplishment it has been. But as has already been said this morning, what's next? We'll enjoy what we've done, we'll build on those successes, and the FirstNet Authority will be focused on the day in, day out, driving this network to what is next, and we are listening to our public safety partners. We are partnering and listening to the vision and the guidance. and the accumulated knowledge of this tremendous Board. And, we will work together to continuously improve and never be satisfied because public safety deserves that from us.

I could say a lot more, but I'll say two last things in closing my finally-finally part. What I have seen so one would be kind of high level and you kind of talked about responsibility, Mr. Crawford. With a great network comes great responsibility. I think I stole that from Spider Man. Kind of made a made a little correction there. But what I'm seeing as I travel around and I meet, I met all of you, and I can't wait to meet to all the members of the PSAC, is grit. And when you look up the definition of grit, it means courage, resolve, and strength of character. And I think every person I've met to date has embodied that term. And so, we have grit. We'll continue to show that courage, that resolve and that strength of character while we build this network together.

And then I'll just put a -- I have my own 9/11 story I'll tell later. I'm really glad you told yours. It was very moving as we chatted about that. My son is, at this moment, at wildland fire training through the Idaho National Guard. And he's really excited about and hope he gets called up for fires in August. And so, I have mixed feelings about that [laughs]. But I told him, I said, if you get called up and you get out, there will be a great network to provide you situational awareness,

you know, connection back to the command tent. And we kicked off the DOD public safety comms working group back in 2014 with the story of the Yarnell Canyon fire. I'm not going to go into the details of that. But that's what drives us, right, the sons and daughters and the moms and the dads that are out there on the line every day in public safety doing what they do.

So, here I am, here we are, and off we go. Thank you for having me on the team.

Richard Carrizzo:

Thank you, Joe. Appreciate your comments. And I know you have the support of this whole Board behind you. We're looking forward to continuing to move this network upward and forward and again, for our public safety partners.

And that concludes our business and I want to thank everybody for participating. We're prepared to adjourn our meeting. Do I have a motion at all?

Paul Patrick:

Yeah, Mr. Chairman; Paul Patrick, Board member I move that we adjourn.

Richard Carrizzo:

Motion made. Do I have a second?

Warren Mickens:

Warren Mickens, I second the motion.

Richard Carrizzo:

Thank you, Warren.

All in favor say aye.

Multiple Speakers:

Aye.

Richard Carrizzo:

All opposed say nay.

Any abstentions?

Okay. Again, I'd like to thank everybody for participating in the Combined Board and Committees Meeting today. And to the audience that participated via WebEx, I thank you for being on today. And we'll consider this meeting adjourned. Thank you very much.