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Coordinator: Welcome and thank you for standing by. For the duration of today's conference, all participants will be in a listen-only mode. I would like to inform all parties that today's conference is being recorded. If you have any objections, you may disconnect at this time. I would now like to turn the conference over to Edward Horowitz. Thank you. You may begin.

Edward Horowitz: Thank you Operator and good morning everyone. As you can tell we are convening this First Responder Network (FirstNet) Authority Board quarterly meeting electronically and via webcast. Ten (10) days ago we were thinking carefully and long and hard about whether we should do so and if we had taken the decision today it would have been an automatic no-brainer that we would be conducting this by webcast.

Before I get started I would like to reach out and thank Jim Gwinn, who is the FirstNet Chief Information Officer (CIO), and their Information Technology team who have seamlessly moved us into this electronic mode and also for the care and attention that they did in establishing the FirstNet internal network so that its employees can telework and I just want to thank them publicly for all their hard work.

During this time when you think about the FirstNet staff and of course our stakeholders in public safety, they are the tip of the spear for any whole of community response and this is a true effort in order to confront this virus situation.

As always we keep public safety front of mind during our work. We will plan to re-engage the Board in Los Angeles (LA), California with the LA stakeholders in the future. We had a really good line-up schedule there and

look forward to meeting with them to learn about what FirstNet is doing in California in particular, LA.

Before I get started I just wanted to take this moment to reflect on the dedication of America's Public Safety Community and why FirstNet exists. Our nation responders have to be ready for anything whether you're in a small town or a big city, emergencies can happen anywhere and anytime, and that is why FirstNet exists.

The network has its roots in the terrorist attacks in 9/11 where the Public Safety Community to push for more bandwidth on a national scale for the communications need. Then in the years that followed, they pushed for the legislation in Congress the establishment of the bill that created FirstNet. Ever since FirstNet has been established these efforts their work has been codified and reinforced by having to deal with major disasters whether its hurricanes or tornadoes etc.

Technology has also evolved with the arrival of the smartphone and mobile data applications, and as we saw with emergencies such as the Boston Marathon and Florence and hurricanes in Florida, and the forest fires in California -- data is playing an increasing critical role in keeping the public safe. Now FirstNet is reality in public safety is making use of their network to stay connected and be prepared for any situation.

This is a national emergency. An emergency on a national scale drives home the need for a dedicated nationwide network for this priority and preemptions to help public safety communicate from coast to coast, border to border and everywhere in-between. We are proud to support them in their life-saving work. I would like to use this moment in time to congratulate Edward Parkinson on being named Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Executive Director of the FirstNet Authority. This has been a long journey for everyone.

Throughout this period, we have used a number of models to divide interest in governance roles and responsibilities to members of the leadership team.

In particular, I want to thank Jeffrey Bratcher with his consistent assumption of whatever was required to assure that FirstNet had the necessary delegations in place. I would also like to give a shout out to Lisa Casias for stepping out and onto this moving train going 60 miles an hour.

FirstNet is a growth company, as such, its leadership profile needs to include a strong outward facing executive, a strong internal facing executive and a strong technology and innovation individual. Now we have that formally into place. I would also like to welcome Janell Smith as the new Board Secretary. She comes over from the Federal Emergency Management Agency where she was an attorney for a number of years. Over the next few months she will with Jennifer Watts assistance transition into the role and take over full Board responsibilities.

If we were all together in a room and we had a television camera present, you would see me and Edward Parkinson stand up and ask Jennifer Watts to please stand up and receive a plaque which is sitting on a desk in Edward Parkinson's office.

The plaque reads, "To Jennifer Watts and her exemplary performance and dedication to service as Acting Board Secretary to the First Responder Network Authority Board ensuring efficiency and success to all involved." We would all applaud and we would smile for Jennifer. So Jennifer, thank you for taking on these responsibilities. I don't know if we can have a cheer but I'll say hip hip hooray.

Edward Parkinson: Yes. Hip hip hooray.

Edward Horowitz: Thank you. Jennifer, stop blushing. In today's agenda we will hear our Public Safety Committee update from the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) Chair, Todd Early. A presentation of and a vote on a Board Resolution 104 which is revising the PSAC Charter slightly. It's got an Advocacy update, a Network and Technology update, Finance updates, and then closing remarks from Edward Parkinson and Jeffrey Bratcher followed by a vote to adjourn.

I would like as we start today's meeting I would like to ask Acting Board Secretary Jennifer Watts to call the roll for the Board and confirm that each Committee has a quorum.

Madam Secretary please call the roll.

Jennifer Watts: Thank you Mr. Chair. We will start the roll. Edward Horowitz?

Edward Horowitz: Here.

Jennifer Watts: Richard Stanek?

Richard Stanek: Here.

Jennifer Watts: Richard Carrizzo?

Richard Carrizzo: Here.

Jennifer Watts: Welton Chase?

Welton Chase: Here.

Jennifer Watts: Neil Cox?

Neil Cox: Here.

Jennifer Watts: Brian Crawford?

Brian Crawford: Here.

Jennifer Watts: Vincent DeLaurentis?

Vincent Delaurentis: Here.

Jennifer Watts: Bradley Hayes? Billy Hewes?

Billy Hewes: Here.

Jennifer Watts: Karima Holmes? Tip Osterthaler?

Tip Osterthaler: Here.

Jennifer Watts: Paul Patrick?

Paul Patrick: Here.

Jennifer Watts: Matt Slinkard?

Matt Slinkard: Here.

Jennifer Watts: David Zolet?

Jennifer Watts: Mr. Chair we do have a quorum for the board as well as for all four (4) Committees.

Edward Horowitz: Thank you. Perhaps someone could just text David Zolet and Karima Holmes to see if they are on mute and didn't realize that when they acknowledged their presence. Thank you. Before we go into the minutes Jennifer, would you please read the statement acknowledging Conflict of Interest or not?

Jennifer Watts: Prior to participating in the FirstNet Authority Combined Board and Committee's meeting the Board members have reviewed the agenda as well as

the Conflict of Interest guidance provided by the Ethics Law and Program Division of the Department of Commerce (DOC) Office of General Counsel regarding to the Conflict of Interest standards that apply to the Board members.

All Board members have responded prior to today's meeting that they do not have a conflict and will not need to recuse themselves from participation in any portion of this meeting. Thank you.

Edward Horowitz: Thank you Jennifer. Now we are going to turn to the minutes. Each member of the Committee and Board has before him or her the minutes of our December 2019 meeting. Are there any additions or corrections to those minutes at this time?

Hearing none I will take the motion that we accept the minutes.

Richard Carrizzo: Carrizzo motions.

Paul Patrick: I'll second.

Edward Horowitz: Thank you. All in favor say aye.

(Group): Aye.

