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FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY
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COMBINED BOARD AND BOARD COMMITTEES MEETING

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) held a public Combined Board and Committees meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, in-person and via MS Teams at 1:00 PM EST in Coral Gables, FL. 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).

Board Chairman Mike Adkinson welcomed everyone, virtual and in-person, to the meeting and introduced Stuart Levenbach as the new OMB designee. During this meeting, the Public Safety Advisory, Advocacy, Finance and Investment, and Programs and Future Planning committees provided highlights and updates.

Roll Call

Mike Adkinson (“Chairman Adkinson”), Alexandra Fernández Navarro, Erik Gaull, Sean McDevitt, Warren Mickens, Jocelyn Moore, Jeffrey Norman, Rasheid Scarlett, and Trisha Wolford were present, establishing a quorum¹.

Conflicts Statement and Reminder

Prior to participating in the 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 have any conflicts of interest and did not need to recuse themselves from participation in any portion of the meeting.

Votes Taken

Chairman Adkinson requested a motion to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2026, Combined Board and Board Committees meeting. Warren Mickens motioned, Erik Gaull 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.

Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) Update

Chairman Adkinson confirmed that the questions raised by PSAC Chair Chris Lombard during the March 17, 2026, Board meeting were addressed in writing and thanked the PSAC for its strong working relationship with the Board and shared commitment to serving first responders.

¹ Billy Bob Brown, Jr., Damon Darsey, and Stuart Levenbach did not participate in the meeting.

Chief Lombard congratulated Chairman Adkinson on being formally appointed as the FirstNet Authority Board Chairman and then commenced with providing the PSAC update.

The PSAC engaged with the FirstNet Authority Board to advise on public safety investment priorities and future enhancements that reflect the needs of first responders. The Tribal Advisory Group (TAG) continues to meet regularly with a focus on the FirstNet Authority coverage enhancement workshops and identifying areas of great need for additional coverage. PSAC members also participated in several webinars in May.

Over the next quarter, the PSAC will continue to work with the FirstNet Authority Board on key investment decisions; close out working groups on tower permitting; and discuss engagement strategies. The TAG will continue its outreach and engagement to ensure tribal voices are heard as the FirstNet network improves and expands.

Advocacy Committee Update

Committee Chair Trisha Wolford highlighted FY26 second quarter public engagements, conferences, coverage enhancement workshops, and meetings attended by the FirstNet Authority staff and Board members, where 250 unique feedback items were collected from public safety on their operational needs, capability gaps, and everyday use of the FirstNet network. Committee Chair Wolford also described the FirstNet Authority Public Safety Advocacy (PSA) staff's extensive involvement in various exercises and planning sessions in advance of the 2026 FIFA World Cup series being held throughout the U.S., including preparation for providing onsite support and emergency operations centers in all 11 host cities throughout the 39-day operational period.

The FirstNet Authority PSA staff is also running two discipline-specific cohorts for emergency management and emergency communication centers, which include representatives from state and local agencies across the nation. These cohorts provide a unique opportunity to educate stakeholders, build awareness of FirstNet network capabilities, such as the deployable program or FirstNet Central, and to seek targeted feedback. Committee Chair Wolford mentioned that the next cycle of coverage enhancement workshops has begun and that the PSA team has already conducted eight sessions, which will continue to offer updates on specific coverage enhancements and provide stakeholders the opportunity to provide direct feedback that guides the FirstNet Authority's ongoing coverage and investment decisions.

Committee Chair Wolford announced the solicitation period has opened for both the Chief Harlin R. McEwen Public Safety Broadband Communication Award and the FirstNet Authority Patriot Awards. Nominations should be submitted to [FirstNet.gov](https://www.firstnet.gov).

Finance and Investment Committee Update

Committee Chair Sean McDevitt remarked on the recent agreement facilitated by Department of Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick with FirstNet AT&T to secure an additional \$2 billion in value to benefit public safety under the Nationwide Broadband Public Safety Broadband Network contract. The agreement will reduce costs borne by the FirstNet Authority by roughly \$1 billion and unlock approximately \$1 billion in new network and coverage enhancement investments by FirstNet AT&T. Committee Chair McDevitt reiterated that coverage

enhancements and investments will continue to be guided by public safety users and the FirstNet Authority Board to ensure that they directly address the mission critical needs of public safety.

Committee Chair McDevitt briefed that during the first seven months of FY 2026, the FirstNet Authority obligated a cumulative total of \$44.3 million, well within the forecasted parameters of the FY 2026 budget. The Committee is preparing for the upcoming Special Virtual Board meeting scheduled for August 17, where the proposed FirstNet Authority FY 2027 budget will be presented for Board consideration and approval.

Programs and Future Planning Committee Update

Committee Chair Rasheid Scarlett discussed key performance indicators and how they assist in the Board's oversight of the FirstNet Authority and FirstNet network. The review covered a total of nine categories that the Board and FirstNet Authority staff will continue to monitor closely, including coverage; service availability; net promoter score; recovery time objective; network reliability; adoption/churn; 5G standalone deployment; quality, priority, and preemption under congestion; and cybersecurity. He also noted the Committee's efforts to identify areas for future investment consideration by the Board, and the current strength of the FirstNet network, with 8.2 million device connections, over 30,000 agencies using the network, and over 700 deployable solutions used through the end of April 2026.

Closing Remarks

Chairman Adkinson thanked the committee chairs for their briefings and noted that while the Board meetings may seem brief, there is a lot of research and work that occurs behind the scenes by the Board and FirstNet Authority staff.

Executive Director Cannon noted that the FirstNet Authority continues to make progress in support of the public safety community and will remain focused on strong stewardship with the FirstNet system, rigorous contract oversight, and strategic investments that continue to strengthen the network for the public safety community. He noted that the FirstNet Authority is supporting public safety throughout hurricane season and this includes investing in areas vulnerable to hurricanes. Mr. Cannon also thanked the PSAC and public safety partners for their honest feedback and expressed appreciation for the recent \$2 billion agreement facilitated by Secretary Lutnick that will deliver meaningful benefits for the first responders who rely on the network every day and positions FirstNet Authority to continue evolving the network to meet current and future needs of public safety.

Board Adjourned

Chairman Adkinson requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jocelyn Moore motioned, Alexandra Fernández Navarro seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.