

ALABAMA 9-1-1 BOARD MEETING
 Minutes of 5/17/2023

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, Program Coordinator for the Board.

Mr. Jeremy Williams, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual
Evelyn Causey	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual
Fred Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual
John Nettles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual
Melinda Shonk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual
Greg Silas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual
Joby Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual
Robert Smith, Secretary/Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual
Brandon Wallace	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual
Tim Webb	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual
Jeremy Williams, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual

A quorum was established.

Mr. Williams called for unanimous consent for the approval of the agenda. It was unanimously approved with no objections. He then called for approval of the minutes from the March 15, 2023 board meeting. Mr. Alan Campbell made the motion and Mr. Robert Smith seconded it. There were no changes or objections, and the approval of the minutes was ordered. Guest introductions were made.

Mr. Scott Barnett, general counsel for the Board, requested an executive session per Alabama State Code Sections 36-25A-7(a)(1) and (3). The anticipated length of the Executive session is 20 minutes. Mr. Alan Campbell made the motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Greg Silas seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken:

Alan Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yay <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain
John Nettles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yay <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain
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Tim Webb

Yay Nay Abstain

Jeremy Williams

Yay Nay Abstain

Executive session was entered at 10:02 a.m. The meeting was reconvened by Mr. Jeremy Williams at 10:18 a.m. Mr. Barnett recommended to the Board to approve the payroll tax correction as recommended during executive session. Mr. Robert Smith made the motion to approve and ratify the recommended action to correct the organizational payroll tax error that occurred prior to 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$8,000. Mr. Alan Campbell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no objections. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Williams turned the meeting over to Ms. Leah Missildine, Executive Director for the Board, for programmatic reports.

Programmatic Reports

Finance Report

Ms. Missildine started the programmatic reports with the financial report, presenting the financial statements. She reported that some of the account balances are higher than anticipated due to personnel loss and the delay in hiring approved personnel. She discussed the ALPST program expenditures. She reported that the legacy reimbursements are down as there is less participation and some of the bills are showing a reduction with the legacy charges being reduced. Cost recovery reimbursements are down also. She provided an update on the Examiner's billing. The last invoice has been received and the quote for the next round is expected soon. The Examiner's have reported it may be late as they are running behind. They have compiled self-reported data from 2022 and have provided it to us. Ms. Missildine reported to the Board that conversations had started with another carrier on post NG911 migration billing, and she was cautiously optimistic that all the right people were involved in the conversation and would have more to report at the next meeting. Revenues are just above the required amount, which puts the Board in a good position. Ms. Missildine reported that other states are reporting a decline in carrier receipts, but Alabama has not seen that.

Ms. Missildine moved on to an update on Grant Cycle 7. One application had been tabled at the request of the applicant. The District has asked for it to be reviewed. Based on questions posed to the District and the answers they provided, Ms. Missildine recommended that the Board award a partial award of 75% of the application. Mr. Alan Campbell made the motion to approve the application for \$88,796.25. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robert Smith. There were no objections. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Missildine concluded the financial report with an operations budget comparison and a reminder that the operations fund will change based on changes to the chart of accounts. She also discussed how the processes implemented in several programs, especially the legacy cost reimbursement program were effective for staff and the districts.

She recommended the Board accept the financial report as presented. Mr. Greg Silas made the motion and Mr. Brandon Wallace seconded it. There were no objections. Motion passed unanimously.

Education and Outreach Report

Ms. Missildine started the Education and Outreach report with an update on the second annual User Conference. The agencies represented were spread across the state. For less than \$10,000 it was a successful three-day event with great feedback. She next provided an update on the ALEMD program. The program is under a comprehensive review. Staff has met with ADPH staff and more meetings are planned. An executive decision was made to put renewals on hold until staff can meet again with the EMS Medical Director. Mr. Greg Silas asked about recertification. Ms. Missildine stated that leniency will be granted during this review. She then moved on to an update on the Alabama Public Safety Telecommunicator Certification Program. She reported that 67% of the telecommunicators in primary PSAPs across the state are certified. That number is expected to jump as more complete the competency exam and the NENA Telecommunicator Core Competency course. Mr. Alan Campbell asked about the failure rate on the competency exam. Mr. Adam Brown, Deputy Director for the Board reported that only three had failed the exam on the first attempt but passed it on the subsequent attempt. The average score over all is 86. Mr. Jeremy Williams asked about PSAP participation. Ms. Missildine relayed that Board staff had had contact with every primary PSAP and had gotten to know their representatives. There are 106 primary PSAPs so it was a time consuming endeavor but worth it as the response has been good. Ms. Missildine then outlined the forms used by staff to collect information from the PSAPs. She also provided a report on the meeting with the Alabama NENA Education Committee. Ms. Missildine recommended to the committee that the number of representatives from each organization be decreased to three as it was difficult to keep all the seats filled. It was decided that each organization would have three representatives instead of four. Other topics for discussion at that meeting were the rules amendments, the number of CEUs required, the CEU list, and training implementation.