Edward Horowitz: Oppose say nay. No abstentions. Thank you. The December 2019 meeting minutes are accepted. Madam Secretary please make the minutes available to the public following this meeting.

The next item on our agenda is an update from the PSAC and I'm pleased to welcome Todd Early, Chair of the Executive Committee to provide the updates.

Todd Early: Thank you Mr. Chair and good morning Board members. I appreciate the opportunity to once again provide you an update on the work that the PSAC has been doing.

Since we last met at the end of 2019, the PSAC held an in-person meeting here in Austin, Texas and at that meeting we provided direct feedback on several roadmaps domains in the 2002 investment priorities to ensure that they best meet the needs of our first responders. We also learned about the latest network product and service offerings and received updates from our FirstNet AT&T leadership.

To start 2020, the PSAC Tribal Working Group (TWG) has resumed their monthly teleconferences. They also launched roadmap domain teams to provide FirstNet Authority an additional tribal specific voice on the voice communications and coverage and capacity domains that we've all read a lot about. As you know tribal lands and public safety have especially unique challenges with regards to those two (2) topics. So we wanted to offer out TWG the opportunity to weigh in and provide feedback to guide network investment and enhancement decisions.

The PSAC Executive Community (EC) also resumed its monthly teleconference payments with the PSAC, and we are very appreciative of the support of our Board members and authority leadership that join us a regular basis. I will tell you that means a lot to the PSAC members and it really solidifies the importance of the partnership between the Board and the authority and the importance of what the PSAC actually does. Thank you all for joining that as well.

We launched our bi-monthly 2020 webinars series and in January participated in the 200 level engagement on the FirstNet core learning more about its current and future capabilities and waiting on engagement materials

developed about the core from the authority's Public Safety Advocacy (PSA) team. And we utilized poll everywhere for that.

The PSAC is making a renewed concerted effort with those 2020 webinars to align to what PSA is doing in the field with the public safety and provide valuable data to educate and inform the FirstNet Authority in its roadmap.

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The Executive Committee and I have worked really closely over the last several months with the FirstNet Authority leadership to consider ways to improve operations to best support the FirstNet network, the FirstNet Authority and the First Responder Community.

The bullets that you see here on the slide demonstrate a few updates to the PSAC Charter, and that's operations that we've built-in to ensure the PSAC's work is in line with the Public Safety Community and best able to meet our mission and provide guidance and recommendations to the FirstNet Authority. We recommended as you see here the addition of the National Association of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Physicians to the PSAC membership. We are really excited and thrilled about this prospect of adding the Emergency Room doctor's expertise and work to the PSAC rosters. You know, they are very involved in patient care and in telehealth and we really think this addition will really be a great aspect to the PSAC membership.

We have also recommended increase in the PSAC EC which is currently five (5) members up to seven (7) members. We feel this will increase the leadership pool for the PSAC and really allow for some more flexibility and input by key PSAC associations at the leadership level.

I would like to take this time to thank my fellow EC members for their time and commitment during these discussions and suggestions to help improve the overall operation of the PSAC.

We have also recommended creating an operational users working group in the same structure that our current TWG. This operational users working group will allow the PSAC to draw on the membership of the PSAC associations who are utilizing the FirstNet network in their operations and collect actionable feedback.

We really feel that this is important to not only gain the expertise of all the associations but to really also have discussions with those that are using this network, to find out their suggestions on what is working right, what improvements are needed, what innovative thinking and suggestions they have that could be applied to this network to affect all of our public safety first responders. So we really like this operational users working group will really, really provide some very valuable and user information, the same as it was done in the previous board during the roundtable.

We look forward to working with the authority and realizing these updates in the coming months. I also want to thank you for your consideration of the Board Resolution 104 that's about to be discussed.

Before I turn it back over to you Mr. Chair I would just like to say, there is a lot of work that goes behind the scenes from the PSAC and a lot of things have to be done. I want to publicly thank Kenzie Capece and all her support team that help us out on a daily basis and help keep the PSAC running and operationally. They do a great job and I want to thank them.

With that Madam Chair, Mr. Chair - I mean Madam Secretary, Mr. Chair I'll turn it back over to you for discussion on the resolution.

Edward Horowitz: Thank you Todd for that update. I would also add the fact that the PSAC and its leadership have really evolved over time as a FirstNet establishment and RFP and implementation process has taken place.

I think that the recommendation to add the National Association of EMS Physicians is an excellent and quite timely. I think what we are finding is telemedicine and connectivity into emergency rooms and within hospitals themselves its really proving to be an ability to leverage assets around this country on a national basis. So it's timely.

The increase in the number of Executive Committee members from five (5) to seven (7) really also reflects the degree by which the PSAC activities need to get expanded because we are in operation we've got or AT&T has got over a million and two and 11,000 agencies connected now and the trajectory is quite strong. And tragically on one end unfortunately on another the national issues we are dealing with today are really causing people who are on the fence thinking about whether FirstNet should be a part of their operating plan or not. I think they are now strongly tilted towards adopting FirstNet.

Adding an operational users working group again this reinforces the fact that FirstNet is at a stage where we are close to an adoption mode but also we really need to be cognoscente of the operational issues that the universe is facing. And having a specific operating users working group we'll provide the emphasis that is needed to make sure that we are covering some of the operational requirements and able to move ideas from the field throughout the communications network of FirstNet.

Does the Board have any questions for Todd?

Richard Stanek: Yes, this is Richard Stanek.

Edward Horowitz: Yes, Richard. Go on.

Richard Stanek: Thank you Todd. A number of your PSAC members are working professionals out of the public safety field and with all that's been going on over the last couple of weeks and into the foreseeable future, how is that affecting the work of PSAC?

I know you guys sometimes meet in person, but that makes it really hard now given the Coronavirus (COVID-19) as well as those are the first responders that are working on the front lines back in their agencies. You know, what do you think about the work product and the workflow coming out of PSAC?

Todd Early: Thank you Chair. Great question. I will just tell you that we've had discussions on remote work and really just as we are doing this board today I think we are all keeping eyes on the fact that some of the work may have to be done remotely.

Our desire is to continue with our monthly and bi-monthly cadence of meetings - EC meetings, webinars and then the meetings. Just keeping our eyes on the forefront of this and making sure that we are allowing the folks to continue to do the great work that they are doing in the fight of this across the country but also carrying on the work that's needed.

I think after this is over we are really going to gain a lot of valuable insight from public safety and especially those who have utilized this network in this crisis. They can help us gain insights into how it helped them and their mission critical operations but also the things and innovative ideas that we can take forward and really have discussions on what FirstNet Authority and their leadership in moving forward for this network for our first responders.

Richard Stanek: Thank you.

