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Origin

The FirstNet Board established the Technology Committee to review, oversee and recommend actions (as described below) related to FirstNet's medium and long-term technology strategies, plans, and research and development activities to ensure that the resiliency and operational needs of public safety are met.

Committee Membership

The Technology Committee shall consist of at least three members. Technology Committee members shall be recommended by the Chair of the Technology Committee and appointed by the FirstNet Board Chair for such term or terms as the FirstNet Board may determine. Technology Committee members shall serve at the pleasure of and may be replaced by the FirstNet Board Chair. Each of the members of the Technology Committee shall be a member of the FirstNet Board or otherwise in accordance with the FirstNet Bylaws.

Committee Structure and Operations

The FirstNet Board Chair shall designate one member as the Chair of the Technology Committee. The Technology Committee shall meet in person or telephonically at least four times a year at a time and place determined by the Chair of the Technology Committee, with additional meetings to occur, or actions to be taken by unanimous written consent, when deemed desirable or appropriate by the Technology Committee Chair or a majority of the Technology Committee members. The Technology Committee may, in its discretion, form and delegate authority to one or more subcommittees. The Chair of the Technology Committee may invite such members of management to attend Technology Committee meetings or portions thereof as the Chair of the Technology Committee may deem desirable or appropriate. Any member of the FirstNet Board may attend any meeting of the Technology Committee and may participate as appropriate.

Committee Duties and Responsibilities

In addition to the principal duties and responsibilities described below, the Technology 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 Technology Committee. The primary duties and responsibilities of the Technology Committee are as follows:

1. Review Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) material technology and innovation strategies and capabilities, and make recommendations to the FirstNet Board, as appropriate. Areas of responsibility include applications, devices, network services/technology roadmaps, core and radio access network development, operation and maintenance, open standards development and compliance, cybersecurity, coverage, and network performance metrics, including customer care.
2. Review the material NPSBN network and technology aspects of the annual operations budget, investment funds or reserves (e.g., network, partner, vendor, technology, operations, standards, research & development, and service/product development aspects of the plan) and make recommendations to the Finance Committee and/or the FirstNet Board, as appropriate.
3. Review the NPSBN network and technology aspects of material agreements and Investment Review Board recommendations that require review by the Finance Committee and/or the FirstNet Board, including roaming, public-private partnerships, covered lease agreements, vendor and supplier agreements, and infrastructure leases, and make recommendations to the Finance Committee and/or the FirstNet Board, as appropriate.

4. Review the NPSBN network and technology aspects of management's material outreach plans that require review by the Public Safety Advocacy Committee and/or the FirstNet Board, and make recommendations to the Public Safety Advocacy Committee and/or the FirstNet Board, as appropriate. This includes network and technology plans that promote collaboration and emergency response coordination with federal agencies to leverage the agency's federal assets to facilitate the FirstNet network and solutions during planned events and incidents of national emergencies and disaster recovery.
5. In collaboration with management, the Public Safety Advocacy Committee, and the FirstNet Board, promote efforts to foster and recognize innovation and technical collaboration by and between first responders, public safety agencies, wireless operators and suppliers, colleges/universities, consultants, start-up companies and individuals.

Annual Performance Evaluation and Charter Review

The Technology Committee shall review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter annually and recommend any proposed changes to the FirstNet Board for approval.

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Committee shall produce and provide to the FirstNet Board an annual performance evaluation of the Committee, which evaluation shall compare the Technology Committee's performance with the requirements of this Charter. The report to the FirstNet Board may take the form of an oral report by the Chair of the Technology Committee, or by any other member of the Committee.

Resources and Authority

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Technology 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 public safety, wireless technology, engineering, deployment, operations, legal 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 or is intended to restrict the authority of the Inspector General to conduct, supervise, and coordinate audits and investigations relating to the programs and 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 under, or violation of, applicable statutory or regulatory requirements.