Technology Report

Ms. Melissa Carpenter provided the report for INdigital. Geospatial call routing testing was successful for the live implementation of geospatial call routing scheduled for May 31, 2023. She continued the report with call statistics including Texty and MEVO. She reported that Marengo County has lost call handling capability and moved to MEVO for a week while new equipment was installed. She reviewed the trouble tickets and concluded the report with two significant events. The NASCAR race weekend at Talladega Speedway produced 89 calls that were geo-routed to a center at the raceway. The second event was the mass casualty shooting in Dadeville. This is a two-seat PSAP. The events of that night significantly increased their call volume.

Ms. Missildine discussed the momentous occasion of geo-spatial call routing 911 calls later this month. It represents the power of technology between NG911 and GIS.

Mr. Anderson Brooms presented the GIS report. He reported that all ECDs are successfully onboarded and trained to their needs. He highlighted his and Ms. Nida Jackson's contribution to the project and organization. Mr. Brooms has visited 41 PSAPs in three years or 40% of the PSAPs in the state. Ms. Jackson has been working on data for ten districts and will be taking on

another shortly. Mr. Brooms presented the boundary facilitation map for geospatial call routing. There are four areas/regions. Two have been remediated and will be live at the end of May. The deadline for Area 3 data is May 19, 2023. He stressed the importance of aggregating data to the state VEP. Mr. Greg Silas asked if any of the districts were not communicating about the project. Mr. Brooms said that engagement had improved since the user conference. Mr. Jeremy Williams asked about the participation of districts in Area 3. Mr. Brooms stated that they all have a path forward. Mr. Williams asked if anyone did not want to participate. Mr. Brooms answered no. He then discussed working with DATAMARK and the RapidSoS Premium Portal. Mr. Alan Campbell asked about some of the features of the Premium Portal. Ms. Missildine answered that staff was hesitant to provide definite answers as they have not seen it work live yet. Mr. Brooms stated that Morgan and Clarke counties would be beta testing the Portal as Ms. Jackson had remediated their data so there was strong confidence in its quality.

Governance Report:

Ms. Missildine moved on to the Governance Report. She provided an update on the sunset review. When the report is complete, there will be a Sunset hearing this summer with legislation during the next regular session. The examiner is new and has needed some education of what the Board does. The review is also more in depth than in previous reviews.

Ms. Missildine moved on to the proposed Administrative Rules Amendments. The first proposed amendment is Administrative Rule 585-X-4-.10. This rule addresses the statutorily mandated rate adjustment as determined by the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers for the previous five years. To stay in compliance with the statute, certain actions must be taken immediately. Ms. Missildine outlined those actions. The CPI-U for the period is 19.74%. Ms. Missildine recommended to the Board that they authorize staff to file the Notice of Intended Action for amendment of Administrative Rule 585-X-4-.10 to meet the deadlines of the statutory obligation. Mr. Joby Smith made the motion. Mr. Tim Webb seconded the motion. There were no objections. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Scott Barnett, legal counsel for the Board reminded Mr. Williams that any further action during the rules amendment process will not be able to be done by virtual participation.