Edward Horowitz: Anyone else have any questions for Todd or comments? Okay, so the Board is now prepared to vote on Resolution 104 which is a revision of the PSAC

Charter. This resolution provides to the PSAC charter by adding a new member - increase the number of members on the Executive Committee from five (5) to seven (7), and adding an additional working group.

Before we vote are there any final questions or comments from the Board?
Hearing none, thank you. Now we are prepared to vote on the Board Resolution revision of the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) Charter. Jennifer, would you please read the operative language?

Jennifer Watts: In Board Resolution 104 now therefore be it resolved that the FirstNet Authority Board having reviewed the recommended revisions to the PSAC Charter hereby adopt, revise and amend the PSAC Charter as presented to the Board by FirstNet Authority management, a copy of which is attached to exhibit A.

Edward Horowitz: Thank you. May I have a motion to approve Board Resolution 104?

Neil Cox: This is Neil. I'll move it.

Edward Horowitz: Thank you. Is there a second?

Paul Patrick: This is Paul Patrick. I second.

Edward Horowitz: Paul Patrick seconds. Thank you. All in favor say aye.

(Group): Aye.

Edward Horowitz: Oppose indicate by saying nay. Are there any extensions? Thank you everyone. Madam Secretary will you please make the Board Resolution available to the public following this meeting.

Now we will turn our discussion over to David Buchanan to provide an advocacy update. David while you go through this, please also share with us how your team is operating during this period of time.

David Buchanan: Sure thing Edward. Thanks for giving me a few minutes. I'm going to update you on what the Public Safety Advocacy (PSA) team has accomplished since our last Board meeting, and talk to you a little bit about where we believe we are headed here in 2020. I do want to start by saying thank you Edward for your comments earlier about the health pandemic that we know our first responders are dealing with.

We have adjusted all our engagements to reflect the new reality where our stakeholder community is operating and living in and to accommodate the new demands that are around public safety and first responders.

We've moved all in-person engagements either to an online or a virtual meeting, or we have moved them to a phone meeting, or have re-scheduled them to a later date. Only in very rare instances are we still finding ourselves at an in-person meeting.

We've made every effort to move everything we are doing to a virtual setting in order to minimize not just the impact of our employees during this time but not to put any additional demands on public safety as they are doing their mission critical assignments to keep the public safe during this time. I wanted to mention that upfront and thank you for mentioning that.

Jennifer, as we move ahead to the next slide I do want to talk a little bit about what we have accomplished to date since the last Board meeting. You heard me describe our goals for 2020 in PSA are to be targeted with who we meet with to make sure we are reaching first responders. Those who are operating on the network to be specific about what we are talking about and specific to our roadmap domains and specific to those operational needs that first responders and public safety are sharing with us about how they are using the network. And to be results oriented to make sure we are driving towards advocating for public safety so that we can improve and enhance and invest in

the network to best reflect their needs. I'm pleased to announce Chairman Horowitz and the Board, that we are accomplishing those goals and we are really moving forward in driving towards being targeted, being specific, and being result oriented. As you see here in the slide since October 1 through mid-February we've executed successfully 448 engagements in public safety in 52 states and territories, 13,000 stakeholders reached.

Some of the results you see on the right hand side these are new improvements and enhancements made to the FirstNet network because of feedback we have received from first responders, updates to the uplift request tool, new mapping features, and a considerable amount of additional data now available on the network views and the network status tool to give first responders real time access to network availability and performance, and then enhanced deployable processes.

Our partner continues to row forward their response operation group and the deployable there to be involved in helping making that an easier and enhanced process for public safety. These are improvements made just in the last six (6) months again come directly from feedback we have obtained from first responders. I think we are making an impact and we are able to demonstrate these successes to public safety which in turn makes our work even more fruitful.

On the next slide you will see again the breadth and depth of who we are meeting with to ensure that we are targeting those are involved in public safety. You will see the percentage of public safety disciplines that are participating in our meetings. Over 50% are from law enforcement, almost 50% from fire and EMS executives, emergency communicators, emergency managers and others. So we're reaching a broad array of public safety disciplines.

Then you see on the right hand side, we are also making sure we hit all levels of government, 65% of our meeting attendees are from local governments, 58% are from state government. We are ensuring that all levels of government, federal, tribal and local as well as other stakeholders are reflected in our meetings. It's important for us not just to get to every state and territory but to make sure that we are hitting all disciplines and all levels of government inside those states. I'm pleased with what we have accomplished already this year. We've been targeted on who we are meeting with.

On the next slide you can see an example of some of the associations and specific meetings that we have been able to successfully hold. Just this calendar year we had our team members and, Chair Horowitz, I'm going to ask Vice Chair Stanek to add a few remarks here in a second, but we've had our team deploying our outreach at the National Sheriff Association, the Major County Sheriffs, the Major City Chiefs, we also see the National Association of EMS Physicians, the National Association of Fire Chiefs, the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs, as well as some of the 9/11 organizations like APCO and NINA, who had meetings earlier this year.

We've been able to robustly connect our subject matter experts to these professional associations and continued to leverage their leadership and expertise as we bring the FirstNet conversation to their organizations.

Sheriff Stanek, I don't know if you wanted to add anything about what we are doing in those groups but I wanted to take a minute to make sure you had a chance to make some comments here.

Richard Stanek: Yes, just briefly. Thank you David, Board members. You know, as Chair of the Advocacy Committee its truly a pleasure to be able to work with David Buchanan and his team not just locally but across the country, the sparks and others that are subject matter professionals whether its police, fire, EMS they have been doing a phenomenal job. You just look at the numbers and every

time we have a chance at the Board meeting to review the numbers - hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of engagements in that, you know, 90 days, 120-day period between Board meetings. These men and women are working really hard.

We had said it yesterday during the Board briefing ever so briefly that, it's not a question of what is FirstNet anymore. It's more of a question of how do I get it? where do I get it? what's the connectivity? Or how do I get this in my organization? David and his team have been doing a phenomenal job and never leave out their private sector partners like AT&T, they have stepped up as well.

Nobody could predict what the last few weeks would bring or what the foreseeable future will bring with COVID-19, but this is one of the things I have been talking about during our conference calls weekly. Not just looking at, you know, manmade disasters as they occur across this country, but the day to day workings of FirstNet and the men and women in public safety. This is what FirstNet was provided for, what it's being built for is the day to day operations like we are seeing right now.

I just wanted to say thank you to everyone for all the hard work they do, David and his team. I personally had a chance to go up to D.C. a couple of weeks ago during the National Major County Sheriff's Conferences. It was a good turnout by FirstNet and AT&T staff continued to help educate and connect the nation's sheriffs into FirstNet.

Thank you David.

David Buchanan: Thanks Sheriff.

