WHEREAS, the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) was established under the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act), which mandates the creation of a nationwide public safety broadband network (NPSBN) 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 authorizes the FirstNet Authority to reinvest fees to construct, maintain, operate, or improve the network, and invest funds from other sources to advance or enhance public safety communications.

WHEREAS, the Board approves and allocates the FirstNet Authority's budget into the following three major funding categories: (1) First Responder Network Authority - Operations; (2) Operational Contingency Reserve; and (3) Reinvestment in Network Enhancement Fund (Reinvestment Fund).

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2019, the Board enacted Resolution 98, "The FirstNet Authority’s Investment Principles," in which, among other things, the Board adopted Investment Principles and authorized the FirstNet Authority to “use the Investment Principles to guide the FirstNet Authority’s investment decisions.”

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2019, the Board enacted Resolution 100, "Financial Responsibilities for Reinvestment," in which, among other things, the Board resolved that “no funds may be obligated from the Reinvestment in Network Enhancement Fund funding category for the purposes of investment without Board approval.”

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2019, the Board enacted Resolution 101 “Fiscal Year 2020 Budget,” in which, among other things, the Board allocated $145,146,366 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Budget on an obligation basis for the Reinvestment Fund and directed that any unobligated funds budgeted in FY 2019 in the Reinvestment Fund carry over for FY 2020.
WHEREAS, during the September 18, 2019, Combined Committee and Board meeting, the Board has been presented with and discussed a Coverage Enhancement Investment Recommendation to expand the NPSBN deployables fleet, consistent with priorities identified within the FirstNet Authority’s Coverage & Capacity Roadmap Domain.

WHEREAS, during the September 18, 2019, Combined Committee and Board meeting, the Board has been presented with and discussed a Network Enhancement Investment Recommendation to initiate generational upgrades to the FirstNet Core, consistent with priorities identified within the FirstNet Authority’s Core Roadmap Domain.

WHEREAS, during the September 18, 2019, Combined Committee and Board meeting, the FirstNet Authority management team briefed the Board on the material terms of the above-referenced Investment Recommendations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the FirstNet Authority management to move forward with the Coverage Enhancement and Network Enhancement Investment Recommendations and directs the FirstNet Authority management to take all actions necessary to implement the proposals in accordance with the objectives and business cases as presented to the Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the above-referenced Investment Recommendations and associated implementation actions by the FirstNet Authority management, in accordance with the objectives and business cases as presented to the Board.

I, the undersigned, Board Secretary of the FirstNet Authority, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at the meeting of the FirstNet Authority Board on September 18, 2019, at which a quorum was present and voted.

Karen Miller-Kuwana, Board Secretary