

ALABAMA 9-1-1 BOARD MEETING

Minutes of 3/17/2021

Prior notice of this regularly scheduled meeting of the Alabama 9-1-1 Board was given in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act. The minutes were recorded by Ms. Michelle Peel, Administrative Assistant.

Ms. Evelyn Causey, Chair for the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The roll was called as follows by Ms. Peel:

Alan Campbell, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virtual
Evelyn Causey, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual
Melissa Dove	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virtual (joined at 10:16 a.m.)
Wayne Hutchens	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual
Fred Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual
John Nettles	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virtual (joined at 10:32 a.m.)
Robert Smith	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virtual
Brandon Wallace	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virtual
Tim Webb	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual
Jeremy Williams	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virtual (joined at 10:02 a.m.)

A quorum was established.

Ms. Causey called for the unanimous consent for the approval of the agenda for the meeting. The agenda was unanimously approved with no objections. She called for the unanimous consent for approval of the minutes from the January 20, 2021 Board meeting. There were no changes or objections, and the approval of the minutes was ordered. She then called for the unanimous consent for approval of the minutes from the February 18, 2021 Special-Called Board meeting. There were no changes or objections, and the approval of the minutes was ordered. Guest introductions were made.

Committee Reports:

The report of the Finance Committee meeting held on February 3, 2021 was presented by Ms. Leah Missildine, Executive Director for the Board. WarrenAverett had two representatives at the meeting and reported on the audit for FY 2020 that was conducted at the end of last year. There were no material deficiencies or misstatements. Mr. Ron Cooley stated that this had been a very different audit with one of the auditors and then himself contracting COVID-19. Everything was accomplished securely and remotely. The Finance Committee made the recommendation to the Board to acknowledge and accept the 2020 audit report as presented. Mr. Alan Campbell moved to accept the committee report and recommendation. Mr. Fred Johnson

seconded the motion. There was no discussion. There were no objections, motion passed unanimously.

The report of the governance committee held on February 3, 2021 was also presented Ms. Missildine. Mr. Adam Brown, Deputy Director, led that meeting for approval of the language of the amendment to the Board's Grant Program Administrative Rule. The purpose of the amendment was to bring the language more in line with the statute. The amendment has been filed and certified. It was the recommendation of the committee to continue with the process which includes publication of the rule amendment, a public comment period and hearing, approval of the amendment, and, finally, the waiting period for the rule to take effect. Mr. Tim Webb made the motion to accept the Governance Committee's report and recommendation to the Board. Mr. Robert Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. There were no objections, motion passed unanimously.

The next committee report presented by Ms. Missildine was the Technical Committee meeting report from the March 9, 2021 meeting. The purpose of that meeting was to discuss the progression of the GIS project within the Federal Grant performance period. During that meeting, Ms. Missildine provided members with:

- a review of the federal grant timeline,
- the Board's adopted GIS strategy,
- an ECD onboarding status map, and
- a proposal offered by DATAMARK at the request of staff for additional services that may be secured by the Board on behalf of the Districts to ready their data for provisioning to a statewide dataset utilizing funds available in the federal grant account.

Noteworthy to the conversation were the facts that some Districts remain unresponsive, and the performance period ends in 12 months. After discussion, the committee voted to recommend to the Board to grant staff the authority under the advice of general counsel to amend the existing contract with DATAMARK to offer additional services to the Districts to advance the GIS project with the remaining grant dollars within the performance period. Mr. Robert Smith moved to accept the Technical Committee's report and recommendation to the Board. Mr. Brandon Wallace seconded the motion. There was no discussion. There were no objections, motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

Director's Report

Ms. Missildine first reported on the status of NG911 in Alabama. As ANGEN nears completion it is time to focus on the other aspects of NG911. She outlined the next steps. Ms. Missildine was pleased to report that for the first time, the Board had 100% participation in the ECD Annual Certification. She then reported on the Legacy 9-1-1 Cost Reimbursement program the Board had authorized last summer.