Edward Horowitz: I would like perhaps if there are other members of the Board that you've called upon and have really worked to support this effort. I know that Matt

Slinkard Chairs the Technology Committee of Major City Chiefs and maybe he has some things to say. Richard Carrizzo, Brian Crawford, you are in a hospital environment right there in the center of things, perhaps you may add a comment and of course Paul Patrick.

Matt Slinkard: Thank you, good morning. I just want to echo a lot of the comments that the Sheriff made and also say I think one of the biggest points that I'm seeing as we attend conferences and engage with others whether it's the Major County Sheriffs or Major City Chiefs recently here in Houston, we had the privilege of hosting Major City Chiefs meeting in January.

And in the engagement I'm seeing such a different level of discussion moving from, you know, what is it like others have said to how do I engage? How do I deploy? And how do I get our first responders in the field the very best that we can to be responsive to our public and to our community and get the best tools out there in the frontline that we can.

I think the Committee is doing a great job. David and his team are doing an outstanding job in keeping up with the engagement and I know that he is just going to continue full speed ahead and we look forward to all of those future engagement opportunities.

Richard Carrizzo: I don't think I could say anything more that Matt and Richard haven't said already of David and his team and all they provide for all of us as we are out there advocating for this system. It's kind of ironic that what's going on is creating now new bugs which will then continue to help drive this into the future and provide what it was originally meant to be and that's for public safety and the continuation of public safety driving it. I just want to thank everybody for all the work on this to make public safety better.

Edward Horowitz: Mayor Hewes, I didn't call it out at the beginning, but I would say that you bring your perspective not so much on our advocacy and of course you are a

part of that but on how you are dealing with this pandemic on as the head of the Mayor's Division in Gulfport, Mississippi.

William Hewes: Thank you Mr. Chair. I can report that Chicken Little is alive and well. All the good information that is out there about this pandemic and this spread, there is an abundance of bad information and it is flaming intentions. People are on alert, on edge and they are justified in doing so but we need to make sure that good information is out there.

Ultimately with respect to first responders this may be a test like we've never seen where we're obviously preparing for the worst internally but hoping for the best. We'll probably land somewhere in-between. This situation from what we're seeing and what you all are seeing through monitoring and particularly first responders. We are anticipating as more testing becomes available then the knowledge of how many people are truly infected is going to ramp up.

The concern for most of us is hospitals being overrun, but also keeping our fire and police well so that they don't get contaminated so that they can respond -- because if we have a situation where it runs through a department you can find yourself with most of your force being down. So we are talking at the federal and state level with the authorities with respect to them activating folks who may be on retirement. This is probably more information than you want, but you may be able to pass some of this along to your officials as well -- because there are restrictions on people who are on retirement systems coming back to work for this emergency situation.

If there are recently retired first responders who are still certified or qualified, you probably want to make plans to reactivate them if it's allowed, and if it's not allowed get some emergency provisions passed by your legislatures. So we are stocking up in looking at this.

My concern is probably for the medical community and this can be where there is a tip. If we can get deployables out to some of these hospitals and centers who may not be on FirstNet or even aware of it right now to see what the capabilities are, - if it becomes a case where beds are taken up and ramped up at an exponential factor like this disease has a tendency to spread, then there is going to be a need for ancillary buildings. We've already identified some hotels that can be some triage units or areas where we can have additional hospital bed set up.

I think the need for a reliable network communications medium like FirstNet could really shine in these situations in our communities because the instantaneous need to communicate is going to be key particularly if this persists longer than we think and supplies do get challenged as far as people are able to get supplies and food and those things in the stores.

There is going to be a tendency toward panic and hysteria that is in check right now and that's when people are having a hard time handling this depression mentally and being quarantined. This is going to be something that's hell of a learning curve. It is unprecedented in any of our lifetimes but this is going to be an opportunity for our first responders to shine and I think our network to do the same - It couldn't be active at a better time.

Edward Horowitz: Thank you Mayor. I really do appreciate those comments. The move towards bringing people out of retirement to be an auxiliary force is something I'm hearing for the first time. To the extent that people are listening to this webcast and David and others will adopt this concept or at least sharing the concept. Thank you very much for bringing that forward. I appreciate that very much.

Paul Patrick: Chairman Horowitz?

Edward Horowitz: Yes.

Paul Patrick: I would like to echo the comments and also in moving what Mayor Hewes is talking about as well, but to David and his team (Advocacy team) that's such an honor and privilege to be able to go out and also to be able to electronically support the concepts that have them support us as we do that. I just didn't want to let the moment pass without thanking them as others have and as Chief Carrizzo did as well, but to say thank you so much David and let all of your team know how much I personally appreciate their help and I'm sure the rest of us do.

David Buchanan: Thank you Paul.

Edward Horowitz: You have one more slide.

David Buchanan: Yes, I do. I just wanted to move onto the next one just talking about where we are headed in the future. You know, last year at this time we were talking about our National Roadmap Summit where we were able to convene folks from around the country to talk about all of our roadmap domains.

In October 2019 we started with a series of specific and targeted summits. We did a Law Enforcement and Fire Services Leadership Summit in October and we have a series of them planned for this summer around the tribal community, emergency communications, center summit, the emergency medical services, and emergency management professions, to bring them similar to what we do with fire and EMS.

Specific and targeted dialogue around their operational use and need for the network so that we can capture that feedback, document it in our roadmap, make improvements, adjustments, enhancements to the network immediately with our partner and as well as former and future investments.

We are looking forward to scheduling those and continue to plan those.

Obviously we are going to carefully move forward on scheduling anything until we and the rest of the world gets our footing on when we can schedule things in person. In the mean time we will also be planning on how we will do these kinds of meetings just as effectively virtually, so we won't miss our timeline Mr. Chairman. We are just going to have to be flexible and resilient on how we wind up delivering this.

The last thing I want to leave you with is just this presents an opportunity for us but a challenge obviously for everybody but it's an opportunity for us to bring the most relevant conversation to public safety and learn from public safety about this health pandemic, how they are performing, how they are operating, how they are using FirstNet during this time, and how we can be helpful to support them in those efforts.

So we are looking forward to this challenge and want to continue to work very, very closely with our partner until we bring these conversations to the stakeholder community.

I believe that's my last slide and I just want to see if you had any other questions Mr. Chairman, or anyone else before I turn it over.

Edward Horowitz: I just wanted to footnote here. I think one of the opportunities going forward as time permits that you start developing case studies that are based upon what organizations have done.

For example, Mayor Hewes issued a press release on kind of a response update informing the City of Gulfport and its citizens where they can turn to for medical purposes, where they can turn to for emergency requirements that are not medical, and where are some of the shared resources. I'm sure that there are hundreds of examples of this and to the extent that we can capture

those and embed them in your conversations and presentations to exchange the information going forward I think that would be quite useful.