The second proposed Administrative Rules Amendments are to Rule 585-X-5-.02, 585-X-5-.03, and 585-X-5-.04. The changes to these rules are for clarification and grammar. Ms. Missildine also requested discussion on 585-X-5-.04(4). This rule addresses the Continuing Education Unit requirements of the Alabama Public Safety Telecommunicator Certification Program. It is currently 24 CEUs in a 12-month period. Board staff has heard conversation that it is too high. The CEUs are attainable through Virtual Academy and other online/virtual resources. This rule was considered extensively before its passage last year and the Alabama NENA Education Committee does not recommend a change at this time. The Board did not feel any action needed to be taken on Rule 585-X-5-.04(4) at this time. Ms. Missildine recommended to the Board that they authorize staff to file the Notice of Intended Action for amendment of Administrative Rule 585-X-5. Mr. Joby Smith requested that two additional words be struck from rule 585-X-5-.03 for grammatical reasons. Mr. Robert Smith made the motion to authorize staff to move forward with filing the notice of intended action for Rule 585-X-5. Mr. Tim Webb seconded the motion. There were no objections. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Missildine moved on to an update of the 988 legislation introduced to the Alabama House and Senate. The proposed bill would give the Board the opportunity to serve on the commission and help guide the interaction between 911 and 988. Also the telecommunications service providers overwhelmingly encouraged 988 to incorporate the 988 service charge, if there is any, into the 911 service charge with the Alabama 9-1-1 Board collecting the service charge.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Ms. Missildine reported to the Board that RFPs would need to be prepared for many of the Board's contractual services in the coming months. There were drafts of these in the Board packets. Each will either go through the Contract Review process or be submitted for Governor's approval. She informs the Board that because of deadlines, there may be a special-called meeting in August for awards.

Ms. Missildine turned the meeting back over to Mr. Jeremy Williams.

Public Comments:

Mr. Charlie McNichol, Director of the Mobile County Communications District addressed the Board about the continuing education unit requirements for the Alabama Public Safety Telecommunicator Certification Program. He relayed that he had been contacted by the Sheriff of Escambia County who disagreed with such a large number of CEUs being required each year. He also state that he had been told that the sheriff had contacted Senator Albritton who had prepared a bill to legislate the number of CEUs. Mr. McNichol believed that it had not been introduced because he told the sheriff the Board would lessen the number of CEUs during this meeting.

Ms. Missildine stated she would like to counter that with a discussion of the Administrative Rules process. The vote today was to open it for comment. It is not the final draft.

Mr. McNichol interrupted stating he heard that they were not going to recommend a change. He stated he needed to be able to tell this sheriff that it will change, or they will introduce the legislation that afternoon. He continued that 911 does not want legislation in the statehouse. The minutes will say that the Board will not recommend a change. If he tells the sheriff this, the bill will be introduced.

Ms. Missildine stated that the Board does not have a recommendation today to reduce the CEU number.

Mr. McNichol interrupted Ms. Missildine stating that the Board can do what they want, but this is serious.

Mr. Jeremy Williams addressed Mr. McNichol asking what the bill is about.

Mr. McNichol stated that it will be a law for twelve CEUs for telecommunicators and with the session ending ending in ten days that the verbiage needs to be that the CEU number will be lowered, even if the Board changes it later. Mr. McNichol expressed that he disagreed with lowering the CEU number, but did not want to fight this for the next ten days. Mr. McNichol

assured the Board that he was not upset; rather, he was disappointed that he cannot go back and at least say the consensus is to reduce the CEU requirement, so that it is in the minutes. He stated that he understands rules and that he had informed the sheriff that a final draft would not actually get done before the session ends, but Mr. McNicol thought he would come out of today's meeting with discussion leaning that way. He advised that the Board's inaction today does not work. He continued that it was a fluke that he had learned that the CEU requirement was a problem and that legislation would be introduced to set it at 12. Mr. McNichol had a meeting with the sheriff on another matter and the sheriff leaned over and said a bunch of expletives asking "what's going on with this 24 hours?" Mr. McNichol insisted that he just can't leave the meeting and not tell the Board that they might see a bill dropped.

Ms. Melinda Shonk then addressed Mr. McNichol asking if the sheriff were to have a chance at 12 hours instead of 24 is that the entirety of what he is trying to do. Mr. McNichol answered in the affirmative and that he thought it is a reasonable request at this juncture. Ms. Shonk responded to Mr. McNichol that he may think it is reasonable, but that she though 24 is reasonable. She questioned the number of CEUs required by other public safety disciplines and if 24 hours fell in the range with law enforcement, EMS, and fire?

Ms. Missildine answered in the affirmative. Ms. Shonk asked if 12 hours for law enforcement is the least amount of continuing education of any of those being considered for comparison? Mr. McNichol answered in the affirmative and thought that paramedics and firefighters might be 36.

Mr. Williams asked "what are their numbers?" Ms. Missildine responded that firefighters are higher than law enforcement and even more for emergency medical personnel.

