



FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY  
**BOARD RESOLUTION 44**  
Acceptance of the First Report of the Special Review Committee  
September 23, 2013

WHEREAS, Congress enacted the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act) which mandates the creation of a nationwide interoperable wireless broadband network that will enable police, firefighters, emergency medical service professionals, and other public safety officials to more effectively communicate and perform their missions;

WHEREAS, the Act creates the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), an independent authority within the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), charged to take "all actions necessary" to build, deploy, and operate the network, in consultation with State, local, tribal, and territorial entities;

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2013, at a regularly scheduled FirstNet Board meeting, Sheriff Paul Fitzgerald made a motion that the Board adopt a resolution that expressed concerns about FirstNet's operations;

WHEREAS, Sheriff Fitzgerald's motion was tabled by a vote of the Board and Chairman Ginn requested a review;

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2013, the Board adopted a Resolution (Resolution# 27) to establish a Special Review Committee to review the legal and ethical matters contained in Sheriff Fitzgerald's motion and report the findings of the Committee's review to the Board.

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2013, the Board Chair, consistent with Section 3.09 of the FirstNet Bylaws, appointed Board member Wellington Webb as the chair of the Special Review Committee and named the following persons to the Committee: Board member Ed Reynolds (who serves as Vice Chair), Board member Chuck Dowd; Dana Hyde (representing the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)); Jeff Johnson; Suzanne Spaulding (representing the Secretary of Homeland Security); and Tony West (representing the Attorney General of the United States).

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2013, OMB Director Sylvia Mathews Burwell sent a letter to Chairman Ginn indicating that Brian Deese would serve as the OMB designee to the FirstNet Board, replacing Dana Hyde;

WHEREAS, Chairman Ginn has agreed to have Brian Deese participate in the work of the Special Review Committee, consistent with Section 4.03 of the FirstNet Bylaws;

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2013, the Special Review Committee reported findings to the Board on the issues of openness and transparency, access to information and network planning.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the FirstNet Board hereby accepts the Special Review Committee report on openness and transparency, access to information and network planning and authorizes the Board Secretary to release it to the public.

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the First Responder Network Authority, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Board of the First Responder Network Authority on September 23, 2013, at which a quorum was present and voted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Uzoma Onyeije', written in a cursive style.

Uzoma Onyeije, Secretary