I'm sure also there will be lessons learned just like you are learning from the apps that are out there now for uplift and prioritization and passing of single sign on information. Again that should be embedded in our conversations and our presentations going forward.

I'll open it up to the board if they have anything else they would like to add on this.

David Buchanan: I would just tell you under that Edward our team - I should have mentioned this earlier. Our team already is working to document best practices and case studies where we are seeing and hearing this and we will be looking for opportunities to share those through an online medium with the stakeholder community as we find them.

We think it's our responsibility we have in the public side of this public private partnership with the stakeholder community as we find them. We think it's a responsibility we have in the public side of this public-private partnership to exercise our thought leadership in the public safety community. And as we see and document best practices and case studies and to be able to publish those and share them.

We think that's an important role we can play and we are going to be - we are already in the first steps of doing that and we'll look forward to sharing that with you when we are able to document those.

((Crosstalk))

Edward Parkinson: If I could just jump in to echo David's comments.

Edward Horowitz: Yes.

Edward Parkinson: We are planning to work with AT&T in the coming weeks as David mentioned to really assist in data collection and education efforts. It's really up to us to understand how public safety is dealing with personnel deployment and obviously evolving operational demands in places as a result of these ever changing situations.

We are in the planning stages right now to engage with public safety on a series of conference calls. We are obviously our minds are on the fact of how public safety is really focused on serving the communities in which they live and operate. Our goal is to gather information so we can continue to provide additional information to folks all across the country.

We can identify best practices and ensure that what folks are doing on the East Coast might be prevalent to the folks on the West Coast and everywhere in-between. It's important that we share best practices as we collect information that the public safety is doing to assist in the fight in which we all find ourselves. We are looking forward to engaging with public safety on those and we'll have a bit more information on those on those conference calls in due course.

Edward Horowitz: Thank you, next up is Jeffrey Bratcher. Before I turn to Jeffrey, Madam Secretary, can you please confirm that David Zolet and Karima Holmes have been present at the meeting?

Jennifer Watts: Yes, Board members Karima Holmes and David Zolet have actually been on the call since the beginning of the meeting.

Edward Horowitz: Thank you. If there is no other comments or questions for David, can I turn it over to Jeffrey, please?

Neil Cox: Yes, before Jeffrey talks, let me make a few comments and then I will turn it over to Jeffrey. Is that okay?

Edward Horowitz: Absolutely.

Neil Cox: I'm the Chair of the Network and Technology Committee and I just wanted to chime in on what's being said about his network.

You know, communications are a life boat of everything in society and I think we are seeing that more than ever with what's going on with the COVID-19. The way that this network was design, engineered and built we should all take pride in that because right now there are other networks out there, one particular company has actually petitioned the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for additional spectrum from other companies. That's really nice and the FCC will grant that, but still we had to have the infrastructure to make that work.

Networks are now finding that there is 10-fold video going through the networks that are causing problems, but we have built this network with a standalone core, with our own radios, with our own spectrum and this is something that really demonstrates the foresight of everyone that has been associated with this project from day one.

Knowing that we needed our own stand-alone network that could survive any type of national disaster whether it's manmade, environment or whatever, if this is something that we should take pride in the way that this network was built, designed, engineered to be given to our first responders - Now is the time when it really shows its value.

I'm going to turn it over to Jeffrey and to Mark and they are going to go through how far we have come with this network and how we do the monitoring of this network so that we don't get into any issues that others are having today.

With that I will turn it over to our Chief Technology and Communications Officer Jeffrey Bratcher.

Jeffrey Bratcher: Thank you Chairman Cox and Chairman Horowitz. Can you hear me okay?

Edward Horowitz: Loud and clear.

Jeffrey Bratcher: Great, nice to be joining you from Denver, Colorado here, late spring snow storm coming in.

I'd like to start off on just sharing an update. We hosted the Network and Technology Committee in our Boulder, Colorado Technology Headquarters on February 13, and we were focused with the Network and Technology Committee as well as some other Board members to explore and provide strategic guidance to us on a wide array of topics.

Including the network deployment, our upcoming investments, some of the upcoming mission critical services, enhancing and further developing our ecosystem as well as the experience program that we are working on right now.

This slide kind of represents some of those main topics we discussed. On the left we are talking the network deployment. Looking at the current state of the network deployment, one of the tenants and I think Sheriff Stanek said it earlier as well. The Committee continues to stress that the success will be achieved when this FirstNet network is embedded in all of public safety's response to operations for their communication needs, and we are seeing that now with the COVID-19 response. I'm very pleased to see that.

We are also seeing indicators that the applications and user solutions that differentiate FirstNet service, continues to grow in our app catalogue and we've got some data on that coming up.

A recent example we highlighted and discussed was a cloud based highly secured collaborative environment for an agency's video and data, regardless of the source of that video and data. This service is accessible from multiple devices with video and data compiled from airborne drones, mobile devices, security cameras and sensors and that's being used today in several agencies by public safety.

We've also got a fantastic view into the network deployment statistics as part of the contract with AT&T, with Richard Reed's team. We now have the capability of analyzing volumes and terabytes of data that is delivered to us on the state of the network deployment and how the network is operating and focused on our Band 14 Spectrum usage.

So we were pleased to provide updates to the Committee on February 13 on how we are now able to analyze that data and some of the efforts we will be using that data with as we move into investments and expanding coverage.

Touching on investments we do have two (2) active investments underway now with the deployables, and we've seen that to be a major differentiator on the FirstNet network and especially most recent with the COVID-19 response. I will touch on that briefly in a minute.

Support for planned events continues as well. We have the Super Bowl victory parade in Kansas City, "Go Chiefs," as well as major incidents in support of the COVID-19 response.

The second investment that we've brought forward this year is focused on that 5G capability. We want to ensure that the FirstNet network is 5G ready. We are closely watching the wireless industry as they continue to build and roll out their 5G coverage and services.

As we've mentioned in previous Board meetings we want public safety not in the FirstNet network not on that leading edge but as fast followers following right along as those investments are made and taking advantage of those investments for the FirstNet network as well.

In the near intermediate term, we see 5G as complementary to and not a replacement of the 4G LTE technologies and in the authority and in the staff we are heeding the guidance of the Committee and the Board to be 5G ready and that's the goal of the first phase of our network enhancement for that investment.

We are also excited we have some mission critical services that we will be launching soon built upon 3GPP open standards for mission critical based communications. This will be integrated into the FirstNet network and that continues to progress and has the potential to transform some of those direct public safety communications that they do every day.

Last but not least on this slide, our ecosystem development activities can also continue to expand. We provided some collaboration updates with our peers at National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Public Safety Communications Research Program. We are supporting the final stages of their Tech to Protect Coding Challenge, and that's scheduled to culminate in some award the next quarter.