Ms. Shonk identified that the CEU requirement fell in the middle of other public safety disciplines. She then asked of Mr. McNichol to help the Board understand the damage that not lowering the CEUs might do. He responded with "We don't know what kind of damage it could do, but there is going to be a bill dropped in the senate about 911 that opens the door to who knows what discussion. There are people waiting for that. My people get more than 24. It is not the issue of 24 we are trying to avoid, it is the unwritten thing that we are trying to avoid. Not the issue of 12 or 24. There was no language and its on the record that the NENA president does not recommend changing it."

Ms. Missildine dissented stating that there is no recommendation currently; rather to go through the publication and the comments period, accept feedback and bring that back to the Board, so that there may be a recommendation at the July meeting.

Mr. McNichol asked why there were no redlines on that CEU slide like on the other slides. Ms. Missildine reiterated because the Board will be accepting public comment at the next meeting and that is the point at which there may be a recommendation to change or not.

Mr. Brandon Wallace sought clarification that between now and July, the Board can accept the recommendation to change it or not. He was answered in the affirmative by Ms. Missildine who went on to restate that for the Administrative Rule process, the Board has to open the process. By filing a notice of intended action with LSA. LSA will publish what the Board files this week by the end of the month. That opens the public comment period and advertises to everybody that this is the point at which the public can submit written comment or come to the meeting and submit verbal comment. At that point, that is when a recommendation comes for the final language of the rule amendment based on anyone that comes to the public hearing or has put in written comments at that time.

Mr. McNichol asked if the others have been commented on since they have been recommended.

Ms. Missildine answered in the negative. Mr. McNichol stated again that they are redlined and asked if the Board had had public comments on them? Ms. Missildine again answered in the negative.

Mr. McNichol stated, “That’s what I am getting at. Why can’t we put a redline that we are going to do this so I can just tell the guy. On the other ones you drew red lines and changed language and such. Is it really the opinion of the State Board staff not to make the recommendation?”

Ms. Missildine stated that staff did not have a recommendation currently and that staff would like to hear from our 911 stakeholder group during the comment period. The Board was asked if they would like to weigh in.

Mr. Greg Silas said, “so are there Board members what would like to see that number changed?”

Ms. Shonk responded, “let me weigh in as once a training director and now a director, and I think Charlie agrees with me, 24 is not too much or hard. It is attainable and I am not sure where he is coming from. I understand the twelve is for law enforcement and maybe for someone from a law enforcement background it seems like a lot. I get all that. I do not think 24 is too much but that’s why I asked? I understand that this might not be the only conversation had and there may be consequences to that and I do not want anything to impact what we need to do financially to move forward for PSAPs that will benefit from additional funds.”

Mr. McNichol stated, “this guy isn’t trying to go there. The senator may be. I’ve talked to all of you but two and I just didn’t get to you – I figured this was a no-brainer really. The five of you I talked to know what’s going on and if you can’t say -- that you can’t go along with this, so be it. But, put your comfortable shoes on and get ready to go to the statehouse. I don’t like it either personally, but I am just trying to negate something that could happen.”

Ms. Shonk asked “and that’s him trying to do something towards making a law for 12 hours?”

Mr. McNichol said, “Correct.”

Mr. Silas asked, “just so I understand your real concern is that once you open up that box there’s no telling what else you might – somebody might attach to that law?”

Shonk said, “unintended consequences.”

McNichol: That is eloquently put. I understand you can’t make the change today but I don’t understand why that slide – if that is the consensus of the directors on the board – why that slide can’t add the recommended changes to come to get through this session. We can change it back next year.

Mr. Campbell: If NENA is recommending that we do not change it, it seems odd to me that we would vote against the group of people we are here to represent. So what we are actually saying is the 911 Board should allow not the agencies we represent to change us but an outside person. And I don’t know – I am not sure – there is a process to change it. The process is to have public comment and have those that don’t agree with the rule come in and express their opinion and then the Board act on that. They did not come to public comment when we set the rule.

McNichol: I am the messenger, guys.

Mr. Campbell: I know. I am just . . .

McNichol: (interrupting Mr. Campbell) I talked to you and you were on board.

Campbell: I am on board if someone came to us and said here's a good reason to go to 12. Then I would be in favor of 12 hours, but the people we went to in the 911 community want to stick with 24 hours.

McNichol: Ok good, that's fine.