Next, Ms. Missildine informed the Board of the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rule Making on 911 fee diversion. The FCC would like to develop rules on what is and is not acceptable use of 911 funds. They have a strike force they are developing and are seeking nominations for people to serve. Ms. Missildine requested the Board support her nomination to that strike force. Alabama has a vested interest and is a national leader but also has no list of what is and is not allowable to spend 911 funds. It is important to protect the advancement of 911. Fee diversion renders an

agency ineligible to participate in federal grant programs. Her nomination needs to be authorized by the governing body. Ms. Missildine made the recommendation for the Board to nominate the Board's Executive Director to the FCC's Ending 9-1-1 Fee Diversion Now Strike Force and for her to participate if accepted. Mr. Fred Johnson made the motion with Mr. Tim Webb seconding. There was no discussion. There were no objections, motion passed unanimously. Finally, Ms. Missildine informed the Board about federal legislation – the LIFT America Act – Leading Infrastructure For Tomorrow's America. A portion of it is dedicated to NG911. With the language of this bill that has been introduced, an advisory board would have a number of people that would not necessarily have 911's best interest at heart. There is also language that does not follow current NG911 standards. There has been a form letter developed by NENA that would support the advancement of NG911 but with changes. Ms. Missildine asked the Board to authorize the Board's Executive Director to advocate on behalf of 911 in Alabama regarding the NG911 LIFT America Act. Mr. Alan Campbell made the motion. Mr. Fred Johnson seconded. Mr. Johnson recommended someone reach out and remind our local representative of Alabama's leading role in 911. Ms. Causey requested that Ms. Missildine circulate the letter to the Executive Committee before sending it. There was no further discussion. There were no objections, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fred Johnson left at 11:03 a.m. and returned at 11:05 a.m.

GIS Report

Ms. Missildine moved on to the GIS report. Mr. Anderson Brooms discussed the different stages of the GIS project. Each stage has many complexities. Mr. Fred Johnson asked what data they are validating? Mr. Brooms explained the process. The validations are internal. Ms. Causey asked about who reconciles the data. Mr. Brooms says the validator highlights the problems and PSAPs reconcile. Mr. Johnson asked about the long-term goal. Ms. Missildine explains that the ultimate goal is a highly accurate dispatchable address on which 9-1-1 can with confidence take action to get help for those requesting it. The success of this project is completely dependent on PSAP participation.

LMS/Training Report

Ms. Missildine moved on to the annual training report to the state legislature submitted February 1. Mr. Adam Brown next presented a report on the Virtual Academy LMS roll-out. He reported that he and Ms. Dana Nation have worked through internal training to use the system. They have webinars scheduled to train the ECD administrators. He discussed roll-out schedule and the training regions.

ANGEN Report

The training report was followed by the ANGEN report. Mr. Joel McCamley reported on 911 Authority's activities over the previous two months. He also discussed action items including the upcoming IV&V test planning. Mr. Caleb Branch then presented the report for INdigital. He discussed carrier conversion progress, the status of Texty across the state, and significant event analysis. These significant events included severe weather across Alabama, the Jefferson County/Birmingham City PSAP Bug-out exercise, and the multiple Lumen circuit outages and how they impacted PSAPs in Alabama.

Financial Report

Mr. Ron Cooley then presented the financial report for the Board for the months ending February 28, 2021 and January 31, 2021. He discussed the comparison of the funds with the same time in 2020.

Legal Report

General Counsel then presented the legal report. Mr. Scott Barnett provided an update on the lease for the Board's administrative offices. He then reported that Mr. Brown had been vital in completing the paperwork for the Administrative Rule Amendment filing and that counsel had been needed to provide only limited support. Mr. Jeff Sherrer then reported on the current status of the Morgan County litigation regarding records release. Motions for summary judgment were pending and should be ruled on shortly. Counsel finished with their support of staff regarding the audit process of ECDs by the Examiners.

Old Business:

There was no old business for discussion.

New Business:

There was no new business for discussion.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.


Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Approved this 19 day of May 2021.



SECRETARY/TREASURER



CHAIR

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Type:	<i>Regular</i>	Purpose:	<i>Board Meeting</i>	
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