That will progress and the teams at NIST are working now on how they will address that with the current COVID-19, but we are looking forward to that progressing next quarter. Additionally, we also agreed to support some new open innovation challenges that will soon be launched, focused on augmented reality in the internet of things/technologies.

Chairman Cox, anything to add before I move to the next slide on that meeting we held in Boulder?

Neil Cox: No, it was just a great finish and I think it was well attended and I really appreciate what you and your team did Jeffrey.

Jeffrey Bratcher: Thank you. This slide we discuss that at every meeting and it shows the current momentum of the FirstNet network and some of those key milestones related to our Band 14 deployment, end user adoption, devices, applications and other figures as reported by AT&T.

These numbers show great progress in the three (3) years since we awarded this contract to AT&T. It's astonishing three (3) years ago in this month March we awarded this contract and it was really two (2) years ago in March of 2018 when we launched the core and really begun the Band 14 build out across the country. The FirstNet Authority continues to validate the progress of this deployment and build out in the services that are being added on a yearly basis now as part of that initial six-year contract that we awarded and focused on those needs for public safety.

I think there is an even bigger story to tell here beyond the numbers shown here. Again AT&T is hitting the mark and is still ahead of schedule on their Band 14 coverage deployment. They are now reporting they are at 80% on their contracted deployment for Band 14. They are pushing hard and continue to push hard on their deployment.

The bigger story is in the challenging environment that public safety is operating today in response to the COVID-19. AT&T recently reported on a number of ways that this FirstNet network is supporting directly public safety agencies and organizations across the country in their effort to respond to COVID-19. This is all the way from the local and county levels up through the state and federal levels.

Agencies are using FirstNet to keep their personnel connected, many times with Smartphones and Wi-Fi hotspots that leverage the power of the FirstNet network. Other examples include support from mobile dispatching capability and the boosted connectivity to support testing at medical facilities for COVID-19.

AT&T FirstNet has also deployed the deployable assets. They have optimized the network or provided FirstNet ready devices to support quarantine zones, airports, emergency operation centers and other public safety centers and areas across multiple states across the country. In addition to that dedicated fleet of the FirstNet deployables, AT&T also has FirstNet liaisons that have been embedded with state and federal emergency operation centers to ensure that communication needs are being met.

Mr. Chairman Horowitz as he talked about earlier this is directly a result of having this nationwide network in place today that was built with direct public safety input going back over 10 years when they first started thinking about using broadband data for their mission critical communications.

We carried that through with our early days of state consultation to the development of our objectives based RFP, to our awarding the contract to AT&T, state plans, and again public safety will continue and provide that direct input on this. This pushed on bringing this into the market. They needed the network and they were very pleased with how AT&T has done that.

The key thing to this, providing that priority and preemption and what I always highlight when I do these presentations is originally the RFP envisioned a Band 14 on the network for this. AT&T made that commitment on the offset, we are going to give public safety FirstNet users access to all of our LTE Bands and not just Band 14 with priority and preemption capabilities

and that was built in from day 1 when we launched in 2018 and started adding Band 14 on that existing network.

So in certain markets across the country, dense urban markets there is over 100 megahertz of spectrum, LTE focused FirstNet spectrum for public safety to leverage with the priority and preemption capability for our primary public safety users. I think that speaks volumes on that speed to market and getting this network in and operational today.

On the FirstNet Authority side we are working to make sure this network is nationwide and available for public safety during all types of crisis and scenarios in the larger incident regions and even when we are responding to significant large scale emergencies.

We are also very pleased as Sheriff Stanek and the Advocacy Committee are focused on the operational needs of day to day use of the network. We are seeing today the mobile connectivity and devices that public safety needs to effectively respond to the COVID-19 using the FirstNet network during this national emergency.

I would also highlight for everyone listening, AT&T FirstNet has recently put out a very detailed blog on how the network is being used. I think I speak for all the staff we are very honored to see that the Communications Unit Leader from the U.S Department of Health and Human Services, Tim Ketchie, is quoted in the blog post saying, "FirstNet network they are pleased with the quick action, the network performance in supporting the hundreds of public safety personnel actively engaged in response efforts." In his words it's been a game changer. So we're very honored with that. You can go to [FirstNet.com](https://www.firstnet.com) and see this blog post from the FirstNet network.

I'll take any questions on this slide otherwise I'm going to hand over to Mark Golaszewski who will talk about an ecosystem update.

Edward Horowitz: Just one comment on the deployments. I think Mayor Hewes, raised the possibility that we may have deployables moved towards hospitals that may not be on FirstNet yet. I think that what AT&T has demonstrated is there is a process for requesting the deployables they are available and they get to where they need to get to quite quickly. So maybe I can just take a comment on the process and how one goes about it.

Jeffrey Bratcher: Absolutely. AT&T is the FirstNet support team response operation group has been very active as you can imagine. They have deployed assets specific to the COVID-19 in several parts of California, several parts of Georgia, New York and Texas as of our last update and we know that's a continuing request. And they are addressing those as quickly as possible and have a very thorough process to ensure where the critical communication needs should there be no coverage or other areas where they need to get coverage those are being re-collected and delivered for the use by those agencies and FirstNet subscribers.

We've also recently been doing direct communication and direct updates with AT&T as they are updating the FirstNet network and extended primary users getting a lot more requests for those extended primary that support critical mission - mission critical public safety services in response to this.

We are very pleased with how AT&T is performing in keeping not only the FirstNet Authority but everyone involved in this project up to date on what is happening.

Edward Horowitz: Thanks Jeffrey.

Jeffrey Bratcher: Great question. Any other questions? If not, I can turn it over to Mark. Mark, take it away.

Mark Golaszewski: Thanks Jeff. I'm going to provide an update on our efforts to build the ecosystems that benefit public safety. We are advancing and building

innovative ecosystems for public safety through our roadmap efforts as we mentioned earlier. And nowhere is this more evident than in the expanding apps and devices ecosystems. It's free for public safety and it's vital to achieve rich and diverse portfolios in these critical technologies and solutions that support their daily missions. These are the two objectives or the vision for public safety's network.

We are working closely with AT&T to influence development of apps and specialized devices focused on the needs of public safety, and as a result we are seeing an expanded more competitive marketplace that's helping to transform public safety operations.

In terms of apps, public safety told us they needed an application ecosystem focused on their specific needs and we are pleased with the ongoing process of the FirstNet apps catalog. Applications are continuously being approved for the catalog with over 100 apps in the catalog today. To ensure that these solutions meet the highest standards amended by public safety all apps approved for the catalog.

Edward Horowitz: I'm sorry Mark for interrupting you. There is someone speaking on the line who might be on another call if you please could just mute your phone. And Mark if you could just add a little more energy. It's a little hard to hear you from time to time.

