

ALABAMA 9-1-1 BOARD MEETING
 Minutes of 9/15/2021

Prior notice of this regularly scheduled meeting of the Alabama 9-1-1 Board was given in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act. This meeting was virtual under the Governor’s current health order. The minutes were recorded by Ms. Michelle Peel, Program Coordinator.

Ms. Evelyn Causey, Chair for the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

The roll was called as follows by Ms. Peel:

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Jeremy Williams	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual

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 then called for the unanimous consent for approval of the minutes from the July 21, 2021 Board meeting. There were no changes or objections, and the approval of the minutes was ordered. Legal Counsel recommended to the Board that the Board rules for in-person quorum be waived for the duration of the Governor’s proclamation. Mr. Alan Campbell made that motion and Mr. Brandon Wallace seconded. A roll call vote was taken by Ms. Peel.

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There were no objections, motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Causey turned the meeting over to Ms. Leah Missildine, Executive Director for the Board.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Ms. Missildine started by stating that the Finance Committee met on September 1, 2021. The items on the agenda were Grant Cycle 6, FY2022 budget, and current month and YTD financial statements. Mr. Adam Brown provided the committee with a detailed analysis of the Grant Cycle 6 applications. He and Ms. Missildine discussed priorities and made a recommendation for each application. Ms. Missildine reviewed the report with the committee recommendations. During the committee meeting, she presented the proposed FY2022 budget. Mr. Jeremy Williams suggested replacing the older Tahoe based on its age and use. Mr. Robert Smith agreed suggesting evaluating options on state contract. Mr. Ron Cooley discussed the actuals for FY2021 and the proposed changes for FY2022. Mr. Smith stated that Mr. Cooley’s detailed financial statements help him understand fully what is going on. Ms. Missildine said moving financial management in house has been a great decision. Next, Ms. Missildine explained to the committee that it is her recommendation to extend the legacy 9-1-1 cost reimbursement program. She had also presented this to the Technical Committee. The Technical Committee had suggested continuing the program through FY 2022. Mr. Williams and Mr. Smith agreed with their suggestion. A motion to accept the Finance Committee report inclusive of the recommendations contained therein was made by Mr. Fred Johnson. Mr. Wayne Hutchens seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was taken by Ms. Peel.

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There were no objections, motion passed with two abstaining. Ms. Melissa Dove and Mr. Tim Webb abstained due to having grant applications being considered.

Technical Committee

The Technical Committee met on August 31, 2021. On the agenda for that meeting was an update on ANGEN and GIS project discussion. Ms. Missildine reviewed the report with committee recommendations. Ms. Missildine made the recommendation to continue the legacy 9-1-1 cost reimbursement program. The committee recommended continuing the program through FY 2022. Ms. Melissa Dove made the motion to accept the Technical Committee report as presented inclusive of the recommendations contained within. Mr. Robert Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was taken by Ms. Peel.

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There were no objections, motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

Director’s Report

Ms. Missildine moved on to the staff reports, starting with the Director’s report. She reported the ANGEN Reimbursement program had closed. The final submission deadline was August 31, 2021 with final payout on September 30, 2021. Forty-four percent of the funds were claimed with forty-six percent of districts participating. Ms. Missildine continued with legacy 9-1-1 costs reimbursements. Sixty-two percent of the districts had participated as of the end of August. She then explained the process for requesting ALI circuit disconnect through AT&T. Ms. Missildine provided an update on the 988 coalition Deputy Director Adam Brown has been participating in highlighting work the coalition has done so far. She also explained how 10-digit dialing in area code 251 will become mandatory on October 24, 2021.

Ms. Missildine continued her report with an update on the Ending 9-1-1 Fee Diversion Now Strikeforce. The final public meeting will be held on September 17, 2021. The Final Report will be published on the FCC website on September 23, 2021. She highlighted the background, purpose, and the reports to be given to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate. Ms. Missildine explained fee diversion and the consequences of being declared a fee diverter and what that would mean for districts in Alabama.

Ms. Missildine moved on to the building blocks of NG911. She provided a status update on the language translation services the Board approved in July. She told the Board that reclassification of telecommunicators had been successful in some areas of Alabama. There is a guidance document posted to our website that is updated as we get more information. She discussed the preliminary and future steps for a potential partnership with the Alabama Fire College. Ms. Missildine then announced that the House Energy & Commerce Committee had released a portion of the Budget Reconciliation Act which includes appropriations of \$10 billion for Next Generation 911. She finished her report with recent, ongoing, and upcoming deadlines and activities. She announced that the November board meeting would be moved to the third Thursday of November due to a conflict with the GISA Conference that several of the staff as well as board members will be attending.

GIS Report

Mr. Anderson Brooms presented the GIS report. He provided a timeline of progress over the last two months. He stated he wants every district to reach out to him and find out their status in the project.

Education Report

Mr. Brooms turned the meeting over to Ms. Dana Nation who presented the Education report. She provided the Board with an update on Virtual Academy participation, the EMD program, upcoming training opportunities, Talk About it Tuesday webinars, and courses available in October in Jefferson

County. From July 1 through August 31, 2021, there were 400 course completions of 24 different courses for a total of 476.5 hours in Virtual Academy.

ANGEN Report

Mr. Joel McCamley of 911 Authority and Mr. Caleb Branch of INdigital presented the ANGEN report. ALI conversion should be complete by the end of 2021. Work has been undertaken to reduce the number of transfers from primary PSAP to primary PSAP in Jefferson County. The goal is to cut the number of transfers in half by the first of the year. Mr. Branch reported on a geofencing project for Rock the South concert that went well. He also provided an update on a Verizon Business misroute issue in August.

Financial Report

Mr. Ron Cooley then presented the financial report for the months ending July and August 2021.

Legal Report

Mr. Scott Barnett and Mr. Jeff Sherrer of Brunson, Barnett, & Sherrer, P.C., general counsel for the Board, then gave the legal report on their continued support on the office lease, FCC proposed rules changes, the American Rescue Plan First Responder issue, IV&V report handling, and the Morgan County/TVM lawsuit.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

During new business, Mr. Fred Johnson provided a disclosure in compliance with ethics laws to the Board. General Counsel for the board recommended that the Board formally accept Mr. Johnson’s disclosure. Mr. John Nettles made the motion to accept Mr. Johnson disclosure. Mr. Robert Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was taken by Ms. Peel.

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There were no objections, motion passed with one abstaining. Mr. Fred Johnson abstained as he was the one making the disclosure.

Ms. Missildine turned the meeting over to Ms. Causey. Ms. Causey advised that it was time for the yearly evaluation of the Executive Director. However, due to time constraints, it was her suggestion that the evaluation be completed at the next meeting. It was also her suggestion that the nominations of officers be delayed as there had not been time to discuss the nominations.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Mr. Tim Webb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Robert Smith. There was no discussion. There were no objections, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Approved this the 18th day of November 2021.

SECRETARY/TREASURER



CHAIR