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FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY
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SPECIAL VIRTUAL COMBINED BOARD AND
FINANCE AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) held a public Special Combined Board and Finance and Investment Committee meeting on Monday, March 18, 2025, via MS Teams at 3:00 PM ET. A video recording and transcript of the meeting, as well as the archived presentation, are available on the FirstNet Authority website: [FirstNet.gov](https://www.firstnet.gov).

Acting Board Chair Renee Gordon welcomed everyone to the FirstNet Authority Special Combined Board and Finance and Investment Committee meeting and announced Board member, Sheriff Michael Adkinson, as the Acting Board Vice Chair. Chair Gordon also congratulated Chief Trisha Wolford on her appointment as the 149th President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Finance and Investment Committee Chair Sean McDevitt provided an overview of the proposed FirstNet Authority Fiscal Year 2026 budget in preparation for the Finance and Investment Committee vote on Finance and Investment Committee Resolution 38 – Recommendations on Fiscal Year 2026 Budget and for the subsequent Board vote on Resolution 120 – Recommendations on Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

Roll Call

Renee Gordon (“Acting Chair”), Michael Adkinson, Billy Bob Brown Jr., Mark Calabria, Damon Darsey, Alexandra Fernández Navarro, Erik Gaull, Sean McDevitt, Warren Mickens, Jocelyn Moore, Jeffrey Norman, Rasheid Scarlett, and Trisha Wolford participated. A quorum was present for the Special Combined Board and Finance and Investment Committee meeting.

Conflicts Statement and Reminder

Prior to participating in the FirstNet Authority Special Combined Board and Finance and Investment Committee meeting, Board Secretary Jennifer Watts sent Board members the meeting agenda and Conflict of Interest guidance provided by the Ethics Law and Program Division of the Department of Commerce Office of General Counsel that applies to all Board members. All Board members responded prior to the meeting that they did not need to recuse themselves from participation in any portion of the meeting, therefore indicating no conflicts of interest and the meeting proceeded.

Votes Taken

Chair Gordon requested a motion to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2025, Combined Board and Board Committees Meeting. Warren Mickens made the motion, Jeffrey Norman seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to approve the meeting minutes and to make them available to the public at the end of the meeting.

The Finance and Investment Committee voted to approve Finance and Investment Committee Resolution 38 – Recommendations on Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

- After Committee Chair McDevitt called for a vote, Jocelyn Moore made the motion to approve, Rasheid Scarlett seconded, and the Finance and Investment Committee unanimously voted to approve Finance and Investment Committee Resolution 38 – Recommendations on Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

The Board voted to approve Resolution 120 – Recommendations on Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

- After Chair Gordon called for a vote, Alexandra Fernández Navarro made the motion to approve, Damon Darsey seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to approve Board Resolution 120 – Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

Finance and Investment Committee Update

Committee Chair McDevitt reported that the FirstNet Authority expects to have \$867,093,529 available for the Fiscal Year 2026 operational budget. After a comprehensive management review of the initiatives that are required to accomplish the goals and objectives of the FirstNet Authority, the budget reflects a combination of fees from FirstNet AT&T as part of the network contract, as well as unobligated funds that will roll over from Fiscal Year 2025.

Committee Chair McDevitt also noted that after extensive research and forecasting to formulate the Fiscal Year 2026 funding request for the Reinvestment in the Network Enhancement Fund, the FirstNet Authority's investment team proposed to allocate \$867,093,529 in Fiscal Year 2026 resources into 3 funding categories. First, \$88,091,335 in Operations on an obligation basis, which represents a 12% reduction over current levels. Next, \$44,045,668 in an Operational Contingency Reserve, which is set to be equal to 50% of the Fiscal Year 2026 Operations budget. Third, \$734,956,526 in Reinvestment in Network Enhancement Fund on an obligation basis, plus or minus any budgetary sources derived in Fiscal Year 2026, including year-end Fiscal Year 2025 reconciliations.

Closing Remarks

FirstNet Authority Executive Director and CEO Mike Cannon thanked the Board for their consideration and approval of the submitted budget. He reiterated that the streamlined budget of \$88 million for operating expenses in Fiscal Year 2026, which is a reduction from the operating budget of \$100 million in Fiscal Year 2025, demonstrates the FirstNet Authority's commitment to strong financial management and fiscal responsibility. Mr. Cannon stated that the FirstNet Authority is streamlining operations where possible without compromising the core mission, which is serving public safety across the country and meeting statutory requirements, and the FirstNet Authority remains committed to working with public safety across the Nation and

delivering the best network for them. The reinvestment budget will enable the FirstNet Authority to enhance and expand the network for the benefit of first responders across the Nation.

Board Adjourned

Chair Gordon requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheriff Adkinson made the motion, Damon Darsey seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.