Mark Golaszewski: Certainly, thank you for that. In terms of apps, apps are being continuously approved for the catalog. There is over 100 apps in the catalog today.

To ensure these solutions meet the highest standards demanded by public safety, all apps approved for the catalog go through a testing and evaluation process including rigorous cyber security testing which goes above and beyond what applications normally are required to pass in order for publication in commercial stores.

As you can see from this graphic there is no wide diversity of solutions in the catalog they meet various needs of public safety users. FirstNet 's enabling legislation called for a list of devices certified for use in public safety user networks to be maintained by NIST. That list has continued to grow with the addition of 11 devices since the Board last met in December 2019. With a total of 174 devices now in the portfolio, the goal of reaching a rich and diverse portfolio as requested by public safety has become a reality.

As the portfolio includes the most popular smartphones of course but in addition we are seeing a wide diversity of other device types critical to the public safety mission including in-vehicle routers, tablets, rugged handhelds, rugged laptops, hot spots and an increasingly significant number of internet of things and other smart devices.

At this time the large majority of devices in the portfolio now support Band 14 as well as obviously the other bands that are made available for public safety use. That's a thumbnail in terms of where we are at in terms of ecosystem building. I'm happy to address any questions that the Board may have.

Edward Horowitz: Which ones are the most popular apps that are being used?

Mark Golaszewski: At this point those that have the highest use are those that support common operating picture or situational awareness. Those things that allow first responders to share information whether that's text, video, voice communications etc. Those are the highest impact in terms of front line operations.

Edward Horowitz: Great. On the devices, are high powered devices going to be approved any time soon do you know?

Mark Golaszewski: They are in the process of doing so. We are looking at a first High Powered User Equipment (HPUE) to be available in the next couple of weeks or a

month or so. That's going through a certification process right now. That's a unique aspect of our Band 14 license that allows for HPUE to be our Band 14 Spectrum.

We expect the early deployment and availability of those types of devices in the marketplace to be likely an in-vehicle router type of form factor, so that those devices would allow for longer reach and in effect the way of extending coverage and of the uplink to remote and rural areas.

Edward Horowitz: Thank you. Any questions from the Board for Mark or for Jeffrey?

Paul Patrick: Mark, I have a question. Of the apps that are approved in the catalog have been there any or how many have been approved and then you've had to pull out because there were issues or problems that we didn't find at first but happened later on?

Mark Golaszewski: At this point there haven't - we haven't had to like pull an app from the catalogue because of issues that were uncovered or discovered after the fact. As we go through it there is quite a rigorous vetting process that each of these solutions go through. I mentioned cyber security but in addition to that there are also tests for the relevancy, the scalability, the availability, capabilities of the solutions etc.

At this point we haven't seen that some fatal flaw if I can call it that that has made it through the process and stimulated the need to go ahead and pull a listing for a solution.

Paul Patrick: Thanks Mark. I think that helps me and helps to validate how your process is on target in approvals. So thank you.

Mark Golaszewski: Yes, for sure. I think one of the things that's always been a goal is that for solutions that do go through the rigors of this process that public safety can with confidence select these options for use on a day to day operations.

Edward Horowitz: Thanks Mark. Any other questions? Did I just cut you off Mark?

Mark Golaszewski: No, if there are no further questions I'll turn it back to Chairman Cox for any final remarks or we can pass on to the Finance team.

Neil Cox: Yes, I think that's all we have and if there are no other questions I'll turn it back to Chairman Horowitz.

Edward Horowitz: Thank you. Next up is the financial update and Tip, I don't know if you want to kick it off?

Tip Osterthaler: Thank you Chairman Horowitz. I'm going to turn it over to Kim to walk through the operating budget picture and then I will have a couple of comments at the end related to the work at the Finance Committee. Kim, why don't you go ahead first.

Kim Farington: Thank you Tip. Good day Board members. I want to provide you today with an update on our financial operation.

As you can see from the graph FirstNet has obligated 35.2 million of our total Board approved budget of 82.1 million Fiscal Year (FY) to date through February. Of the \$82.1 million the budget is represented by the green line at the top of the graph. This equates to about a 43% utilization rate through the FY through February - at the end of February in that we are showing you these numbers as of the end of February. February actually puts us at about 42% through the FY. FirstNet is tracking very well and consistent with its budget spend plan for the FY.

The next thing I wanted to share with you is a good story - actually great news on the financial side on the next slide, and that is for the seventh consecutive year FirstNet independent auditors Harper, Rains, & Knights have provided us with another clean audit opinion on our FY 2019 financial statement. This

also includes no material weaknesses identified. No significant deficiencies and also no management level findings. This is a great new story for FirstNet and all those who we support. Which means that you can rely on our financial statements and we are good financial stewards of the public tax dollars.

I would like to publicly thank my CFO team, Donyala Huckaby-Christie, Elsy Woodill and William Fillman, who were instrumental in achieving this opinion with support of the rest of the CFO team. I would also like to thank our auditors, Harper Rains & Knight for working well with us, as well as personnel for NIST and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, who were all key players and played a critical role involved in this audit.

With that, I will pause to see if there are any questions on the queue with the operational results or our financial statement audit. Hearing none, Tip I'll turn the meeting back over to you to provide the Finance Committee updates.

Tip Osterthaler: Okay, thank you very much Kim. Our results congratulations once again to you and your team as having achieved the best possible outcome on the audit. It is important as you say that we all remain good stewards of the public funds in this regard, so I'm very pleased that that continues to go well.

On March 4, the Finance Committee met in Reston, Virginia and we attended the exit conference with the auditors in person on that. And to the extent that auditors are at all the they were clearly complementary of the work of the team.

In addition to the discussion of the audit during that meeting we took a look at some of the execution issues and as Kim has shared with you, we're executing the budget pretty much according to plan to the extent that there - if there is any significant variance at all it typically has to do with personnel cost and that in turn is sort of driven by some of the challenges associated with deferral

hiring process. With the help of Lisa Casias I think we are getting a better hand on that as of the February 20, 2020 we still had 22 openings and we are working on those and we have the packages put together and I'm pleased to say that this is a big management emphasis area.

I think that we probably closed the gap on execution before the end of the year but in any case I think we are doing about as well as we can when it comes to managing the financial variance caused by the rural head count that we assumed when we built the project.

We also looked in the course of the meeting at the budget formulation process for FY20 and in particular how we are doing relative to the schedule. We are on schedule to get the budget done on time and we expect to take a look at that final budget in the Finance Committee before the end of July - by mid-August that should go to the Board for final approval. We are on schedule there.

We also did a brief review of the status of both our current investments and our investment planning process. This is an area that we are going to continue to emphasize the status of the current investments that we've already talked about briefly in this meeting and there is really no change to report there. The need to have a documented and well understood rigorous model for considering, vetting, and approving investments will only increase in the future as we have more and more funds falling into the investment channel.