Campbell: So, it is hard. I don't want to get into a big political fight either.

McNichol: You're headed for one. This guy is not a bluffer. He's a country, don't give a darn king of guy. He'll do it just because he could and we don't. Now if we want to do that, go up there and defend it, so be it. I don't really have a dog in the fight. I was the one that learned he was doing this by mistake. And he's a friend of mine and I can't talk him out of it.

Ms. Missildine to the Board and Mr. McNichol: As your Executive Director, that was placed on the slide as a call out that it needed attention and discussion because no action is necessarily necessary today. It is something that will occur between now and July. I think that is very important how that is told back to your friend. That is my point -- that while there is not a recommendation today, we called it out for this to be discussed among the stakeholder groups involved. And that is what we want to hear between now and July.

Mr. Barnett: And Mr. Chairman, I would like to add to that that you did more than just call it out, you voted to advertise it as a proposed rule change depending upon the comments made. It is part of the advertisement. You did not advertise all of the other rules you have because those are not subject to discussion. The ones that are subject to discussion, potentially available to be changed pursuant to the process, have been discussed here today. So, it is topic of change; it is just not redlined.

Mr. J Smith: And we're having to follow the process that we have been given. The process is to allow for comment -- public comment -- meaning organizations who don't agree with the 24 hours. So, we are following this process but because of the timeline of potential legislation, I feel like we're being held over a barrel. But because we are following the process they have given to us...

Mr. McNichol (interjecting): The whole process that got us here was political. All I needed to be able to do was say was someone in this room today -- just like you redlined the other ones -- I am not talking to a scholar, I am talking to a sheriff that has a senator with a bill in hand ready to drop it. If you can't read between the lines and you want to take that chance, I'll still be friends with you. But we have to figure out a better way like we did on the other ones to make the aesthetics stretch? I get it. Don't do anything you can't do.

Ms. Missildine: The substance of the proposed action is this, and I will amend according to how the Board wants to, the Alabama 9-1-1 Board proposes to amend this Administrative Rule over the number of examination retake attempts during an annual period, correct typographical errors, and clarify program enrollment requirements. That is what we are advertising to possibly amend. I don't know how that conveys in conversations among people that I haven't been involved in. But, I'll go one step further to say that I'll be happy to reach out to Senator Albritton's office and have this conversation with him as such, if that so pleases the Board, to convey what we are attempting to do within the confines of the Administrative Rule amendment process.

Mr. R Smith: I think that would be a good move. If the message is to get to Albritton, then a message coming from you to him should be good. I understand how lobbyists and bulldog lobbyists work. I lobby for the cable industry. But, if it has to be accurate, let the message come from here to him and see what conversation that strikes up. If he bulldogs that conversation then so be it. I am not saying -- legislation happens. Some people like it and some aren't in favor of

it, some get good results and some don't. But I think if we talk to Albritton at least we have the opportunity to say we made that conversation. But I can tell the lobbyist to ...

Ms. Missildine: I am not sure how else we call out the statement when we don't have an actual recommendation. I don't know how to redline the document if we don't have a change to make yet.

Mr. Silas: You're not objecting to a change, you are conveying that it needs to be done.

Ms. Missildine: By law it has to be done properly... (talking over)

Mr. Campbell: We have to make the proposal or someone from the public makes the proposal.

Ms. Missildine: And that's when it comes back before the Board. We will adjourn the public hearing and then the Board will make the final decision about the rule. That's the point at which that will ...

Mr. J Smith: The red lines we have seen here are grammatical corrections or intended consequences or changes to the way it was worded -- it was... it amounted to extra time to take a test. We haven't made -- making a change like 24 to 12 is a change that should come from someone else. All these other changes are simply corrections that got through the first round.

Ms. Missildine: I would tell you that the intended actions presented in this rule have been minor today, not substantive changes ...

Mr. J Smith: Which should be allowed for public comment. If someone wants to leave in the in a sentence twice, they have the option to say that.

Mr. Williams: Are we all clear on the timeline that must take place, Charlie?

McNichol: Oh, I understood it when I came in here. I am just telling you that he is more fired up now than when he first told me about it.

Mr. Williams: But we can't change it today.