We took a look at that model and the development model in the course of the meeting and I think very helpful when we talk to our counterparts at the DOC and other places in the federal government and to others who are interested in how we are going to invest these funds. The model is easy to understand and I think it's well thought out and we are pleased to see that now as have been all well documented.

We also looked at one or two other minor issues, but they are in terms of the role of the Finance Committee not at all unimportant - things like internal review of the way we manage our purchase cards doesn't seem like much but this is an area that causes a lot of organizations a lot of headaches.

We did find in our internal use opportunity to administrative improvements and nothing material and no evidence of misuse or fraud or anything like that. I was pleased to see that the internal review has been concluded and I think its continuing to provide the appropriate program oversight.

The final issue that I will talk about today is that we took a look at what we are calling the emerging priority funds. As everyone is aware the investment decision making process can be lengthy and we don't want to look at investment ideas one at a time.

One of the things that we asked the organization to do and Finance team played an important role in this is to help us understand what is out there in the investment consideration pipeline so we do not have to wait until the very end to find out what's coming next. Instead, we will have some visibility into the things that we are looking at even though there may be at a pre-decisional stage. And so that emerging priorities fund is - that's the purpose of that and glad to see that that is continuing to evolve. I think it will be very helpful to the Board and we will be looking inside that in subsequent meetings so that people can get better visibility into what's coming after the current investments are more formally into the acquisition process.

I will pause and ask if any of the Board members or the participants in the meeting have any questions. Hearing none, I will turn it back over to Chairman Tip.

((Crosstalk))

Tip Osterthaler: Yes.

Paul Patrick: Yes, this is Paul Patrick. I just wanted to take a moment to say what a pleasure it is to be on the Finance Committee and Kim, and all her staff and you doing an excellent job. I just wanted to not leave this place without saying thank you for all you do.

Kim Farington: Thank you.

Tip Osterthaler: Well, thank you for that involvement also Paul.

Edward Horowitz: Thanks Kim, and thanks Tip and Paul. Be careful what you wish for, you might be on that Committee forever.

Tip Osterthaler: Fine with me.

Edward Horowitz: I would like to next turnover the meeting to our new CEO, Edward Parkinson, and perhaps he can provide us with some closing remarks and then I will have one statement at the end before we adjourn.

Edward Parkinson: Thank you Edward, I appreciate that. I would just want to thank the Board, DOC, public safety, and the whole team at FirstNet for the confidence that everyone has shown in me, to giving me this wonderful opportunity. I certainly will be working very hard. I will definitely double my efforts to make sure that we do everything we possibly can to provide the United States with the only dedicated public safety network at the heights of its capabilities for public safety.

I think the commitment that the team has shown not only the FirstNet Authority but AT&T has reflected in the coordination and frankly the disciplined response that we have been able to show over the past ten (10) or so days in response to the COVID-19.

I would like to applaud AT&T for the work that they have been doing on the front end when the virus started hitting our shores and also the information clause. Not only pushing information out to public safety but as important receiving information.

For folks listening, to echo Jeffrey Bratcher's comments, go to FirstNet.com, there is a fantastic resource there, as well as the FirstNet support line for public safety users who are FirstNet subscribers, or who wish to become FirstNet subscribers. There is a tremendous amount of information and able support the incredible work that our nation's first responders are doing especially in this time but every single day.

In particular, I would like to pick at a comment that Edward made at the beginning, my thanks to Jim Gwinn and the entire CIO team from the FirstNet Authority. We are up and running.

We are an organization that is built to telework - built to work remotely and we travel the country and engage with public safety all the time and to continue to serve public safety in this period in which we find ourselves as a society is I think it's a fantastic reflection of the dedication of the FirstNet Authority team.

From David Buchanan's PSA team, Kim's financial team, and congratulations again to her and the team for fantastic work regarding the audits. Its successful work you've done there. But the Board and our internal focused admin team, you know, there are a lot of unsung heroes that provide the necessary oversight and holding AT&T's feet to the fire but mostly providing public safety information and the dedicated service that we do provide. There is a lot of unsung heroes out there and I just hope that everyone knows who you are and we really do thank you.

In terms of where we stand as an organization, we are enthusiastic and very encouraged by where we sit right now. We obviously have a lot of tremendous work ahead of us and we're excited to do it. We're excited to engage with public safety to make sure that we provide the very best service we possibly can and to ensure that your voices are always heard.

This is public safety's network. It's not the FirstNet Authority. It's certainly not AT&T. This is Public safety network and we will continue to be here for public safety throughout the COVID-19 process and situation which we find ourselves but beyond because this isn't just for usage during emergencies. This is a service that public safety can use 24/7, 365, so you have FirstNet Authority's dedication to continuing to serve public safety.

My thanks to you, Jeffrey Bratcher, for all the amazing support and work that he has done over the last seven or eight months. He's been with the organization from the beginning, so he knows it just as well as I do, and he's been a tremendous partner to have in this period and I look forward to working with him continuing in the future.

Also to the Deputy CO Lisa Casias, she's come in at the beginning of the year and has just been a huge, huge asset to the organization and one that we're incredibly lucky to have here on the Board, and we're really excited about where we are going as an organization in the future.

With that, I thank again the Board for this amazing opportunity and I look forward to working with everyone who is listening in across the United States for the work that we are doing it's a tremendous opportunity and something we don't take lightly.

Edward Horowitz: Thank you Edward. Are there any questions or comments for Edward or anyone else by the Board?

I just have a thought kind of in a rule of 7, being things that need to be repeated seven (7) times to really be embedded in one's memory. I'm going to restate some things that have been stated before. The need of FirstNet was driven home by the events of 9/11, and through our contract with our partner with AT&T the network designated for public safety being built out and in operations today.

The FirstNet network has been demonstrating its capabilities on local and regional instances however with this pandemic we now have a national issue involving all 56 states and territories. The FirstNet broadband network is the nation's strategic communications network dedicated to public safety.

Our advocacy message to public safety must be, if you have coverage available there is no excuse not to be on FirstNet. These are my words. Priority, preemption, information security and application ecosystems are there just for starters.

With that, I just would like to ask for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Our next meeting thus far is scheduled for June 2020 in Austin, Texas which is subject to change. May I please ask for a motion to adjourn?

Tip Osterthaler: I move the motion.

Edward Horowitz: A second?

Karima Holmes: I second.

Edward Horowitz: Thank you Karima. All in favor?

(Group): Aye.

Edward Horowitz: Opposing say nay. Hearing none, the meeting is adjourned and thank you very much for all your dedication and hard work and all the work that goes

into putting these together and the jobs you do every day. Everyone stay healthy and safe. Take care.

Coordinator: That concludes today's conference. Thank you for participating, you may disconnect at this time.

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