Mr. McNichol: It sounds like I am arguing with y'all. I am arguing on your behalf to try to keep this thing from getting dropped. And you are not a constituent of Senator Albritton, Leah. This sheriff is one of his constituents. I'm just saying calling Albritton ain't going to do any good. It would have already been filed if I hadn't accidentally learned about it. He just sent me a live chat that y'all need to watch out for your funding. Everyone at the statehouse will know how much money the 911 board has.

Ms. Shonk: Ok, now I just asked if (mumbled) If I can just say this for the group and Charlie, I don't like the fact that -- forgive me to all my law enforcement -- I don't like the fact that one sheriff somewhere because he doesn't like 24 CEUs -- I don't like that kind of governing that he thinks we need to do when we have talked about it and I apologize Charlie because we have had many conversations -- but 24 hours is not unreasonable because one sheriff doesn't understand how easy that is to do.

Mr. McNichol: I don't disagree with you.

Ms. Shonk: Leah, if I may ask, what is your opinion of where we are now and what we can do. That last comment that he just made to you really upsets me.

Ms. Missildine: The only thing I know to do is follow the Administrative Rules process. It has been called out that is a point for consideration.

Mr. J Smith: We are putting it out there to take comments.

Mr. Webb: This sheriff has the opportunity to either submit comments or come to the public hearing.

Mr. McNichol: I agree with y'all.

Mr. Webb: If he is that concerned with it, he has the opportunity to come before this Board.

Mr. R Smith: He can come discuss this with us instead with a middle man through text. That's my thought. The Board has been here. It sounds like this guy is trying to push the Board to do what he wants.

Ms. Shonk: It sounds like he doesn't care that there are individuals that have looked at these things.

Mr. R Smith: Right.

Ms. Shonk: to make the best the recommendation they can but somehow he is a subject matter expert on something. I don't appreciate it. It's that last comment that concerns me.

Mr. Nettles: Can't you say we are not putting a proposal forward and that all of it will be considered in the public hearing?

Ms. Missildine: We are advertising to take comments on that point in particular.

Mr. Silas: We are saying please tell us if you would like to change that.

Mr. Nettles: But not having recommended changes is the equivalent of recommending keeping it the same. You could interpret it that way.

Ms. Shonk: We are intelligently trying to argue with someone who, with all due respect to your friend, someone who is having a tantrum.

Mr. R Smith: That's what it sounds like. Sounds like we're being pushed and if we don't take the push, he is going to take his action somewhere.

Mr. McNichol: That's the case.

Mr. R Smith: Ok, well if that is the case, I am not one, and I am just one person on this Board, I am, and I am all for public comment, but I am not for pushing us to make a decision in his favor. And if that is on the record, that's on the record. I think there is a process we are to go through. We have determined we are going to go through this process, and as a Board member for almost nine years, I think we should go through the process. Case closed.

Mr. Williams: At the next board meeting when it is open for comment, it can be changed then.

Mr. McNichol: I understand.

Mr. Williams: It can't be changed today.

Mr. McNichol: I am going to tell him the Executive Director, that committee, and the Board did not recommend changing that number. That's what was said earlier.

Mr. R Smith: We just keep repeating the same thing back and forth. What we have to do . . .

Mr. McNichol: I wanted to be able to go back and say that just like the other redline stuff, ??, that the consensus is to do it, they just can't do it right now.

Mr. R Smith: The message we want to follow is the process. That is the true and accurate message. We are going to follow the process.

Mr. Williams: We have to.

Mr. R Smith: Right, there is no other argument. I don't care how powerful the guy is or thinks he is, we've got to follow the process. So that's the end of it.

Mr. Williams: Any comments from the Board members?


Hearing none, Mr. Williams conveyed pats on the back for staff and vendors for the User Conference stating that it was very good and well done. He stated that it had been very successful, that the staff's hard work was clear, and that it had been another successful conference.

Call to adjourn.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Approved this 19th day of July, 2023.


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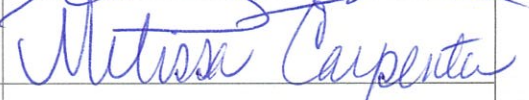
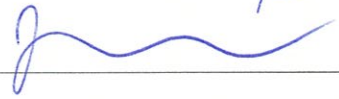

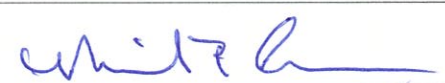
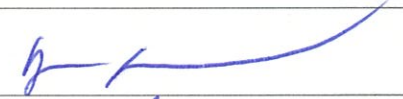
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